

## SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS 2013

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Timothy 1:7). This is where I started when I was searching for comfort, peace and reassurance after I was told that the schedule had changed and each of us would be speaking to the Choloma Chamber of Commerce. Dan told us that the owner of Texaco of Honduras had arranged for us to challenge them on leadership. All I could envision were power hungry men striving to make more money and in that culture, certainly didn't want advice from a woman. I was thinking of all the people that would have been perfect to deliver that lecture but the Holy Spirit gently reminded me that they weren't there but He had placed me there. I quickly began reading The Word, knowing that fear is a sin and that I have the power of the Holy Spirit living in me to equip me, to guide me and even to calm me. I made a few notes, committed it to the Lord, took my eyes off of myself and focused them where they should have been all along, on Christ. I determined that perfection and pleasing man was not the goal but obeying God was the ultimate goal that day and in every situation in the future. He is so gracious because I walked in and I had five people in my class, three men and two ladies. One of the ladies was from Florida and had moved to manage a children's home. I shared my testimony of being the pharmacy manager in a government job with all of those responsibilities, my mission trip to Japan that changed my life and my direction and how I'm using leadership skills today to lead short term mission teams around the world. A man asked how he could incorporate God in his workplace. I realized my fears were all schemes of the devil to prevent me from sharing my testimony and the gospel. I moved to three more classes and had to laugh when I walked into my last class with 40 people, knowing God had a plan and He moved me into it slowly. As we were leaving, the missionary from Florida came up and said, "I've heard what the others have said about leadership before but your testimony spoke to my heart and I want to thank you for sharing." All I could say was "Praise the Lord!" I realize that most didn't feel that way but we never know the impact of our obedience even when it is hard and stretches us past our comfort zone.

Our week in Honduras started with a meeting at Reborn Baptist church, where Brenda and I shared with the ladies. It was a blessing to hear how our testimonies fit together to share how God has a plan for each of our lives and see the ladies faces when they learned we had only met a few hours prior. Saturday, I was in my element working in the pharmacy of the medical clinic at a new church plant. The new twist was that a medical team from Reborn Baptist Church planned the entire clinic, had the medicine organized and labeled and ran the clinic. Brenda, Paul and I worked in our area (nurse, respiratory therapist & pharmacist, respectively) while the others presented the gospel. 14 people accepted Christ as Savior that day. What a great day! Another difference in this trip except for the medical clinic was that we were ministering to the rich people; the children in the private bilingual schools, students at the most prestigious university in Honduras and to business men, training next generation leaders. I definitely felt under qualified but know God had a plan and I trust Him for the outcome.

Please continue to pray for the upcoming trips. It is going to be a very busy summer but I am so excited to see what God is going to do. We have ten preparing to leave May 27 for Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Africa to work with Pastor Reuben Njereka. Three weeks after I return, I leave with a team of 15 going to Arequipa, Peru to minister with Dave and Melanie Woodard. I'm home for a whopping 30 days and depart with a team of 14 to Bucharest, Romania. The first week, we will be serving with Gerald and Kristin Ziemer and the second week with Dave and Dara Turner, near the Black Sea. The Lord answered your prayers for people to be radically obedient. Now, let's pray for many people to hear, understand and respond to the gospel in the coming months. Thank you so much for partnering with me!

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