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LANGUAGE SCHOOL

We have spent the last 3 weeks in Copan, Honduras attending Spanish School. We stayed in a local family's home to get the full experience rather than at a hotel. The family that we stayed with was wonderful. Tito (Hector), Elda, Tito, & Ana live in a two-story house of which they occupy the bottom half and the upstairs is for students. It was a lovely home and Elda is an amazing cook. We were much amazed to see that they had cable (although most channels were in Spanish a few were in English), internet, and a washing machine. We don't have any of those things at our home in Yamaranguila.



Tito & Elda didn't speak any English so that encouraged us to use the Spanish we were learning. The first week we learned present tense words and verbs, which were not too bad. Each week the school offers an outing to see the sites so on Saturday we went to the Copan Ruins. The Copan Ruins was fascinating. We not only got to see many parts of where the Mayans lived, but got to hear the history behind their culture and beliefs.



The second week got deeper into the Spanish. We started conjugating verbs and getting more into how to

say what we are doing at the moment (like adding ing's to words in English) and wow is that complicated. For instance if you use the word run in English it is either ran



or run. In Spanish there is a different word for I ran, she/he ran, we ran, they ran, and you ran. Not to mention there are another 6 words for run as well.



Our second week excursion was to the Parque de Mariposa (butterfly park.) It was beautiful and I never knew how complex and how many different varieties there are. There was also an amazing amount of different plants too. We also traveled around the outskirts of Copan in a moto taxi, which is like a 3 wheel motorcycle and you sit behind the driver...well Haley got stuck sitting on the support bars of the drivers seat. It was so much fun though. The country is so gorgeous. We first went to this remote village that

makes jewelry out of clay. Then we went from there to Cascade de Rubi (the Ruby waterfall.) It was amazing. It took us about 30 minutes to get there and just as we topped the hill to start our hike the wheel of the moto taxi hit a rock (the roads are all cobblestone or in this case



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just a bad rocky dirt road) and broke off. Dean and the driver (Roberto) moved the taxi out of the middle of the road and then called someone to come get us and the taxi. While waiting we made the hike and came to a wooden swinging bridge over a creek. I'm what you would say petrified of heights so there was no way I was going over it. So the others walked over it and then had to take



me down another trail where I crossed over the creek under the bridge. We hiked some more and got to the area of the waterfall and it was so serene. We stayed there about 45 minutes and then hiked back to the taxi. We waited about 15 more minutes and then Roberto's brother came in his small pickup truck to pick us and the taxi up. I have some amazing pictures of Dean and 3 other men lifting the taxi up and



placing it in the back of this truck. It barely fit. They proceeded to bring out this rope that is smaller than most jump ropes and tie the taxi in the truck. Haley and I were trying so hard not to laugh at all this. The guys piled in the truck (Dean between the bed and the taxi), Roberto and his cousin on each side of the taxi. Haley and I got in the cab of the truck. We managed to make it to the main road and we hear this yell to stop. We pull over to find that the taxi has broken the tailgate and about to fall out. We pulled over into a comedor (which is a restaurant) and while Roberto left to get another rope the cousin held the taxi up and the brother went in and sat down and ate supper. It was all so comical. When Roberto returned (with a not much bigger rope) they tied the tailgate up to hold the taxi in. We did manage to make it to the mechanic several hours after we started. It was truly an experience.

The Monday of our third week was my birthday and just happened to be Tito's as well. So the Saturday night before his family came over and we had a Honduran birthday party. On Monday we had another cake. This week was much harder than the previous two. Although I knew I had an enormous amount to learn I was ready to return to the farm. Not to mention that it is very hot there.

We returned home (Yamaranguila) on Sunday the 24th of Feb. We did learn an enormous amount of Spanish and look forward to learning more here as well as returning to Copan for at least another 3-6 weeks.



There is a team coming next week to work on a portion of the hospital roof so we are measuring the area and getting everything prepared. We will return in April for 3 weeks (you can only be here for 90days without being a resident) and then when we get back we will have a team almost every week until August. We are excited to see God putting everything together!

We pray all is well with you all! Be Blessed! Have a wonderful spring!

God bless you all,

Dean, Melissa, and Haley

