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# Caspar & Leanne's Update

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"And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them..." (Exodus 12:26).

In preparation for the Passover, God expects parents to explain to their children why they celebrate as they do. Today, we are preparing to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. We are in the season of Lent, preparing for the season of Easter. What are the questions that our children ask, and what answers will we give them?

In Honduras, in our community of Nueva Suyapa, I had invited fathers to study the Bible with me. A big question for these fathers has to do with the raising of their children. I asked them how much time they spend with their children doing homework, playing, or simply talking about their faith and they responded by saying, "That is the mother's work." For these fathers, raising their children to know God and understand who Jesus Christ is, means sending the children to church and Sunday school, and praying that God will work a miracle in their lives.

As a father and missionary, I look for ways to encourage parents, but especially fathers, to become involved in the faith formation of their children. It is for this reason that I've made children and youth a focus of my work in Honduras.

In January, we held the first training event for the young people of Classis South. 18 young people are being trained, so they become part of the ministry of their church. They are being trained to be mentors for youth who are at risk in their communities. By involving and training the young people of the church, they're learning to become active members of their congregations. At the same time, they work with at-risk youth, so these youth will become valued members of the community. CRWM has partnered with AJS (Association for a More Just Society) in this work.



When we return to Honduras in June, I will begin a second phase of this focus. In partnership with Diaconía Nacional, we will begin a program of Christian Education within the CRC churches of Honduras. In the beginning, a core group of teacher trainers will be identified and trained. We will then identify ten churches where we will begin the task of writing

and testing Sunday school curriculum for different age groups, as well as the preparation of the first of many Sunday school teachers.

**Family note.** Our son, Reuben, is doing quite well in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Reuben continues in his work with handicapped adults. He is being challenged in his new role where he has supervisory responsibilities, and occasionally asks Leanne for advice. Leanne and I look forward to spending Easter with him in Winnipeg.

**Please join us in praying for these things:**  
Praise!!

- Leanne and I are currently visiting supporting churches. We praise God for this time to renew friendships and begin new relationships.
- My back is improving with each day. Although I still suffer from pain, I can see that I'm able to do more and more.
- This month, Lunise Cerin-Jules will begin orientation to work with CRWRC in Haiti, replacing Ad deBlaeij, who will leave at the end of June. The work in Haiti is quite demanding, so Leanne is delighted that God has provided someone with skills and experience.

Concerns:

- The new focus on youth and children: pray that parents will become more involved in the Spiritual formation of their children.
- You have been generous in your support for us and we covet your continued financial and prayer support. We are both behind in our support goals. If you are able, we encourage you to increase your generosity.



Thank you for your continued support.  
Shalom from the Geisterfers,

*Leanne & Caspar*

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