



ESCAPING MURDERERS

In Tikiamp, a community where God has been opening many doors for us to minister and share the gospel, a grisly murder occurred. A young woman and her mother were killed in cold blood with machetes and left where they fell to be found by their neighbors and family. The story leading to the murder was one of infidelity and jealousy. Within hours, the gossip made it to our community, everyone tiptoeing fearfully while whispering their conjectures as the murderers had not yet been apprehended.

You may remember the story from one of our previous newsletters about a newborn baby who died from neglect in the hospital; how we transported the body and had a funeral service with the family. As the saying goes, “When it rains, it pours.” Yadira, the grandmother of that baby, was also the sister/aunt of the women who met their end at the edge of the machete. We knew we had to visit her and the family to offer our support and condolences.

When we arrived at Yadira’s home, the family was in mourning. Yadira looked nearly crushed by the weight of the physical and emotional stress of so recently burying her

grandson, now her sister and niece, and only months before, we learned, she had also buried both her parents. The Lord had inspired Glenda to give Yadira a special gift, pure honey to help raise her energy and words of encouragement for her spirit. We prayed and mourned with the family and the community and offered our help.

A few days later, Yadira called us with a desperate plea; “I must leave my home with my children to stay with relatives, can you help me?” As the police were investigating the murders, they were apprehending and interrogating many in the community. It seems unthinkable, but not only were the relatives of the criminals threatening Yadira and her family, but the community was also blaming her for bringing the trouble. She feared for the lives of her family, and her mental health was at a breaking point.

We drove to her home and gathered some belongings for her and four of her children; Edgar, who has cerebral palsy and is wheelchair-bound, Oscar who is Edgar’s younger brother and loyal caretaker, Yolanda, who is 13, and her sister, four-year-old Indiria. Edgar and the younger children would stay with Yadira at her aunt’s home in Waspan, and Yolanda stayed with us at the mission base to be with Jordana and Enoch, her friends.



God has been working in His mysterious ways. Circumstances have made it possible for us to gain the trust and friendship of many in the Miskito communities surrounding us, especially Tikiamp. A month after moving them, Yadira and her children were back home. The murderers were caught and imprisoned, and the community settled. We have been regularly visiting Yadira on Sabbath afternoons to sing and worship with her and her family, as well as others from the community who are also seeking the peace that only Christ offers. We are lifted by your prayers and grateful for your support as we follow the Holy Spirit's leading.

God bless you!

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