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## **A BEAUTIFUL FOOT STORY**

God is so merciful, so loving, and so patient. As we walk with Him, we cannot help but be changed. If you haven't done so in a while, take a self-survey; think about your thoughts, interests, goals, and struggles from a year ago. Can you see it? God has been at work, hasn't He? We are not the same because God, almost imperceptibly, brings us closer to His image.

About a year ago, we met a man, we'll call him Pastor Robert, who had an infection in his heel from stepping on a nail. When he asked us for help, he had already been to the hospital and many other "healers". After three months, he had only helplessly watched the infection go deeper, to the point where the specialists were suggesting surgery and likely amputation. His heel was swollen and had three open sores that would pour out pus if any pressure was applied. You may remember that we have told this story before. We taught him and his wife how to use charcoal foot baths and poultices. After following our instructions, he returned to the surgeons, who credited the charcoal for saving him from amputation.

We also shared literature with him and brought food since he was unable to walk, let alone work, to provide for his wife and four young children. Pastor Robert has a small evangelical congregation and is building a church in his community of Tikiamp. Being impressed by the Holy Spirit, he called us one day and asked us to come on a Sabbath to his church and lead in worship service. We happily accepted the invitation and brought our small group from Tronquera to have a joint service. Friendships were being developed. Over the months, we would occasionally see Pastor Robert or hear that he had visited with members of our congregation. He always spoke of his gratefulness for our help and how he wanted to visit us at the mission base.

Very recently, Pastor Robert and his wife came to visit us at last. He came prepared with a borrowed Bible







because he knew he would need it. Over a traditional and delicious meal of beans and rice, we spoke of his testimony, how God had drawn him to Himself, often through trials. We reminisced about how much we enjoyed the fellowship between our two churches and hoped to unite again in worship. Pastor Robert also told us how he had been witnessing to others, including pastors of the Moravian and Catholic churches about the truth of the Bible Sabbath! He requested that we find a Bible for him like the one he was borrowing, with doctrinal Bible studies in the back. We have already ordered and received a box of those Bibles; one is reserved for Pastor Robert next time we meet.

We do our best to share God's love and light with the Miskito communities we have been entrusted to, but we are aware that the cultural differences make it difficult to have a lasting impact. We have been praying that as individuals, they accept the truth of the Everlasting Gospel. They will be more effective in sharing it with their communities. God is working ahead, behind, beside, and through us, and the fruit is beginning to be revealed. Praise Him, to whom belongs all the glory and honor!

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"

-Romans 10:14, 15

God bless you! Caleb, Glenda, Jordana & Enoch

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