

From Ship to Shore...

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Dear friends and family,

In exactly 12 hours from now, I will be entering the country I will call home for the next 5 months – Honduras. The Discipleship Training School I have been leading since November is about to embark on the outreach phase of the school. Four of us staff members and sixteen students will be living in the small port town (population of only 2,000 people!) of Puerto Castilla. For six weeks we will be living in the town right among the people we will be serving and ministering to. We will be doing a variety of things in Puerto Castilla, such as children's ministry, construction projects, and open-air evangelism. Of course the main thing we are looking to do is form relationships with the Hondurans in Puerto Castilla, allowing them to see the light of Jesus through us. Please pray for our team in a few different areas:

1. That God would prepare and soften the hearts of the people we will come in contact with. 2. That our team would walk in unity. 3. That we would never take our eyes off of Jesus, the reason we are going.



After those six weeks I will rejoin the ship as it sails into Puerto Castilla for the ship's outreach from April through July. I will be returning to work in the computer department for those 3 months, serving as support for the 80+ computers onboard that we use to conduct the ship's business. I would also like to get more involved with the Community Development Services team, which serves the community with practical methods such as doing construction work or educating the community about the importance of clean drinking water. I enjoy this ministry because it gives the community tangible evidence of Jesus' love, and wonderful relationships are formed as result of helping the people. Please pray for that team as they seek out opportunities to work in the town.

I have committed to staying onboard the *Caribbean Mercy* through the end of the Honduras outreach, which will take me through July. It will have been almost 2 years since I came here – that seems almost unreal to me! At that point I am planning on stepping off the ship in Montreal...to do what? That's a good question. I am thankful that I have so many options in front of me, but overwhelmed a bit as well! It is a



possibility that I will return to working with Mercy Ships on a long-term basis, in which case I will have to spend several months in the States raising support before I rejoin the ministry. However, I am open for whatever God has next for me. Thank you for praying as I discern His best for me.

Again, thank you all so much for continuing to support me in my work with Mercy Ships and for God's Kingdom. Please know that you are making a difference – to the

people in the Dominican Republic, Belize, Honduras and the world.

In Him,

Katie