

Heaven's Reach Ministries

News Letter May/June 2008

Mission Honduras

Showing, Teaching, and Releasing Gods Love

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Hello everyone, I pray this newsletter finds you all doing well. We have been back in Honduras since May and I apologize for not staying in touch.

1. Travel in the USA to meet pastors, gain prayer support and attended the WME Conference
2. We are to receive 13,000lbs of food for the feeding center.
3. Found a water well drill for \$2,000 and the cost per well is \$500.
4. Hosted the Keynote Speaker for the National Honduran Nurses Conference
5. First team worked on the garden at the hospital
6. Haley stays in the states to attend school
7. Blessed with \$11,000 towards a truck
8. Another container set to arrive for the Hospital
9. Appling for residency

1. We traveled a lot while in the states and met wonderful people along the way. It was a blessing to see what God is doing all over the United States as well as the world. We are licensed through WME (Worldwide Missionary Evangelism) so we took the opportunity to travel and meet several of the members while we were in he states. If you do not know about WME you should go online and check it out at www.wmeinc.org. It is a wonderful organization and it is amazing how God is using it to further His kingdom.



I have to admit the last week we were in the states was the best. We attended the WME conference and it was spectacular. Not only did we meet wonderful people there, but also we were so encouraged and blessed by the speakers.

2. We were especially blessed to meet Larry Jones with Feed the Children. We have continued to email Larry and Mickey Hensley with Feed the Children and they are shipping us 13,000 lbs of Vita Meal to feed the children of the Invasion with the help of a church in Kansas City. We have had the



desire to start a feeding center and to be honest do not have a clue how to start one, but it sounds like we are on our way to having one! The food should be here in the next 2-3 weeks. We are praying for a piece of land in the Invasion to buy and to build a community center that will provide a place for our worship service on Saturday nights, a feeding center, and multiple other things; Henry is working on this. Please agree with us in prayer for this to come to fruition. I should tell you that there is no electricity and no running water there so we will need a generator and running water too!



3. We had the opportunity to meet a couple of men that have designed a drill to dig water wells in third world countries to provide sanitary water. It is \$2500 for the drill and supplies for a well with water pump and then from that point on it is \$500 for each well all made of galvanized pipe. They come down the first time and show you how to work the drill and set up the water pump and them from then on all you have to do is buy the equipment for the well and the pump, which is the \$500. So please pray for that too!



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4. Arriving back, we were fast on our feet; we started looking for a truck and prepare for the Nurses Congress of Honduras Conference. We arranged to have Gilda an RN who is trained in Intra Osseous Infusion to speak. Gilda spoke to over 200 nurses from around Honduras. She and her topic were the talk of the conference. We had more than 60 nurse administrators' sign up for more information and possible training on the new procedure.



5. We have been working on the garden for the hospital (the pregnant ladies that stay behind the hospital the last 3-4 weeks of their pregnancy so they can deliver at the hospital) and there was a little confusion about the ground to plant on but we have

it all clear now and a team from Fayetteville Arkansas came down with an Agriculturist and they cleared the land and gave us multiple ideas of how to plant to be the most effective. We have most of the seeds we will be planting and we will get the rest in the next week and get busy planting!



6. Our sad news is that when we returned from the states Haley (our 17 year old) did not return to Honduras with us. She will be attending school in the US. This has been a great struggle for us, however we do believe that we are where God has called us to be and that He is working! Please pray for Haley and us as well as Justin our 19-year-old son who is in the states working. It is very difficult to be away from them!



7. We were blessed with \$11,000 from our church to purchase a truck here, as we are on foot. It was a tremendous blessing. We are in search of a Toyota 4 door 4x4 due to the horrible road conditions

here as well as we are needed to haul people (team members and staff) and construction items. We have not been able to find a truck to meet our needs that matches our budget. A used Toyota starts at \$15,000 and goes up here. They are the best vehicle to hold up to the rugged conditions here and this is what Henry (our authority here and a missionary that has lived here 16 years) has suggested that we buy a Toyota. I have to tell you though; it has been another struggle for me. We live about 1/4 mile from Henry's farm and we walk to and from. It is not bad in the morning most of the times, but when we go home at night, it is dark, I mean no lights anywhere dark, and most nights it is raining.



We have not been able to go out with the teams much at all because of the unavailability of vehicle space and that makes me feel ineffective and unproductive. We have the money to buy a Toyota 4-

runner 4x4 and I have struggled much with this. I want what is best for the ministry not just me, but it is hard to know I have given up everything to be here to not be used to my fullest. I want to be involved with everything. So please pray that I will not be selfish and settle for what is best for me, but I will do what is best for the ministry. Please also pray that God will provide the rest of the funds needed or the truck itself.



8. I have been working with Beverly Graham in the states to obtain hospital equipment and supplies from a local hospital in Arkansas and several items have been donated and are on a container shipped and headed this way. The container

should arrive any day now. This is a huge blessing. We were not able to obtain a ventilator or I-STAT machine, which is greatly needed here; however, there are many wonderful items that are going to be a great blessing to the Hondurans. It is so good to know that equipment and supplies seem to be steadily

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coming in! The hospital raised the funds to do the section of roof over the emergency room and now that just leaves us with 3-4 sections on the outside to do before we can get inside to replace the ceiling.

We have had many people question why donate to a government hospital, shouldn't the government do that. Well, the truth is that the government pays the mortgage, for some supplies, and the employees. However, the hospital itself makes very little revenue. To have a baby it cost approximately \$15. I took a student that broke his clavicle when he wrecked his bicycle and he saw the ER doctor, had an x-ray, got a sling, and got some ibuprofen for pain and it cost 20 limps, which is \$1, and if the patient doesn't have the money they don't have to pay. It sounds like so little why do they not raise their prices and why wouldn't they have the money, but most of the 100,000 people the hospital is responsible for have no money! They are farmers that are just able to raise enough food to feed their families thru the year or single mother homes.



So currently, the hospital has little to no proper equipment and there is black mold through out the hospital that the patients and staff are breathing in every day. I want to improve the healthcare here because that is what God has asked me to do. I also want to work on preventative measures as well. Right now

most of the families here in the mountains are living on corn tortillas and beans if they are lucky. Most of our sponsored students here are eating once a day. These families need fruits, vegetables, protein, and healthy diets as well as sanitized water. This is why I want to help the government with this hospital.



Thanks so much for your interest in what is going on in Honduras. Thanks for your prayers and support! Please remember Henry and Cindy too! They have so much on their plates and even with us; here to help it can be overwhelming. They are also getting ready to go back to the states in a few weeks to get Mariah settled and enrolled into college. To know they will be leaving her to come back here is so very hard for them.



9. Please pray for our residency too, since Sept 11th the rules have really changed here, we are required to leave the country every 90 days, and we are not allowed to just cross the border. We have to go back to the states, Mexico, or Belize. This is very costly and it takes us away from our work

here. It has turned out that the residency is very complicated and expensive as well, but appears to be the best option so please pray that our paperwork will go through and be accepted!



God Bless you all!

Dean, Melissa, & Haley