



Left: Our service day for Casa Materna began with prayer. God was definitely there. Center: Edwin, one of our preachers, baptizing a new sister. Right: Marina full of joy.

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Learning Through Trials

The last month was filled with highs and lows. There were times when I felt strong in Him and times when grief or hurt made it impossible to stand. The beautiful part was He was there through all of it, and He is still here guiding my steps today. No matter what country or city you live in, trials still come. The church as a whole has to constantly be in prayer for their leaders and for the direction of the congregation. People struggle with the same sins. Loss still hurts. Through it all, my heart breaks a little, but our Father holds it in His hands and puts it back together. April has taught me a lot about finding joy in the trials (James 1:2). It was a good



reminder that life is going to be hard no matter where you live. However, just like Lamentations says, *Great is YOUR faithfulness.* During the hard days He provided hope. That hope came through His word, songs, hugs, laughter, baptisms and seeing the church serve together. So I will keep seeking and hoping in Him.

Lamentations 3:22-24

The **steadfast** love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are **new every morning**; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my **soul**, "therefore I will HOPE in Him."

Prayer Requests:

- For the **church** and it's leaders
- Friends** struggling with addiction
- Brothers and sisters all over the world who feel hurt and rejected
- For my **family** as we continue to process the loss of Aunt Pat
- God's peace** to be tangible
- A spirit of **forgiveness**
- Wisdom** as we all serve our Father the best we can