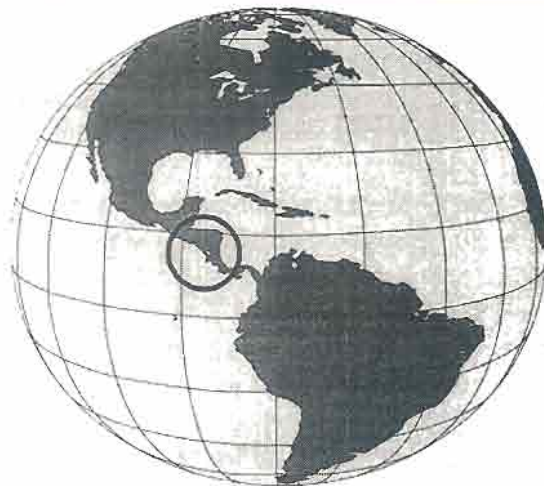


# *Good Samaritan Baptist Missions*

## **Ministering In Central America**

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**December 1998**

**Christian Schools - Feed the Hungry - Church Planting - Child Sponsorship  
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***Happy New Year!***

***Good Samaritan Baptist Mission workers and their families,  
San Marcos de Colón, Honduras  
Wishing all of you a very HAPPY and BLESSED 1999!***

December 31, 1998

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

We pray God will convey our feelings to your hearts as you read this newsletter and see by pictures what you are doing to bring hope to the suffering people in southern Honduras and northern Nicaragua...We know you're anxious to hear of the relief efforts that you have made possible through Good Samaritan Baptist Missions...

In Honduras, we've had no problem so far in buying basic foods (beans, rice, corn, lard, etc.), and literally tons of food have been bought, sacked up and sent out to different areas. Six new lunchrooms have been opened, feeding hundreds of children and adults.

In Nicaragua, we have worked with Brother Santos Casco, our National Director, who in turn has organized pastors' groups to help him buy and distribute food to the thousands there who have been left with nothing. Our Mission actually suffered more material loss in Nicaragua than in Honduras...*Many communities were completely washed away...thousands were left without homes. Pastors and their families have been sleeping on the ground, along with hundreds more. Five of our churches were washed away.*

Brother Santos has organized work groups...For example, our mission will furnish the materials for re-building. The men in the communities will do the work and be paid in food for their families. Santos says this will give them a sense of pride...they are doing their part and they will be earning their food while working. He will have one group that will make beds; others will make adobes for houses; others roofing. **It will be community projects with God, through His people in the United States, supplying the needs.** We have seen God work in these days as never before in our lives and our own faith has been strengthened...*GOD DOES NOT FORGET HIS PEOPLE.* We heard touching stories of how pastors immediately following the hurricane were insulted and humiliated by those in power because they waited in line with others thinking they would be able to get food for their people...**THANK GOD WE HAVE SOMEONE HIGHER THAN A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO PROMISES TO PROVIDE OUR EVERY NEED ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY...And, Oh, how HE is providing...**

Brother Santos estimates it will cost approximately \$5,000 to rebuild a rural church; double that amount for town churches. **If someone would like to help rebuild a church, what a blessing this would be.** These will be brand new communities as the Governments, both in Honduras and Nicaragua, are prohibiting the people from re-building close to a river. In Moralico, Honduras, the Government is giving the people land to re-build and has promised our Mission land for a Church and a Kitchen.

We have been **amazed** at how God has touched hearts to help us in this Disaster Relief. Churches and people we have never seen have had the confidence to send money, food, clothing, medicine, etc., to Good Samaritan Baptist Missions to help these people. *God bless you is our prayer.* We pray you won't forget these precious people...80% of all the crops are destroyed; they have no place to Work...**The Recovery Will Take a Long, Long Time...**

We plan to spend most of next year in Honduras...There will be no one here in the U.S. representing the Mission except YOU...Pastors, we would appreciate your recommending us to your pastor friends and let them know what we are doing. We have **National Pastors and Bible Institutes** that need support. Sponsors, if you are satisfied with the **Opportunity of a Lifetime program**, talk to your friends about helping a child. *The Radio is probably one of the greatest ministries we have to reach the masses with the Gospel and one ministry where we have the greatest need for Support. So, the Needs Are Great, but We Serve a Great God.*

*Bob and Joan Tyson*

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## Moralico, Honduras

This was the center of town. 350 houses were washed away by Hurricane Mitch.

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Pastor Benigno Rodriguez and 3 other pastors walked 18 hours in search of the pastor in Moralico, Manuel Ramirez. The town is now rocks and sand. When a new location is chosen for this town, the Mayor has promised a lot for our Mission to build a church and kitchen.

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This was once the church building and living quarters for Good Samaritan Baptist Missions and Pastor Manuel Ramirez. Manuel and his wife escaped the raging river with his wife tied on boards.

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**Mayor of  
Yusguare,  
Honduras,**

crossing the river  
on a rope

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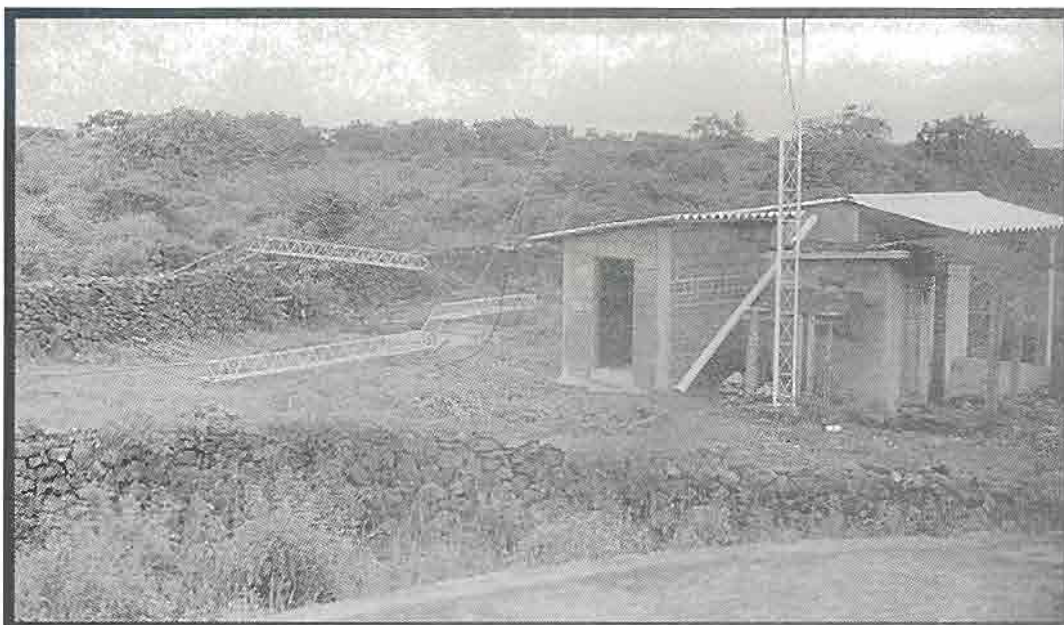


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**Comali,  
Honduras**

Pan-American  
Highway  
below boy's  
dormitory

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**Good Samaritan  
Radio Tower**

Over half of our  
antenna  
was blown down;  
all of this was  
brand new  
equipment.

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Thousands of pounds of corn were picked off the ground from the Mission farm, put in a home-made boat and pulled across the river.

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Mauricio pulls a boat with "life-saving" corn across river.

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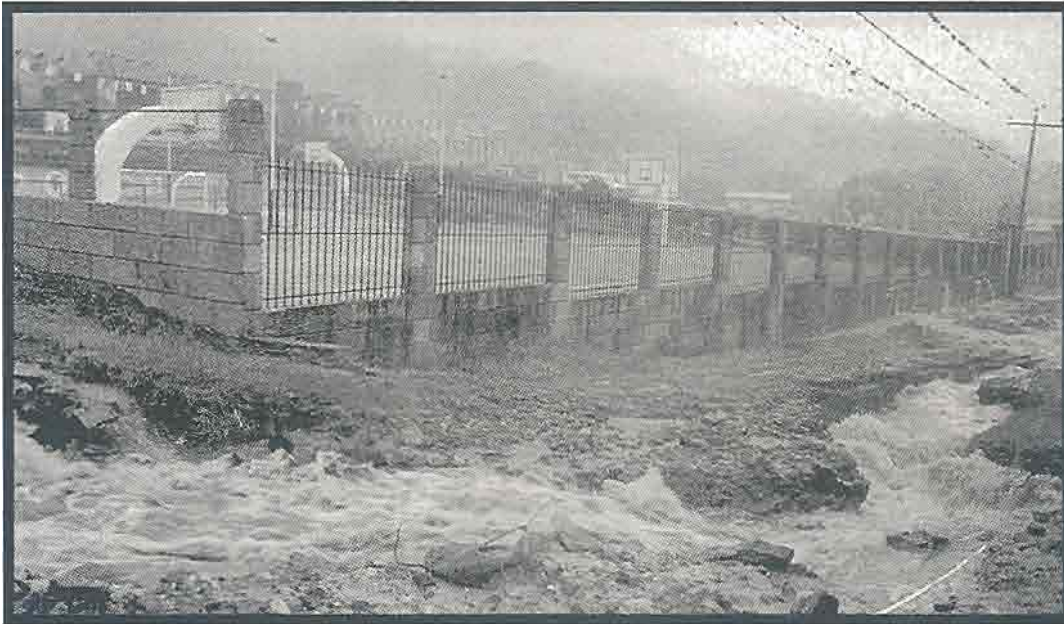


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Good Samaritan teachers and students are shelling corn which was sent to the lunchrooms and dormitories for tortillas.

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**San Marcos  
de Colón,  
Honduras**

The street in front of  
the High School  
was washed away.

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**Condega,  
Nicaragua**

This was the home  
of the father of  
Luis Guevara,  
Pastor of the  
church.

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**Tranqueras,  
Nicaragua**

The entire  
community,  
including the church  
and pastorium  
were washed  
away.

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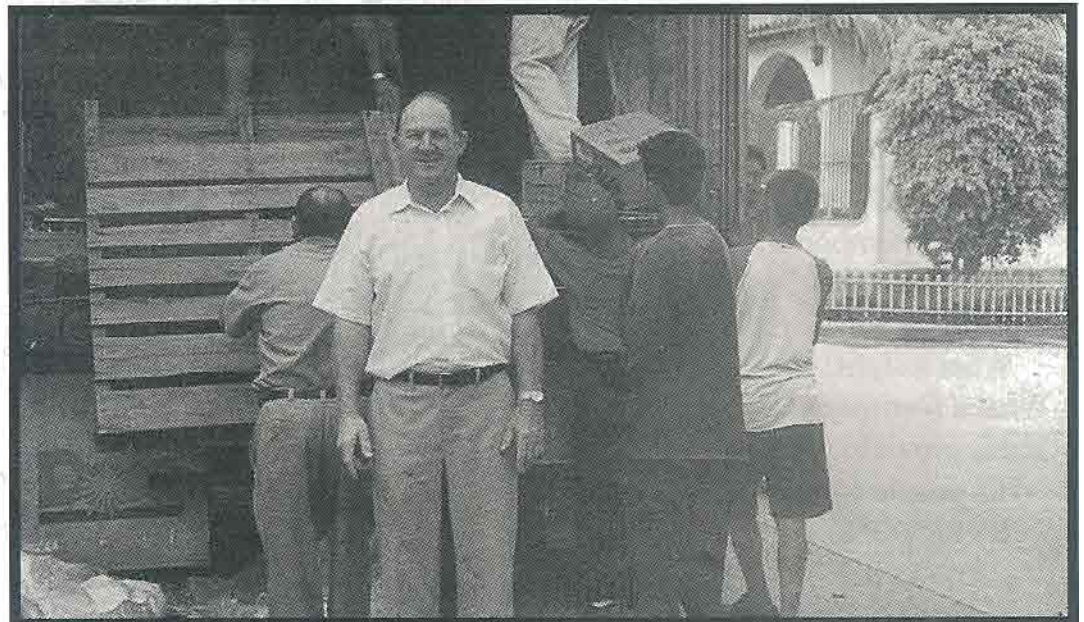
Sunday Morning,  
December 13th,  
we received our  
first shipments  
of food, clothing and  
medicine from  
the U.S.

What a blessing and  
what a testimony of  
our Lord providing  
for His people as two  
large Dole Pineapple  
trucks drove into San  
Marcos loaded with  
provisions.

Soon the streets were  
filled with people as  
they witnessed God's  
blessings. *The help  
to unload was  
overwhelming.*

These first 2  
containers were  
shipped by Jess  
Stokely of Christian  
Alliance based in  
Texas. We thank Mr.  
Stokely and also a  
special thanks to Roy  
Cridler and Jim Ishee  
of Royal Metal  
Products in  
Douglasville, Ga. who  
are so generously  
supplying their  
warehouse, containers  
and doing the shipping  
of goods from  
Georgia. Two  
containers are in the  
Honduras port now  
and 2 more are to be  
shipped next week.

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Monday,  
December 14th,  
we announced by  
radio for our pastors  
to come on Tuesday  
in trucks. Many  
people worked  
Sunday afternoon  
and all day Monday  
separating clothes  
and food for the  
different villages.



Tuesday,  
December 15th,  
the pastors began  
arriving early and  
by mid-afternoon  
everything was  
cleaned out.  
What a **sight!**  
What a **testimony!**  
God is providing for  
His people and  
**EVERYONE**  
knows it.



Two more  
containers are now  
at the port and two  
more are almost  
ready for shipment.

To God Be The  
Glory!

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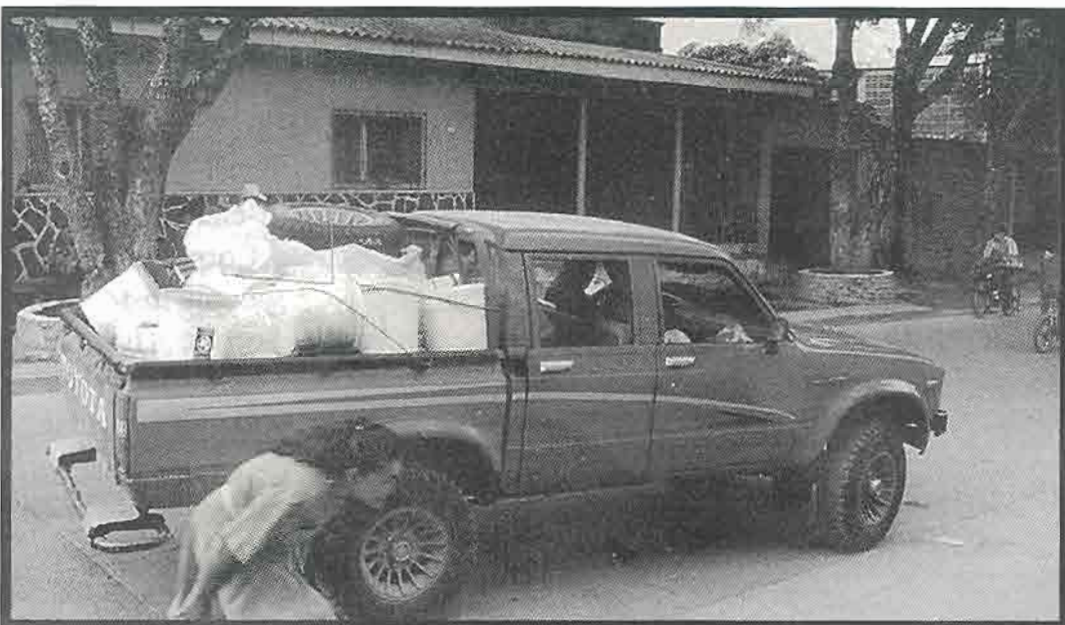
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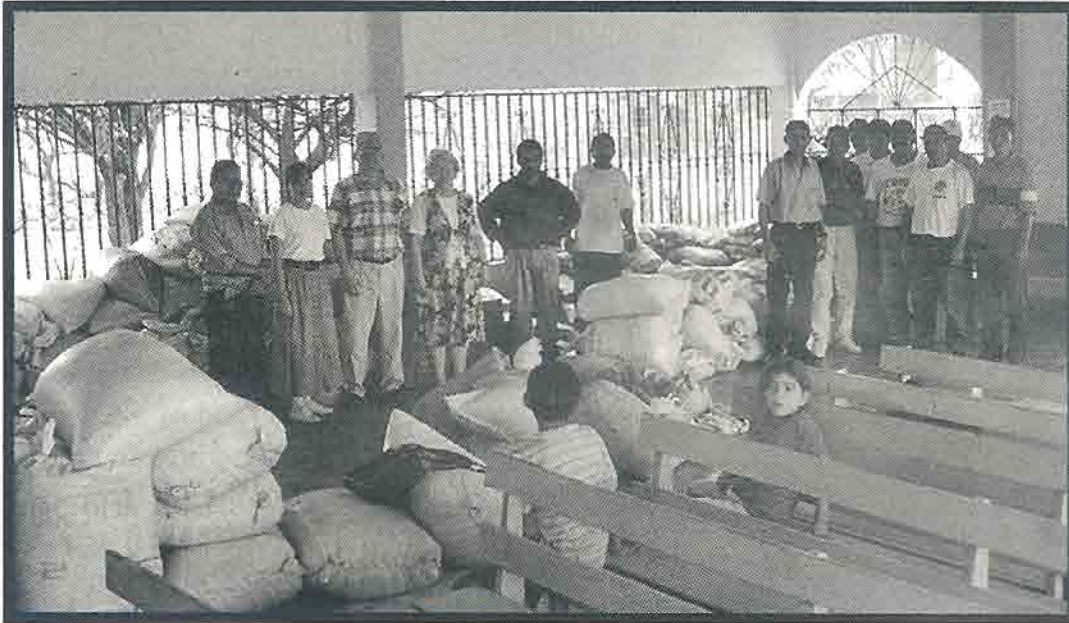
A load of medicine is given to the Choluteca Hospital. (On the left is Bill Smith from Greenville, SC. We thank Bill and David Lackey for their needed help during this time.



The Good Samaritan Baptist Mission helps the one "fallen by the roadside." One doesn't have to belong to one of our churches to receive help. Now is the time in Honduras and Nicaragua to show the *unconditional love of CHRIST!*

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Over 50,000 lbs. Of food was bought in Honduras and divided out to Pastors to be distributed to the needy in the Choluteca area.

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A new Feed the Hungry Kitchen was opened in Pillados, Honduras.

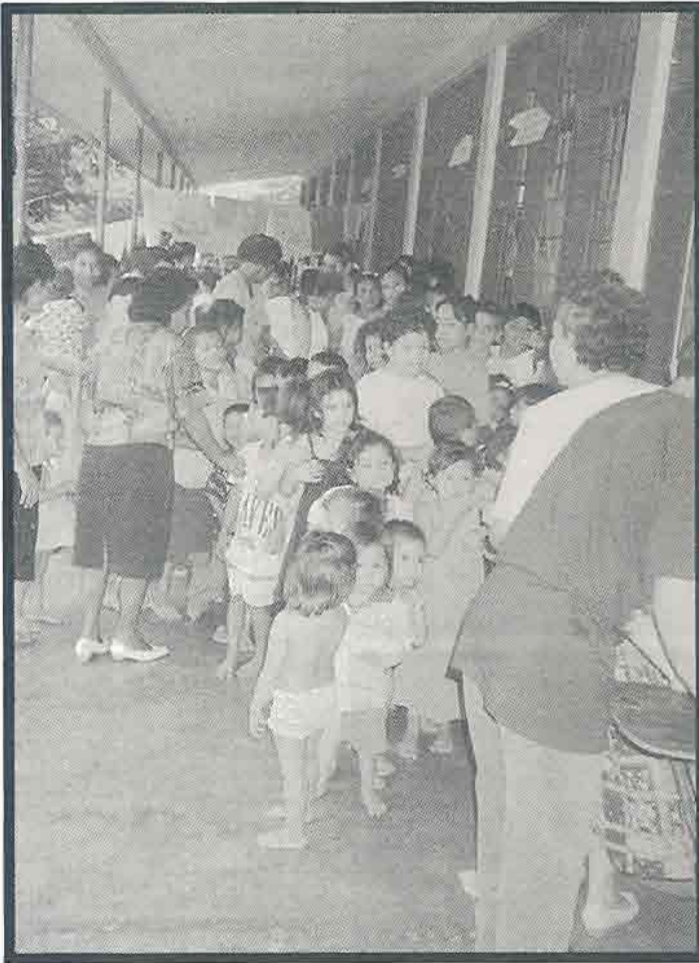
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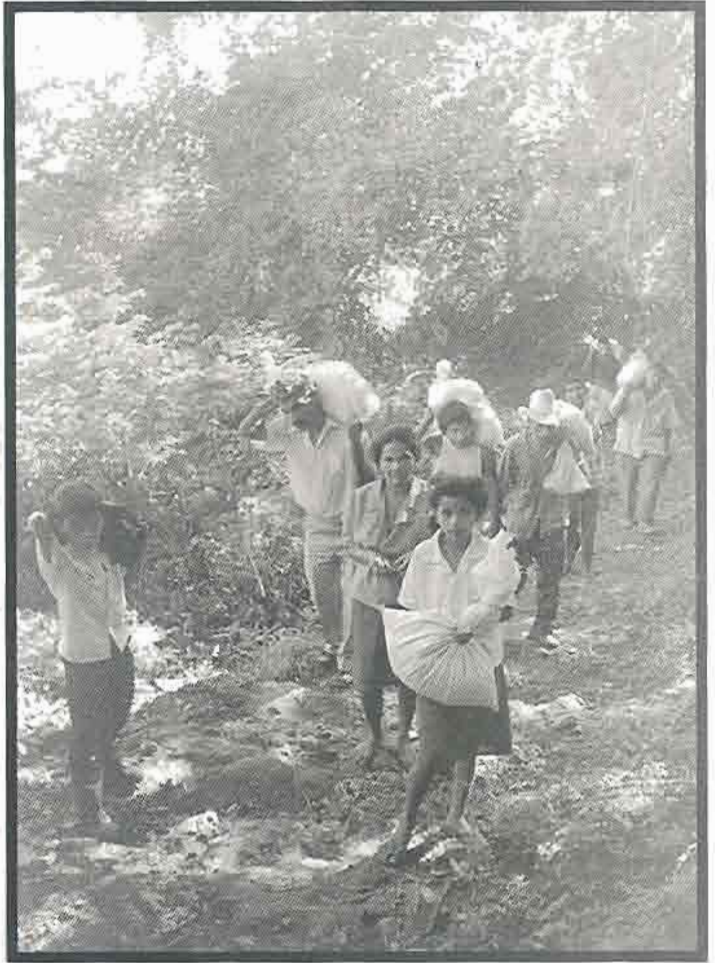
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In Agua Fria, a mission from the church in El Corpus, many people lost their homes. They are given sacks of food on a regular basis.

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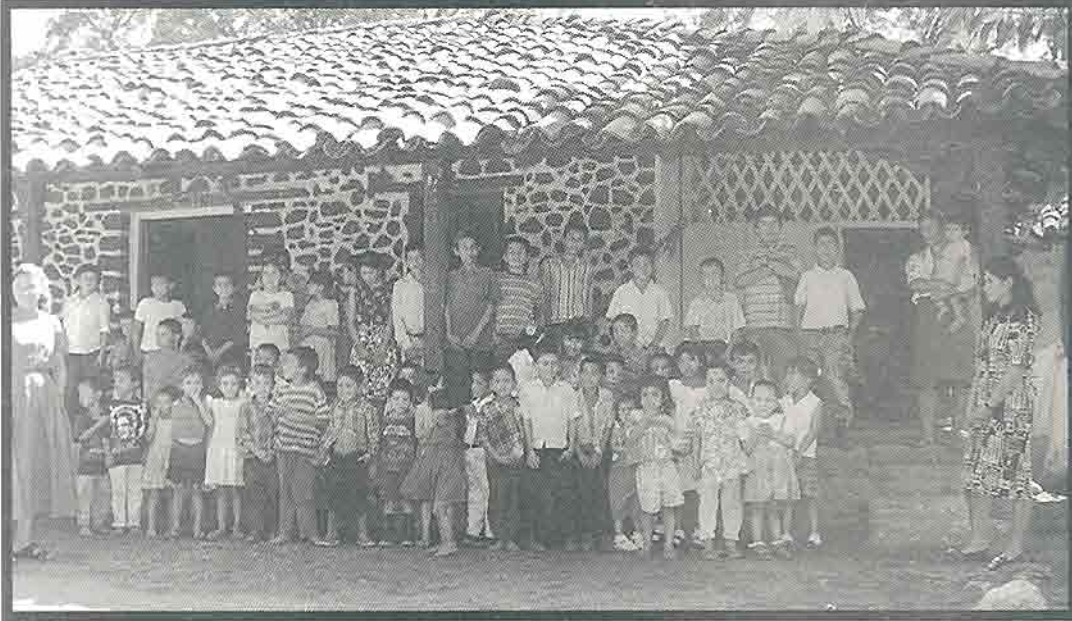
167 people are being fed by Pastor Jose Zamora and his wife in El Progreso, Honduras, in a public school house. Women of the church cook the food daily.



People from the mountain area of El Corpus are taking in food that Pastor Efraim has given to them.



Brother Julio Triminio is shown with a group of people in an area outside of San Marcos who have been given food.



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New Kitchen in  
Caire, Honduras

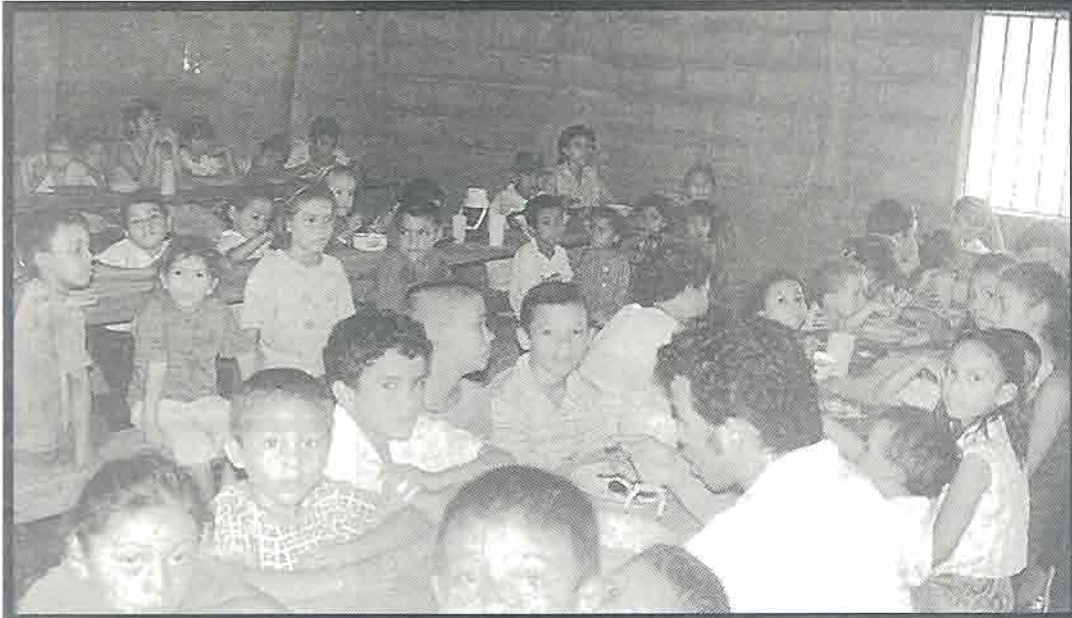
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Food Sacks given  
out in Divisadero

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Feed the Hungry  
Kitchen in  
Choluteca

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Our Elderly also received Christmas sacks and a special Christmas meal. Since the hurricane we're "bursting at the seams" and there are also several eating outside. We thank the Lord our old building wasn't washed away as we still need it for a while. Construction has started on our new center and one half of this old building has now been torn down.



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This used to be a small stream coming out of a mountain - a beautiful place...As we made our journey up this mountain we couldn't believe what our eyes were seeing.

Only 2 houses and a schoolhouse were left out of a large community.

Would you believe in the midst of all the devastation we found the **Word of God**, which was still readable, and open to the last chapter of Mark.

*“Go Into All the World and Preach the Gospel”*

That's what Benigno has been doing in this little schoolhouse where we're not only giving beans and rice but he's preaching to these people. Twenty-five have been saved.

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These are but a few of the hundreds of Christmas sacks made possible by Opportunity Sponsors.

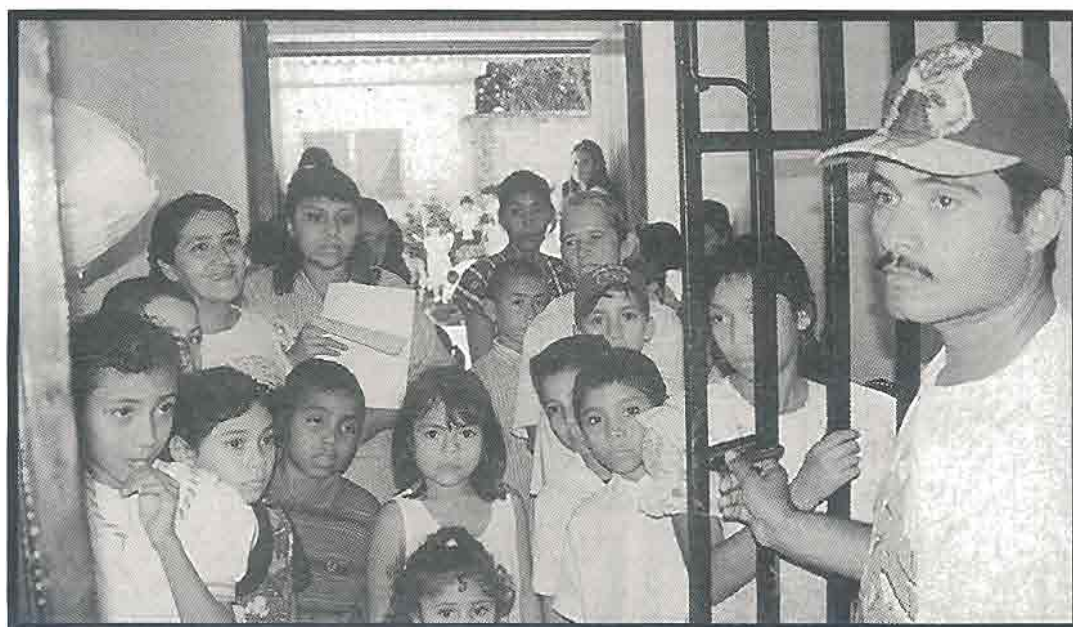
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Sponsors George and Joy Thornton have made "Jeny" a very happy little girl. All the sadness that "Mitch" brought is now forgotten as Jeny holds her very own Bible, a new dress, a bed and many other things.

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Others wait anxiously for their names to be called to receive Christmas.

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## *Hurricane Mitch*

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