

Greetings from Belize!

A couple of days ago I received a prayer notice from my friend Kathy Holtman that reminded me to look at the weather. There is was, heading across the Caribbean, a new tropical storm with the potential to become a hurricane. Yup! Hurricane Nana was on her way.

After that thoughtful message, I too began to watch the weather. We found people in town preparing for the worst, so decided we'd better take the storm seriously. We aren't concerned with flooding here because we are pretty high, but we could be impacted by high winds, broken branches, and/or falling trees. We battened down the hatches as much as we could, put loose items into secure places, burned the branches in the burn pits to avoid a soggy mess, and waited.

When we went to bed that night, the night was very still, so we were startled when the phone rang. Herb picked it up, and responded in Spanish. The other end connected to our dear friend Abdiel Orozco in Guatemala City. He was watching the news, and he was worried. They chatted for a moment, and then Abdiel asked if he could pray with us. Herb put him on speaker, and we heard his petition to our Lord for protection and care. At the end of the prayer, he closed us in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who calms all storms, and we answered, "Amen!" At that moment we heard the voices of all his family members echoing the same powerful word, "Amen! So be it!"

The hurricane landed south in the Toledo District, and there was some damage to banana plantations; however, most of the country fared well. I am so thankful for people who pray for us and for others. It reminds me that I need to pay better attention, if not to the news, at least to those who are serving and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Paul tells us to pray without ceasing. What good advice, and what a great privilege.

May God bless you and protect you,
Amen!

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