

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

July 2021 Update from El Salvador



Dear Friends,

The story goes that a man who worked closely with the famous explorer and missionary David Livingstone paused one day and refused to go further on the journey. When Livingstone questioned him, the man replied, "We can't go any further until our souls catch up to our bodies."

The last 18 months of our work has been characterized by pressing forward to respond to urgent needs brought on by the COVID crisis, tropical storms, economic issues, and the rhythms of urban life. We arrived in the U.S. last week and it feels like we are just now pausing enough to let our souls catch up to our bodies.

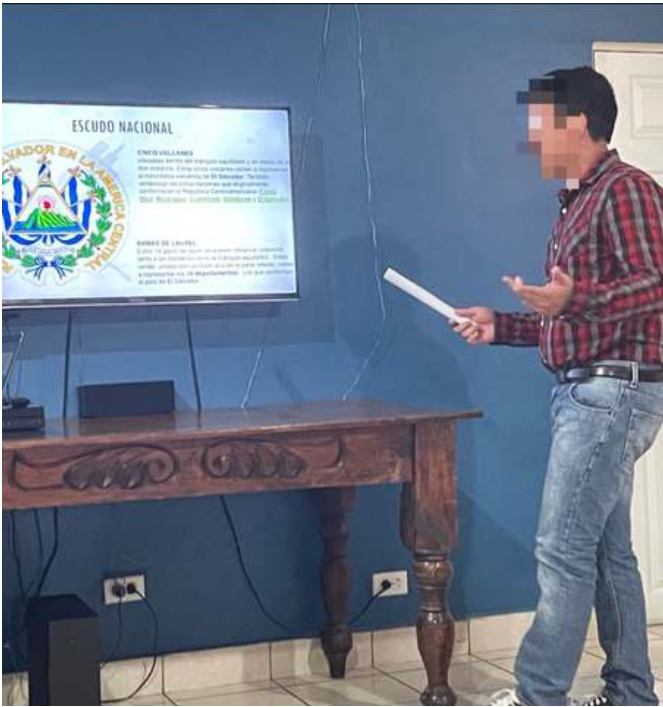
While we are Stateside we have meetings, appointments, presentations, and other necessary business to take care of but we also have time to see our families and gain some distance and perspective from our work and for that we are grateful.

In the meantime, our staff in El Salvador have everything covered. This past month was full of ups and downs as always. We lost a client who was loved by many to sickness, and we welcomed a new resident into New Dawn to begin a healing journey. A few days before leaving El Salvador, we reflected with our staff on the difficulty of bringing others to Jesus' feet and we looked at the Gospel story of the four men who brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus. We encourage you to join us in reflecting on this passage by visiting our latest blog up on our website. It resonates with us because our work can only go so far, and so much is simply in Jesus' hands.

We thank you for your support, and we hope to see some of you here in the States this summer...check out our schedule below. We ask for your prayers as our family is traveling this summer, and also for our staff as they continue to work hard and serve in El Salvador!

For Freedom,
on and Danielle Snyder

Photo Above: Lighthouse Resource Center staff posing with our new mural!



Left: One of our New Dawn residents sharing a cultural presentation about El Salvador with one of our international volunteers.



Right: We had a wonderful time celebrating Father's Day in the Lighthouse Resource Center this month and honoring the fathers in our program.



We are so grateful for our volunteers! A local church donated food, and spent an evening preparing meals and distributing them with us as part of our Thursday night outreach!

PRAY WITH US

- For our staff not to grow weary or discouraged when clients relapse, or struggle. Pray that our staff would find strength and purpose through their relationship with Christ and continue with perseverance.
 - For a new resident "C" who just started the program at New Dawn. The first phase of the program is always very difficult so pray for this detox phase to go smoothly.
 - For our family, the Snyders, as we are in the States this summer sharing about our work in El Salvador and visiting family. Please pray for health, safety, rest, and smooth travels.
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