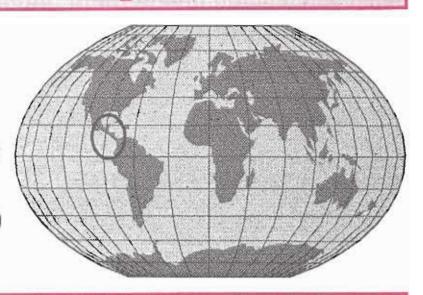
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The Tyson Family

January, 1997

Dear Co-Labourers In Christ:

GRADUATIONS, WEDDINGS, GIVING OUT THOUSANDS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO CHILDREN ... All of these events made the last three months of 1996 VERY EXCITING and JOYFUL, but VERY, VERY BUSY.

Remembering back over the year of 1996, first of all, we thank God for giving us the OPPORTUNITY to work for HIM. There's NO GREATER calling ... NO GREATER joy than to see lives changed by the PRECIOUS GOSPEL of Jesus Christ. Oh, if it were only possible to tell all the wonderful experiences He has given to us ... to make your hearts rejoice as ours rejoice.

IN 1996, WE SAW THE GREATEST ENROLLMENT IN OUR SCHOOLS ... Over 1000 were registered .. When you think of Good Samaritan Christian Schools, think about an EVANGE-LISTIC CENTER where young people from all over Honduras and Nicaragua are being taught and trained daily in the things of God ... where hundreds of lives are changed and the Gospel taken back into their homes.

IN 1996, WE SAW OUR LARGEST GRADUATION ... 77 young people are now going out into the business world. Just think what this means in the private sector of Honduras – Christian young people working in offices, hospitals, public schools – other graduates are going on to college to study medicine, law, aviation, etc. God has truly opened up a wonderful ministry where young people have a place to study and learn that there is a better life than any they have ever seen or experienced. Our graduates must practice their profession for one month in different businesses before graduation, and many of the work places were so impressed that they held jobs for them. Some commented they had never been sent young people like these before.

IN 1996, WE SAW NINE YOUNG PREACHERS FINISH THEIR THREE YEAR BIBLE SCHOOL EDUCATION IN NICARAGUA AND 18 WHO ARE STUDYING FIRST AND SECOND YEAR IN HONDURAS. Several will graduate in 1997 and already are pastoring churches.

IN 1996, WE SAW SEVERAL NEW CHURCHES RAISED UP THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF OUR NATIONAL PREACHERS AND CHURCHES RAISING UP MISSIONS.

IN 1996, GOD GAVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO SOME OF THE CHURCHES HE ALLOWED US TO RAISE UP IN THE EARLY 1970'S. What a blessing to see the faithful Christians, many with gray hair and feeble, but faithful to the ONE who saved them. We felt "CALLED" all over again in every village we went. It took us back to the "old days" when our lives were spent going from one village to another in northern Nicaragua. We remembered our "calling" when we first heard about the towns and villages in northern Nicaragua that did not have one Gospel witness, not one church, but praise the Lord there are churches now and thousands of witnesses ... Just to think that God let us have a part. Now there are national preachers who are carrying on – always going to the next village, over the next mountain to the next town ...

IN 1996, WE SAW A NEW PROGRAM RAISED UP CALLED "FEED THE ELDERLY" One of the greatest programs we feel God has ever laid upon our hearts. We now have 59 elderly people and the majority range from 80 to 105 years old ... All with good minds but a NEGLECTED GENERATION. TWENTY HAVE BEEN SAVED. What a blessing to listen to them as they have learned to sing AMAZING GRACE, JESUS LOVES ME, THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, and many more. Tears ran down our race as we watched an old gentlemen 99 years old, raise his feeble hands as he was trying to sing. We bought them all Christmas presents and no child could

have been any happier than these old people when most received their very first present. Many cried. One Sunday morning, much to the surprise of the church, 12 walked a long way to church with their leader, Sister Zoila. Two were saved that morning. We know this program will also bring sadness because many of these old people won't live much longer; in fact one has already died ... But when a local pastor went to visit him on his sick bed, he said: "Don't worry about me; I made things right with God with the lady who gives us food everyday and I'm at peace". These old people named their kitchen: THE NEW BEGINNING. We could not have thought up a better name.

IN 1996, WE SAW STEVIE, OUR YOUNGEST SON, AND SCARLETH CORRALES, UNITE IN MATRIMONY. Both our sons have chosen wives from the little town of San Marcos where we live. Scarleth received the Lord several years ago in our high school, and has a desire to work with Stevie in the Lord's work. We had a group of 21 from the U.S. to come for the wedding. In the Spanish weddings, after the bride marches in, she and the groom sit down for the WEDDING SERVICE, and it is a FULL service congregational singing, special songs, and a message from God's Word. Always, at weddings, there are people who have never been to church before, and this gives them an opportunity to hear the Gospel. In Stevie and Scarleth's wedding, there were many people from the capitol, as well as Nicaragua, and many had never been inside a Baptist church, much less hear the Gospel. Several said they were coming back.

1997... A NEW YEAR GOD IS GIVING US TO SERVE HIM. We want to take advantage of every opportunity. He gives us this year to be a witness for Him; to preach the Gospel and raise up new churches. It many be the last year we have to work.

GOAL: A NEW GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDING ... We must have this if our grammar school is to continue. Last year we had 530 children and NO ROOM to put them all. We have to have morning and evening shifts and some children don't get home until after dark. Many have to cross the busy Pan-American Highway to get to the classrooms we have rented across from our church... and the landlord has doubled the rent for this year. Our grammar school is also an EVANGELISTIC CENTER where boys and girls are taught daily the Work of God. We have teachers who love God's work and this is their ministry. If we had time, we would tell you about all the clubs such as the Little Missionaries, about 75 children who have been saved and who are missionaries to others in the school. Their chapel programs are a blessing to attend as children give testimonies of their salvation. PLEASE, PLEASE PRAY ABOUT THIS GREAT NEED FOR A GRAMMAR SCHOOL CENTER. It will be a SOUL-SAVING center just as our High School. This is going to cost THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS but WITH GOD NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. We are seeing a NEW GENERATION raised up in Honduras, but we DESPERATELY need your help. PLEASE PRAY AND ASK GOD WHAT HE WOULD HAVE YOU TO DO.

GOAL: TO SEEK OUT MORE ELDERLY PEOPLE TO BRING TO THE KITCHEN ... One day when we hear of an old person dying, we'll know that old person had the opportunity to be saved.

GOAL: TO BE BETTER MISSIONARIES AND TO SERVE OUR LORD WITH MORE LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS ... TO BE BETTER REPRESENTATIVES FOR YOU WHO SUPPORT GOD'S WORK THROUGH GOOD SAMARITAN BAPTIST MISSIONS.

May God bless you ... Thank you for every prayer you have prayed for us and every dollar you have given to help us in the Lord's work. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

6th Grade Graduation

Good Samaritan Baptist Grammar School. Every graduate carried a Bible. A special Thanksgiving service was held the night before to thank God for finishing sixth grade.





High School

45 graduated with a degree in computer. Three years have been devoted to this study, beginning in the 10th grade.

Secretary Graduates

34 bi-lingual secretary graduates. This is a four year course beginning in the 10th grade.





Every occasion on the Mission Field is used to preach the Gospel

High school graduation filled the church with many standing. Bob Tyson and special guest, Pastor Lamar Rackley, challenged the students with a message from God's Word.





National anthems of Honduras and the United States were sung, as well as our own Christian anthem "Amazing Grace",



Bro. Lamar Rackley preaching with Antonio Inestroza translating.



Steve Tyson giving out special awards to teachers.



Grammar School Teachers With Bob & Joan Tyson

"NEW BEGINNING" Feed The Elderly Kitchen



105 Years Old and Giving Testimony of Salvation

These elderly people are brought in everyday where they learn to sing, learn Bible verses, and hear a Bible story. Then they are fed a hot nourishing meal. Some are being given vitamins and if they're sick, we send them to the doctor ... and the precious thing is that they are learning and experiencing the love and mercy of Jesus.

Listening to a message from the Bible ... A new message, a new beginning. Not many days left to serve Him, but this treaches us the Mercy of God.



The Wedding of Stevie and Scarleth Tyson

First, the civil wedding held at the Tyson home November 9, Doyle and Margaret Gunter were witnesses.



Church Wedding - December 14, 1996





preached to
preached to
hundreds – many
for the first time.
Antonio Inestroza
brought the message.



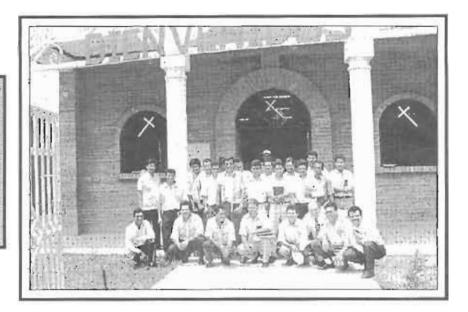


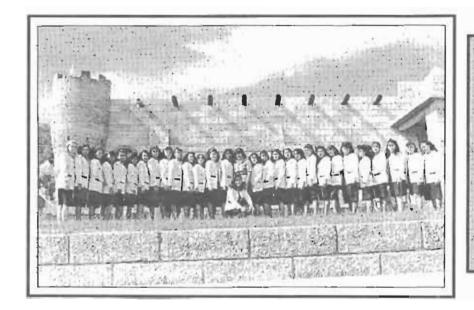
Bob Tyson had the privilege of marrying his son.

Pastor Lamar Rackley and Terry Hyatt, Good Samaritan Mission Secretary, served as Godparents for the groom.



Bible School
Students
in
Honduras





Bi-Lingual
Secretary
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Stevie & Scarleth
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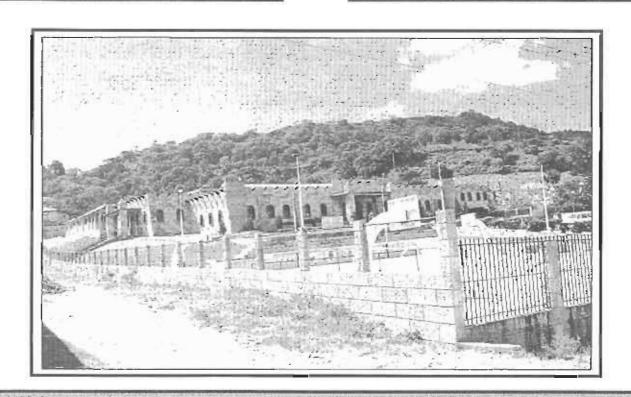




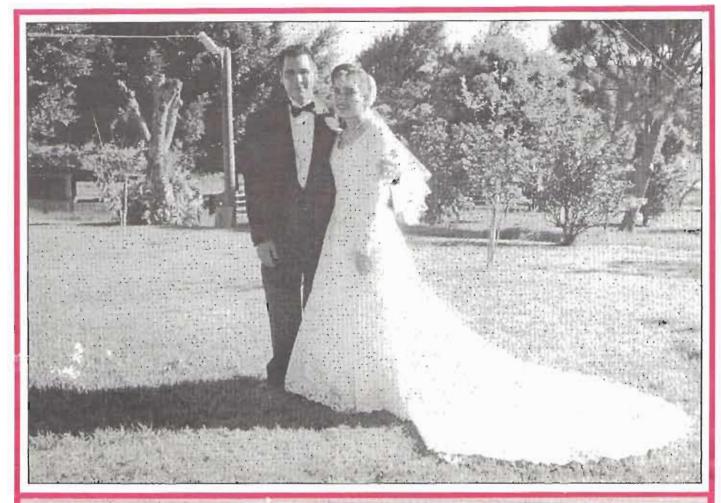
Stephany & Philip Tyson, Jr.



Bro. Lamar Rackley baptizing in new church in Pedrenal, Honduras



Good Samaritan High School



Stevie & Scarleth Tyson

