



Q&A with our Honduras Family

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While we have been under a stay-in-place order here in Johnson County, KS. The residents in each home we serve in Santa Rosa de Copan have faced similar challenges without all of the resources we might find locally. Here is what their quarantine looks like.

Q: What are the orders in place in Honduras during this pandemic?

A: There is a nationwide curfew in effect. Under the curfew, residents are only permitted to leave their homes for food, medical supplies, gas and administrative errands on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00-3:00 based on their identity card, passport or residency card number. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, driving and all outings are prohibited. Those who do not abide by the measures will remain in police custody for 24 hours.

Q: How is each home getting the food and supplies they need?

A: The elderly home has relied on the kindness of the community to continue to donate food and other medical items needed. Shopping is limited to certain days of the week when the nuns can go to the markets. Only 1 person per household is allowed into the stores.

Q: How are the girls at the Hogar de Niñas continuing their education?

A: Very similar to here but with less resources. The learning is virtual for high school and they are trying to complete some at the elementary level as well but as you can imagine, most homes in Honduras would not have a computer. The Hogar de Niñas is fortunate to have a computer lab on site.

Q: What about attending mass?

A: They are able to listen to mass on the radio. This is something that was already in place in Honduras prior to the pandemic. Additionally, they are having prayer services and adoration and using their chapels for these gatherings.

Q: Is there medical care available near our mission?

A: Yes, there is a hospital next to the orphanage and across the street from the elderly home. It has setup a tent (triage area) outside for admitting any patients.

Q: How have the residents been spending their time?

A: Faith is at the center of activities in each home and the stay-at-home orders have only increased the opportunity to gather in prayer. During Holy Week, there were processions in the homes and special services held to honor our Catholic traditions. Singing along with guitar accompaniment is also typical and this has continued and provided both an activity as well as entertainment. Additionally, the girls are using the time to study and complete schoolwork.

Q: What can we do to support our mission in Honduras?

A: Please pray for the health and safety for all of the residents in each home. We look forward to the day that we can visit in person!!