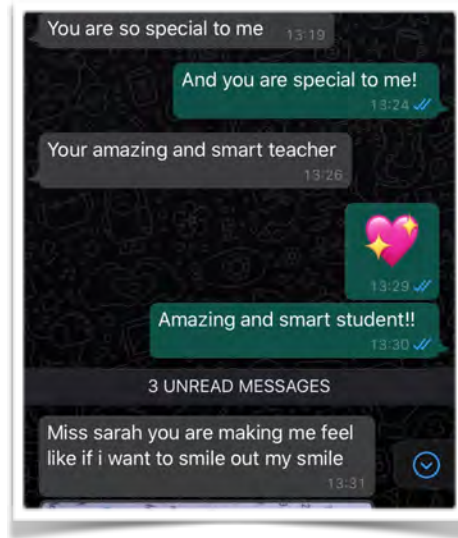




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A Glimpse Into Online School

Island Songs

Sarah Hunnicutt, Serving in Roatan, Honduras

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Psalm 97:1

A New Way to Walk Alongside

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It's been six months since 2020 upended our normal school routine. Unlike in the States, the school year in Honduras runs from mid-February to mid-November. That means, we had one month exactly of morning circles, basketball practices, convention meetings, P.E. Fridays, chapel Wednesdays, giving "the teacher look," hugs, high fives, visiting friends, and group photos. The refrain I keep hearing from students is, "I miss school! When will we be back?"

There have been moments during this year when I've thought, "People are hungry. People are scared. Is learning adjectives really that important?" The conclusion I've come to: **Yes**. School is what's been holding these students together. It's what's been giving them a sense of normalcy in the middle of uncertainty. It's kept them busy thinking about fractions and conjugation instead of being afraid about getting sick. It's taught them resilience and self-motivation even when it's really, really hard. And, trust me, it's been really, really hard.

I think of Jeremy, who was a star student by all accounts before this year. School has always come easily for him, and, even if he didn't enjoy doing something, he'd always find a way to get it done. But what we've been calling "WhatsApp School" left him

COVID-19 in Roatan

Roatan now has over 500 confirmed cases of Covid-19, although the actual count is likely much higher, as many people are not getting tested and the test results usually take two to three weeks to come in. Please pray for Dr. Paul, who is leading the work at the Covid center on the island. He feels that we're really just beginning our battle with Covid on the island and that we have a long road ahead. Pray for Dr. Paul as he leads. Pray for his wife, Wendy, who is a nurse at the local hospital, and also for his three children, Paul Jr., Hannah, and James. Paul Jr. and Hannah are students at our school.

Community

Pray for the local community that has been hit so hard by this time. Islanders rely heavily on tourism-related jobs. Many people have been farming and receiving food through various organizations providing relief here, but the future of tourism and what that means for islanders is uncertain. **Pray for job opportunities, health, and a good harvest this year.**

floundering. It seemed like no amount of encouragement, tough love, "Okay, let's do it your way," would work. I woke up feeling discouraged many days as I accepted the fact I might just have to let him fail and keep loving him anyway.

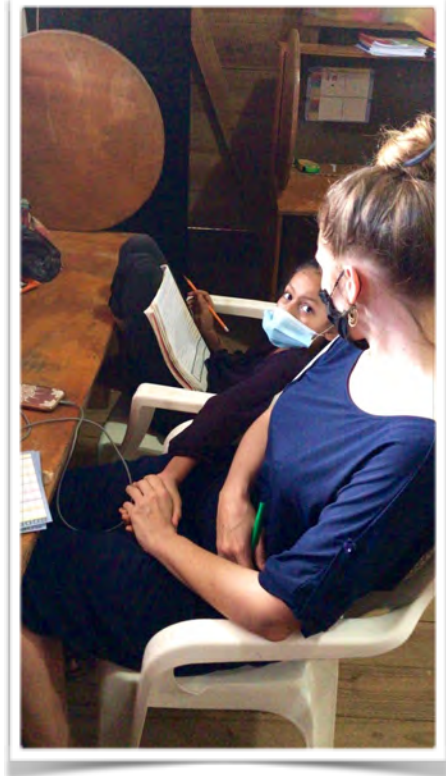
One morning I was reminded of something. I'd had my bad days, too. I'd left people scratching their heads and saying, "Why?" I remembered all the people who hadn't given up on me, who loved me through it. Even in my darkest, I wasn't alone. When I couldn't believe in myself, God was there, speaking through His people, His creation, and His word.

Diagramming sentences and writing outlines will give Jeremy tools for his future. Being loved unconditionally and learning how to do hard things will give him so much more.

Something did happen in Jeremy about a month ago – a change in his spirit that was reflected in his essays, his attitude, and the several times he went out of his way to say, "Thank you for working so hard." He began to see in himself what we'd seen all along.

And so it does matter. All of it. The food distribution programs and the

WhatsApp chats; the tough conversations and the English tests. Jeremy will struggle again, just like we all do, learning the lessons that can sometimes only be learned the hard way. Falling down and getting back up. Passing on the grace and love we discovered in the Father's gaze; creatively being His hands and feet; trusting Him with the results. Knowing it all matters.



A limited number of students have been coming by the school building in order to receive in-person tutoring. We follow all biosecurity measures, but Sasha insisted she could only complete her English if someone was holding her hand.



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