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THE BEST LAID PLANS. . .

We have found “The best laid plans of mice or men often go awry” to be so true, especially this past month. No one had planned for the two hurricanes that devastated Central America or the great need that would result.

We had just shipped a 53 foot trailer for “Crossing All Borders” in North Carolina. A few days later, we called to see if it had arrived and their evaluation of the things sent. “Yes, it has arrived and is on its way to Honduras tomorrow! Thank you SO much. Can we get another one as soon as possible?” We began scurrying around to pull together the items they needed: medical supplies, tools, kitchen equipment, clothing, everything from nails to soccer balls!

Then another call came with the same request. A Mexican pastor two hours south of us wanted to send a container for Honduras from that area. Could they come and collect things to fill their container—as soon as possible?

Soon calls began to come from Hondurans in our area. They had items to send back to those hurting in Honduras. Could they include those items on our next container—as soon as possible? One of the blessings of this request is that they agreed to help load the container. We need all the manpower we can get to see these shipments on their way.

Our plan for the week was scrapped to concentrate on these shipments. Of course, the regular orders, calls and emails continued as always. The regular customers continued to come to the office to get books, Bibles and other items for their ministries. They must be attended to. Thus we say, “The best laid plans of mice or men often go awry!”

We have so much to thank God for during this special time of Thanksgiving:

1) God sent an “angel” to help us. Jody is a Spanish speaking RN who has worked in the areas hit by the hurricanes! She worked hard all week preparing kitchen equipment, medical and office supplies for shipment.
2) Our special volunteers who help to make this possible. It takes team work to make it happen. We’ve got the best!
3) That we had many items on hand and ready to ship. (Included in each shipment are books and Bibles to enhance the Kingdom of God.)
4) A local trucking company waived the cost for the shipment.
5) The $11,500.40 received for our India Bibles project.
6) The prayers of our dear friends—so very needed to keep us going.

Thank you for your partnership with us.

Love in Christ
ETS Staff