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**HUNNICUTT**

MISSIONARY TO HONDURAS



*"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. —Isaiah 61:3*

### Beauty for Ashes

Much has happened since the 2021 school year ended with a bang, well actually, more like an explosion. As the year ended, events had me questioning God's call on my life to Roatan, the existence of the school, and the effectiveness of the ministry.

One thing I remember hearing is that God doesn't call us to be effective—He calls us to be faithful. It's not my place to measure the ministry here by a list of outcomes. The Lord wants my faithfulness.

Many difficult decisions were facing me. Everything was on the table. The first decision was the fate of the 2022 school year. After meeting with parents, the board of directors for Roatan Horizons, and seeking input from godly people who understand the culture and the ministry here, it was decided that we would take things one year at a time. However, we would stop at 9th grade for the 2022 school year. A decision will be made late in the year as to whether we shall add 10th and 11th grade next year.

The second decision involved who would get to return to school for 2022.

We have reduced our school size from 84 in 2021 to 62 in 2022. This has proven to be a more manageable size.

### Property

After many years, we were finally able to close on the Sandy Bay property where I live. Now, we are beginning to remodel the caretaker's home for Sarah. The next step will to begin building housing for our teachers, who are anxious to have this benefit.

### Looking Ahead

So here's what 2022 is like:

1. We are meeting with all students, all day, every day!
2. The students and parents who are with us are "all in."
3. The spirit in each classroom is one of peace and unity.
4. I no longer feel as if I am treading water to teach and manage the school.
5. We continue to be blessed with a tremendous teaching team.

I'm so grateful to be in this season of joy and serenity.



**Come!** We love sharing our precious island with visitors if it's for a week, for a day while in port on a cruise, or for a vacation with service as a piece of your time here.

## Teacher Highlight

Ms. Terisha is our lead elementary teacher and this is what she had to say:

*"Why am I at SRCS? Because I get an opportunity to minister to each student about the love of Jesus every day. My prayer each day is to be a role model to my students in every aspect of my life."*

## Ordination

While home, we were able to celebrate my ordination with Church of God Ministries. This has been a 2½ year process. Thanks to Angela Pressly, who organized such a sweet, affirming event.

Time with family Christmas 2021 marked the first time in 13 years that my entire family had been together for Christmas. It was so much fun to have the Roatan, Kenyan, and Oklahoman branches of the family together. We played more than a few board games.



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## > Pray

1. Stay focused on him
2. New Spanish teacher
3. Teacher housing project
4. Continued unity
5. Upcoming break for Holy Week
6. Joy in the classrooms
7. To stay on the moment and trust God for next year.
8. Several groups coming this summer

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