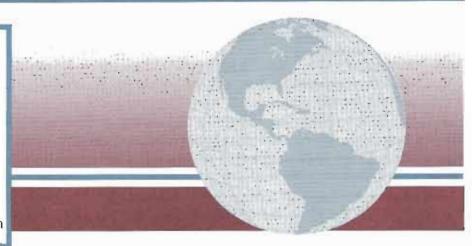
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Bob and Joan Tyson and the Children of Honduras

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers in Christ,

When we began this letter, we were in Honduras. We are finishing it sitting by the bedside of Bob in the hospital in Villa Rica, Georgia.

On Saturday, July 13th, we saw a group off in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. It had been another wonderful experience. We met many first-time visitors and enjoyed seeing their reaction as they witnessed what God is doing on the mission field and shared their joy as many met their sponsored children for the first time. After the group left, Bob complained of a feeling like something had hit him on the side of his neck but thought he was probably coming down with a sore throat. Later that afternoon in the home of Steve and Scarleth, he felt the same thing again. This time it was harder, his kidneys were out of control for over an hour, and he had a hard chill.

Immediately, we began to arrange for Bob to leave for the United States. However, on Sunday morning he was feeling much better so we decided I would return to San Marcos and send back all of Bob's medicine, then Steve would take him to the States on Monday for a check-up. Monday morning, July 15th, while Steve was checking them in at the airport, Bob passed out at the American Airline counter with what we now know was a seizure. The paramedics came and needless to say, the airlines would not let Bob fly until a doctor gave orders that it was okay. A doctor in Tegucigalpa gave medicine for seizures and a letter stating he could fly. He went directly from the Atlanta Airport to the Villa Rica Hospital, where he spent the next 5 days. Saturday Bob was discharged but he suffered another seizure within 4 hours. He was transported back to the hospital by ambulance and was put in Intensive Care. After 4 days in Intensive Care, he was moved to a room this morning (Wednesday) and this is where I am writing this letter.

In our last newsletter, we told about all the Honduran pastors and representatives from each church having a special day for Bob. They remembered the time when the Gospel came into their village and the changes that has taken place in their lives and thousands of others because of one man's obedience to the call of God to carry the Gospel. A few weeks ago the town of San Marcos de Colón, Honduras, and surrounding areas paid special tribute to Bob and me...not only for bringing the Gospel but showing the love of Christ to suffering people through Feed the Hungry kitchens, educating their children through the Sponsorship program, preaching the Gospel over radio, establishing churches, etc., etc. It was a sight to behold as hundreds and hundreds marched through the streets to show their appreciation. We were quick to tell them that it's our Lord Jesus Christ who receives all the Honor and Glory. We are only His instruments and He has worked through us to bring the Good News of salvation and hope to so many towns and villages in Honduras.

As I was making this National Pastors Newsletter, I added up all the salvations and baptisms in the last three months - 946 professions of faith and 233 baptisms.

Everywhere you go there is activity...ehurch constructions, pastoriums, new kitchens, and, of course, the beautiful tabernacle. The Comali tabernacle is still under construction. The windows are being installed and rooms are being built on each side. Here is where our Bible School students will live and study. We trust you will still remember us with your offerings to help on this project. God has a definite purpose for the building of this tabernacle and Bible Institute. We may not live to see it but we believe with all our hearts that many men of God will be trained in this place if the Lord tarries His coming. We are so grateful to everyone who has been touched to help a national preacher or help build a church where the people can worship. You will never really know what a blessing this is to these people. In all our years of ministry, we have never seen people so enthused and working so diligently to reach souls for Christ. Almost every village we go into, there is some kind of activity...campaigns, baptisms, weddings, etc. There are a lot more professions of faith than there are baptisms. Remember, most of these adults have never been married and, if they are living together, they must be married before they can be baptized. It takes

Juan Ramon Maradiaga, Wife and baby, Mandy

He pastors in Concepción de Maria. Bro. Juan was saved in a Feed the Hungry Kitchen when he was a young boy. Now he is rejoicing because a kitchen has been opened in his village.



Feed the Hungry Kitchen in Azacualpa

This is where the Feed the Hungry Program began many years ago. Children eat in shifts. We need a new and larger kitchen in this place.



This is how the food is cooked. Notice the stove pipe in the corner, something Bro. Bob started years ago. People were accustomed to the smoke boiling out into the room.





Church Construction and Congregation in El Corpus, Honduras



Classrooms and housing for Bible Institute are under construction alongside the tabernacle in Comali, Honduras. We've been unable to do any fund raising for this part of the construction because of Bob's illness. But we believe the Lord will touch the hearts of His people to help us so young preachers will have a place to be taught and trained in God's Work.



National Pastors

Left to right:

Jorge Rizo (been with Good Samaritan Missions for 30 years), Victor Maldonado (San Lorenzo), Carlos Ordonez (El Triunfo), Merlin Lopez (Choluteca), & Roman Martinez (Divisadero)

All of these pastors are graduates of Samaritan Bible Institute, Bro. Jorge is a teacher and pastor.

a little while to get the appropriate papers together and the legal work done to be able to marry.

A few weeks ago another Children's Kitchen was opened in the town called La Concepción de Maria. We were there for this occasion and it was a blessing to see 80 little children eating a good meal. Not a crumb was left. When I asked the pastor a few days ago how the kitchen was doing, he said, "Sister Joan, we ran out of food the third week. Everyday more than 100 children came and we didn't have the heart to turn them away. So the cooks cooked more food and the food ran out before the end of the month."

In our Feed the Elderly Center, our dear Brother Cirilio was called to Heaven last week. Those of you who have visited here might remember him. He was the one who walked so far down the highway to come to the kitchen and he even walked to Sunday School on Sundays. He never missed...even after being hit by a car and suffering a broken hip...he recovered and used his walker to walk and was the first to arrive at the kitchen. We had his casket ready because we knew he had only a few days. His funeral was held at the kitchen he loved so much. So many of the elderly are sick and one by one Jesus is calling them home. However It's Not the End...It's Their Beginning. Stephany, our granddaughter, said, "Mommy, what do you think it was like when Bro. Cirilio opened his eyes in Heaven?" I can't imagine! The Bible says it has not entered into our hearts what God has in store for those who love Him...I cannot imagine what Bro. Cirilio thought but one day I will know.

A fax came this morning signed by all the national pastors, which said "All of the pastors and churches are praying for you, trusting that God will answer our prayers. We want to tell you that the work you began here in Honduras and Nicaragua, we are carrying it on preaching the Word of God and doing the work that God has called us to do here. We always remember your counsels that help us so much in our ministry. We love you very much and desire that soon you will be with us again."

We need your prayers. God's work will go on. Steve returns to Honduras on Friday to oversee the work. I will remain with Bob here in the States until the doctor says we can return to the field together. He is already talking about going back to Honduras and the doctor says when they get the seizures under control, we can go back. Life is not sitting around waiting for something bad to happen. Life is working and being a blessing to others until God calls us home.

Love in Christ, Bob and Joan Tyson



La Concepción de Maria Feed the Hungry Kitchen - Feeding 80 children daily



Town of San Marcos de Colón and surrounding areas came out in great numbers to show their appreciation to the missionaries for bringing them the Gospel.



Guards, who work for Good Samaritan Baptist Missions and protect the things of God, marched hand in hand.



People said that never had there been a turn out of people like this...not even when the President came to San Marcos de Colón. Good Samaritan
High School
Students
led the parade.



A big crowd gathered in front of the Mayor's Office as Tonia Inestroza led our Christian Anthem "Amazing Grace".



Waldina Carcamo, a graduate of Samaritan High School, told how God used Good Samaritan Missions to find help for her illness in the United States. She told how a drug company donated \$250,000.00 in medicine and a hospital provided the care.





This little girl touched everyone's heart as she told how Jesus saved her mom and gave her an opportunity to study and graduate. Now He is giving her the same opportunity through our Opportunity Program and Christian School.

Joan Tyson thanked the people
but encouraged them to give Jesus
all the
Honor and Glory
for
everything that has been done.
"We are His instruments.
He is the one
who sent us to Honduras
and this is His Work."



Bro. Cirilio
stood and gave
his testimony in
the Elderly Center before
he went home to be with
the Lord.



Bro. Cirilio is pictured here as he neared his time to depart from a life of suffering to a life of bliss.



This precious elderly lady is in her last days of life here on earth.





Mother's Day Service in Elderly Center

Seated is the "Mother of the Year."



Special Service in High School



July 2, 2002

Bob and Joan Tyson's 48th Wedding Anniversary

We celebrated in Honduras with office workers, sewing academy and personnel. Construction of New Church in Santa Mira Honduras

The people are so excited to have a new building to worship in and fellowship.



Construction of New Church in El Corpus, Honduras

Family and Friends are building this in memory of Milton Beck.



Many of you who have visited us will remember our bus driver, Bro. Mario Sanchez, also a preacher and watches over our boys' dormitory. Glen Haven Baptist Church is building his family this home in Comali.



Honduras

Manuel Chavarria, El Corpus Saved 38 Baptized 8 We are preaching the Gospel in a new mission camp and one of the young men in our church will pastor this new work. Our new church building is under construction and is going to be beautiful for the honor and glory of the Lord. Santiago Colindres, Duyure Saved 18 Baptized 7 We have begun a new year of classes in the Bible Institute with 25 students. I have the opportunity once again to direct the Institute. We had a campaign in the church with all the Bible students and it was a wonderful time of fasting and praying. Eight souls were saved. We've bought property in one of our mission camps and we're praying the Lord will provide for a church here. Our brothers and sisters have to meet outside. A church will cost approximately \$10,000.00. Oscar Vallejo, El Puente Saved 23 Baptized 8 Lost people are listening to God's message of salvation and they are responding. The church is growing and we have a lot of new members. Our church desires to have Bibles to be able to give to the new believers. Luis Alonzo Pastrana, Azacualpa I've been busy preaching in campaigns and in my church work. I helped to put the big tent up and take it down. One of our great blessings is to receive money to build the church at our mission Santa Mira. Benigno Rodriguez, Yusguare Baptized 43 With a group from the United States, we evangelized in two communities with the results of 20 people making professions of faith in Christ. Two people were saved when I visited the son of one of our deacons in the hospital in Tegucigalpa. Forty people were saved under the tent with all our pastors participating. Our missionaries, the Tysons, were witnesses of this great blessing. One of our young pastors got married and I preached in his wedding. I am teaching in the Bible Institute. Five couples were married and baptized in June. Federico Canales Osorto, Danli Saved 26 Baptized 13 We had 2 weddings in the Mayor's office and then in the church. On the 24th, it was my seventh time to baptize precious souls. Seven of the people baptized were fruit from our mission camp. Ronald Antonio Martinez, Choluteea Saved 4 Baptized 3 Feast of the first fruits, fasting and prayer, baptisms, Lord's Supper, and a campaign are some of our activities that the Lord has blessed us with. The wife of one of our members was saved this month. Carlos Ordoñez, El Triunfo Saved 45 We've had a campaign in the mission camp of Carpules and the Lord has permitted us to begin preaching in another new area. Jose Donaldo Aguilera, Tapaire Saved 7 Our project of cementing the walk from the road to the church is almost finished. The lunchroom is a special blessing -100 children are eating everyday. Jose del Carmen Carcamo, Choluteca Saved 9 In spite of the fact that I'm ill and one night I thought I was dying, the church is going forward and they are working and happy. Victor Maldonado, San Lorenzo Saved 30 Baptized 17 We continue with the project of building a pastorium. We have about \$1500.00 and praying that the Lord will touch hearts to help us. Saved 23 Ronmel Gomez, El Naranjal My wife and I are very happy in our new life together. God has given me a helpmate in His Work. We've just installed another young preacher from our church in the Bible Institute. This will make a total of 6 pastors who have come out of our church. Jose Santos Sanchez, Duyusupo Saved 9 Baptized 9 We've had a prayer campaign and an evangelistic campaign. Two young people received the Lord. We have a beautiful flower garden around the church. We want the best and the most beautiful for God. Marvin Renan Ortiz, Las Pitas Saved 7

Saved 9

Baptized 2

The Lord is manifesting Himself in a great way, saving many souls.

We've been preaching in a new place outside the city.

Pompilio Escalante, El Paraiso

Jose Rene Linarez, Filadelfia Baptist, El Carmen

Saved 11

Thanks to God our work is not in vain. The Lord has always been with me and helps me and protects me. The wife of one of our members was saved. We are rejoicing over this. We were in a campaign with all the pastors and many people were saved. I give thanks to God because all I ask He gives me. I asked Him for a wife and on May 4th, I got married.

Roman Antonio Martinez, Divisadero

Saved 16

Baptized 6

We've had two weddings of two couples who received Christ in our mission camp and later were baptized. The children are now eating in the new lunchroom, which is a great blessing. We have several couples who have been saved and are now preparing papers to get married. Soon we'll have a lot of baptisms and weddings.

Pedro Estrada, San Francisco

Saved 15

Baptized 4

Very soon we will have our third church in this area which has been much work but much blessing. We have had weddings and baptisms in this new area.

Jose Manuel Ramirez, Nueva Morolica

Saved 1

In a service in San Marcos when I was preaching with Pastor Ramon Aguirre, a retired captain of the Honduran Army was saved. We are so happy and grateful to the Lord for the beautiful temple He has given us in Morolica.

Juan Ramon Maradiaga, La Concepción de Maria

Saved 17

Baptized 10

We had a campaign in the church with a different preacher each night and souls were saved. We're thanking God for our Children's Lunchroom, which opened with 80 children receiving the blessing of one good meal a day. We've had weddings and baptisms.

Roberto Espinoza, Marcovia

Saved 27

Baptized 8

I have been in many places preaching, baptizing, marrying and serving the Lord's Supper. God is working here in a marvelous way.

Juan Ramon Aguirre, San Marcos de Colón

Saved 13

We are building a pastorium for the church. The church has \$10,000.00 and the pastorium is costing \$15,000.00. But we believe the Lord will give us all we need. Six high school students received the Lord in June.

Jorge Rizo, Nacaome

Saved 10

Baptized 6

It is a great joy for me to tell you that my ministry is growing. I traveled 600 kilometers to preach in different places in Nicaragua. By God's grace, He has protected me from great danger. A child jumped from a truck in front of me and I hit him with my little truck. It was unavoidable. I thank God only his leg was broken. I have had to pay all the medical expenses.

Bellarmino Rios Mendoza, Pillados

Saved 22

God has not only been blessing in Pillados, giving us money to start construction in the kitchen for the children but He has blessed me in evangelism. I have preached in different campaigns and the Lord has saved souls.

Jose Efraim Sandoval, Jacaleana, El Paraiso

Saved 4

An elderly lady gave her life to Christ. Our little church is growing. We have a total of 50 children and 15 adults. I ask you to pray for our missionaries and the radio stations, which are such a blessing to us pastors. We are able to preach the Gospel on the radio, which is an open door to meet the people.

Julio Aguirre, Los Tablones

Saved 72

Baptized 15

We had a group of visitors from the U.S. and in door to door visitation, 57 people gave their life to the Lord and the church is in victory. In June a couple were married and that night four more were saved. On the 28th, in a ladies service, four women were saved. The visit of Bro. Bill and Johnnie Smith was a special blessing to us.

Merlin Lopez Mendoza, Choluteca

Saved 2

Life here in the city is much more expensive than in my village. The church pays my rent but I pay lights and water. In the village I had a cow and a garden and I also had chickens so it has been hard for our family. But the Lord always provides for us. The church is doing a lot of projects like putting the fence, water and windows in the church.

Rene Gabriel Lagos, Los Planes

Saved 8

I am rejoicing because my mother gave her life to Christ. Also we're walking to a new mission camp ten kilometers but we are happy because we are working for the Lord. There is no road here for a vehicle.

Jose Zamora, El Progreso
Denys Alexis Vallejo, El Jicarito
Monrique Moncada, Choluteca

Saved 2 Saved 3

Saved 3

Baptized 1 Baptized 160

Totals for Honduras

Saved 565

Nicaragua

Santos Casco, National Director, Condega Saved 18 Baptized 21 I thank God that we are so blessed to be able to raise up more churches this year. In June two were saved in my ministry and I baptized 13 in different places. I am teaching in the Bible Institute and always traveling to different areas to help the pastors and oversee the constructions. The church here in Condega is growing. Last Sunday eight were baptized. It fills me with joy to see men and women walk an hour to get to Sunday School. In April I preached eleven times and sixteen came to the Lord. Five new works have been raised up. Lucio Silva Garcia, Yali Saved 2 We've had services in homes of lost people where two made professions of faith. One was the owner. I have made seven missionary journeys to this place and we're praying the Lord will raise up a congregation here. Favio Videa, Esteli Saved 4 We had a three day meeting in one of the sections of the city where two more were saved. Our living room won't hold all the people for Sunday School and this is a blessing because our purpose and goal is to reach people for Christ. We are praying God will provide land for us. I am still working as Director of our Bible Institute and preaching on the Samaritan Radio stations in Honduras and Nicaragua. Carlos Hernandez, Somoto Saved 19 Baptized 3 Two have been saved, six children dedicated, one baptized, weddings and a 6-day meeting in San Antonio. In April six adults and two children were saved. Luis Gutierrez, El Triunfo Saved 44 Baptized 2 We have 140 children enrolled in a Bible course for children. Also, I preached in a campaign where four received the Lord and five were reconciled. I was preaching in the communities of Montevideo, La Flor and Metaron. The results were 16 saved and 2 reconciled. During this time, we met seven sick people and one had to be taken to the hospital. Sergio Lopez Joya, Rio Abajo Saved 27 Everything is marching forward and the work is growing. Aristides Matey, Palaeaguina Saved 12 Baptized 6 In one of our mission camps, we have begun construction and in another we have bought land to build a church where we have 26 saved. Mario Videa, Matagalpa Saved 3 We have been passing through sad times because of the death of my wife's mother but the work of God has not stopped. In April we opened a new Sunday School class in another village about eight kilometers away. We have 30 children there. Eduardo Antonio Reyes, La Trinidad Saved 12 So far this year, twelve have received the Lord including my own father. Jose Esteban Acuna, Ocotal Saved 16 Baptized 6 I have no way to repay the Lord for the health, the strength and the will to work in His Work. We are having many campaigns and many projects. We have five missions and have Sunday School in each place. We have built the first temple in one of these places and we go forward with the project of building more temples. We are opening a new work in El Limon, Jalapa, 80 kilometers away. Santiago Sequeira, Las Sabanas Baptized 9 Saved 23 Our church is finished but we have no seats which will cost \$600.00 and electricity which is \$300.00. Also it would be a blessing to have a horse and saddle to go to the communities where I preach. Julio Herrera, Aposento Alto Saved 2 We're raising up a new work where two have been saved. Santos Matey, Malpaisillo Saved 3 In a campaign in May, two were saved. Gerardo Gonzales, Quilali Saved 6 Baptized 5 We thank the Lord for our pastorium which is almost finished. Luis Lopez, Light of the Jungle Baptized 6

Luis Ernesto Montalvan Cruz, Platanares

Saved 3

God has given me a marvelous wife and she's helping me in the work, teaching Sunday School,

Three pastors from the mission visited us and we had a beautiful baptism.

Juan Gaitan, Totogalpa

Saved 13

We have approximately 90 children studying the Bible and 47 have received their first certificate. We are praying for benches for our church, which will cost approximately \$60.00 per bench.

Luis Alonso Canales, Wiwili

Saved 32

We held a campaign in Wiwili, Jinotega, with Brother Fernando Cabra and we thank the Lord for 32 people who came to the feet of Christ.

Eliseo Molina Caballero, Sebaco

Saved 6

On April 9th we moved here to Sebaco and on the 15th we had a campaign until the 21st. Five people received the Lord. On the 28th we had our first Sunday School and eleven were present. There is no Gospel church here. Please pray for us. We're in great need of Bibles, tracts and other Spanish Christian literature. If you could help us it would be a blessing. We are holding services in two different parts of town - one in my house and the other in a different neighborhood in the house of a new believer. One more has been saved and so we have five saved and a congregation of 10 with my family.

Justo Rene Casco, Calpules

Saved 3

You cannot imagine the joy I felt when I received a bicycle from one of my sponsors, Mrs. Marcy Smith. The Bible tells us to ask with faith and we shall receive. Now it is much easier to visit the brothers and sisters especially those who live far away.

Maximo Casco, San Juan de Rio Coco

Saved 13

We have been building on our church for a month and little by little we have the hope that one day we will have our temple. Solomon, the king, was building for 40 years the tabernacle of God. We ask for your prayers. We need approximately \$6000.00 and we are trusting the Lord to help us. We had a beautiful campaign where ten adults and two children were saved.

Margarito Ramirez Videa, Wiwili

Saved 26

I walk many miles to preach and I'm asking the Lord for a bicycle. Also my wife is suffering with her teeth, which will cost \$150.00 to fix them. I'm preaching on a small local radio station, which is a blessing and many homes listen to the program.

Monico Alvarado, Leon	Baptized 2
Efraim Baez, Cusmapa	Saved 3 Baptized 2
Luis Enrique Ramirez Cruz, Pueblo Nuevo	Saved 3
Santos Nicolas Gutierrez, La Plazuela	Saved 1
Calixto Lopez, San Isidro	Saved 13
Arcenio Lopez, La Santos Chontales	Saved 1
Pablo Castellon Cruz, La Palagua	Sayed 13
Guillermo Acuna Tercera, Esteli	Saved I
Juan Jose Gonzales, Potrerillo	Saved 4
Miguel Jiminez, Aguas Calientes	Saved 7
Eufemio Orozco, Managua	Saved 3
Freddy Lopez, Ocotal	Saved 5
Jose Ramon Matey Iglesia, El Pedernal	Saved 2
Rafael Arteaga Zamora, Yalaquina	Saved 2
Totals for Nicaragua	Saved 345 Baptized 62

Mexico

Vidal Videa, San Luis Potosi

Saved 15 Baptized 11

The church here in San Luis is going forward with the new pastor, Brother Benny Salazar. The church is helping him with \$640.00 a month for all his expenses including Social Security. This month another young man from our church will be graduating form a seminary in Monterrey and he will be taking one of the missions we started. We're praying God will provide for his support.



Paulino Benavidez Morales, Missionary to Costa Rica

Saved 16

As a result of our work for the Lord in the church in Santa Cruz, ten were saved in March and April. In the church where Brother Edier Urbina pastors, one was saved on April 27th. In the church of Filadelphia where Brother Graciano pastors, four were saved. In Guardia where Herber Soto pastors, four were saved. In the church of Rio Seco where Mainor Ortiz pastors, two were saved giving a total of 21 saved and 3 reconciled.

Edier Urbina Cruz, Santa Cruz

Saved 1

We continue working to reach souls for Christ and although it seems hard, there's always a remnant who wants a change in their lives in obedience to the Lord Jesus. We have twelve members in the church and these are joined together in one purpose...to win souls for Christ. In May we averaged 25 in Sunday School - 12 adults and 15 children.

Graciano Urbina Rodriguez, Filadelphia

Saved 4

The church continues to grow spiritually with four souls saved in May. We were visited by brothers from San Jose who helped us in evangelism door to door. We visited 128 homes and although they listened and showed interest, no one was saved but they did ask for Bible studies. We are trying to help the church in Santa Cruz to finish their construction. For this we need approximately \$300.00.

Totals for Costa Rica

Saved 21

Total Salvations 946 Total Baptisms 233

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