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Hi Folks, For us, Easter is the most important of the celebrations we have in the Christian calendar and it is in this time that we see the great sacrifice made by our Father God who allowed His Son Jesus to be tortured and suffer and die that we might have life...but it did not end there. It is also here that we see the resurrection of Jesus. The only innocent man ever to have died and, through His innocence, through His perfection, we see that death is defeated, eternal life has been bought for us and it is now offered freely to all of us. So if you have a faith please join with us and celebrate this, the greatest of victories. If you have no faith please take my words into consideration and think about your eternal future. We want to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Children's House

When I wrote last time, I talked about baby Isaac who was very sick. I am so glad to report that he pulled through and he is again a very healthy little boy and has started eating solid food. He has been living with Liz and me but has now moved to live in the children's centre.



Two more of our children, Ever & Marvin have returned to their mother after a couple of years with us. She has managed to secure employment with accommodation so it is great to see another family reconciled.

Baby Delmi, who we mentioned a couple of newsletters ago, went home but again became quite malnourished and has been back with us for a few weeks. We have again helped her to put on weight and get a bit stronger. She has just returned to her family but this time we have agreed a weeks respite with us every month and see if we can help her maintain her weight and growth.



The rest of the children are enjoying the Easter break (Semana Santa) and are going to rivers and the beach every day this week. They are having a ball.

Boy's House

Omar and Alisa who have been looking after the boys for a while have moved on enjoying some time together in their first year of marriage and are celebrating the birth of their first little girl.

We have just employed Hector as the new house parent - although he really is more like a big brother than a parent. Hector is working as a lab tech in the hospital but also stays with the boys and offers support and assistance to them.

The three boys are doing well with Julio and Jose moving into second year of high school and Luis joining them in the school in first year. All three boys are working a couple of hours each day in the maintenance department of the hospital before they go off to school at lunch time.

The three boys are growing up fast.

Girls House

Nothing much happening in the girls house right now (thank you Jesus) they are all pretty settled. Nohemi has recovered well from her operation so she now has 2 fully functioning knees, has started walking and already progressed to walking without sticks or any support. She has registered for weekend college and has started working part time in the hospital kitchen to help pay her way. The other 5 girls are in high school and they too are growing quickly.

McKenzie's Transition

Our plan to return to Scotland is taking shape. We have now bought our tickets and we will arrive back in Scotland on 2nd July 2017. One of our biggest concerns about our return was our housing situation. With Simon, Jackie and our 3 grandchildren renting our house, where would we live or where would they live? Well things have worked out so well for us all. We have sold our house at Loch Lann to Simon and Jackie and with the receipt of Iain's pension from Highland Council, we have bought a smaller house for ourselves at Moray Park Avenue, just along the road. We are having some work done on the new house now so it is ready for our return. This outcome has been way beyond anything we could ask for or imagine, and we are grateful to God for His provisions for us all.

We have agreed a schedule of work, fundraising and raising the profile for Cornerstone (the parent company of the hospital/children's home) from June 2017 through until December 2018. We plan on doing 3 trips to USA, 2 trips to Honduras (combined with 2 of the USA trips), one trip to Germany, one trip to Italy and a number of visits around UK. We will review the success or otherwise of our work at that point and will decide then if we will extend our time further or not. We are really excited about this new chapter of our lives. We hope that you will stay with us during this time in terms of your prayerful support, your friendships and of course your financial support. Financially we will plan on only taking financial support only to cover the times we are working (although spread out regularly over the 18 months), we will use some to cover the travel expenses, and everything else will be sent directly to cover some of the costs of the children's centre. That means everything we raise on these fundraising trips will be donated directly to the work of the hospital, the children's centre and the school. We hope you will see this as a continuation of our work and continue to support the work of the children's centre and the rest of the mission.

A number of people have advised us that the transition moving back to our home culture will be at least as difficult as it was to move to a foreign land. Please bear with us as we try to settle back in to being Scottish. Please pray our transition to be quick easy and painless.

If you have any questions or comments about this next step please feel free to contact us at our normal email address, mckenzie1457@yahoo.co.uk

Scottish visitors

As I write this we have Mark and Catriona Hilditch from our church (King's Fellowship, Inverness) here visiting with us for a week. It's always great for us to have people from home and they are enjoying seeing all we are part of.

Gus McLeod from Edinburgh is also coming out for a 5 month visit starting at the end of April. Gus will be doing a mix of working with the school and in the hospital. Gus has been a friend of ours for almost 40 years and we are so looking forward to having him here.

Our younger son Samuel is also coming for a visit in June. A number of his friends who have also moved on will be back visiting at the same time so we are looking forward to seeing them renew old friendships.

And Finally

As we are entering the last three months of living in Honduras it is a difficult time of transition, it is difficult for us, it is difficult for our friends here, it is difficult for the workers many who have been with us for 10 years but mostly it is difficult for the children. We have now identified the person taking over from us and are in process of letting people know. Please pray for everyone involved in this process, it is not easy for anyone, least of all the children. We want to see this going as smoothly and simply as possible and that most importantly the children come out the other side feeling loved and cared for and accepted and secure.

As always we want to say thank you to all of you for your ongoing support of the work here, we couldn't do it without you.

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