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Comali Tabernacle and International Bible Institute

February 3, 2003

Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

Graduations, constructions, Christmas activities and missionary journeys are just some of the things we want to tell you about in this letter. This letter will be long...but how can we crowd so many of God's blessings into just one page.

The Cornali Tabernacle will soon be finished and what a building it is. Since it's right across the highway from where we live, Bob and I sit on the porch and marvel at what God has done. It makes us proud because this is HIS tabernacle and it is so beautiful. The dedication of this building will be the first week in April...the same week the International Bible Institute will begin. All the churches in Honduras will be there - ***WE INVITE YOU TO COME.***

On November 30th, 117 students graduated from our grammar school and on December 1st, the Good Samaritan High School hosted a graduation for 16 Bi-Lingual Secretaries and 36 Bachelor in Computer students. As always for graduations, the buildings were packed with people standing. It was a wonderful time for the Gospel to be preached because there were so many lost people there who came to see their loved ones graduate.

On December 1st, the new church in El Corpus, Honduras, was dedicated. The Holy Spirit could be felt from the time we walked into this church...there was so much conviction throughout the service. It was a blessing to have Sister Anna Beck and her son, Kris, there. Their family raised the money to build this church in memory of their beloved husband and father, Milton Beck - a man who loved missions and is now home with the Lord. There was not even room to stand inside the church and the large porch outside was filled with people looking through the windows. The pastor told us there were people in this service, invited by friends, whom no one thought would ever come to church. ***But the exciting thing is they have continued to come and many have been saved; others have rededicated their lives.*** The church is full for every service. Pastor Quinn Evans, along with several of his church members, were also present for the dedication of a new Feed the Hungry Kitchen that Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Hiram, Georgia, built behind the new church building.

We cannot forget our beloved friend and co-laborer, Brother Doyle Gunter, who purchased all of this property in El Corpus several years ago. Brother Doyle is now with the Lord but truly his works are following him. *What a testimony Brother Doyle has left here in Honduras and Nicaragua as everywhere we go we see fruit of his labor.*

Christmas is always a busy but exciting time here. It takes us back to our own childhood to see the excitement of the children when they receive a Christmas sack. This year, thousands of Christmas sacks were given out, thanks to the generosity of you who shared with these dear children. The Christmas party for the Elderly touched the hearts of everyone present including our Mayor, Chief of Police and other people from town. Because you gave so generously, these precious old people had more presents than they could carry. As they went out the door, they were treated with a chicken to take home with them. ***We had asked them to make a list of what they would "like" to have and we were able to fulfill every wish.*** Some wanted beds, some shoes, some clothes, some blankets - everyone wanted food because they have no food at home. Everyone got a bag of food. I wish you could have been here.

Our family went to the hospital to take presents to the children and it was incredibly SAD...we were taken in a ward where children were almost starved to death. One little hand reached out for a piece of chocolate and after the first bite, the child started vomiting. ***Once again we realized what a terrible life many of these poor people have - but for a moment there was joy in the faces of the little children as they received their toys and candy.*** I was so upset I didn't even use the camera I had brought to make pictures.

On January 5th, we attended Bible School Graduation for seven preachers in Nicaragua. At the same time, seven others were ordained. These services were dedicated to Brother Bob Tyson, who brought the Gospel to them so many years ago.

Also in January, we made trips to the back country of Honduras for church dedications. Moralico was a place completely washed away by Hurricane Mitch and other countries helped to build a **New Moralico**. The Mayor gave our mission three pieces of property - we first built a kitchen for the children; then a pastorium where the pastor could live and hold church services; and then, thanks to Ken and Pat Hensley of Virginia, a beautiful church was built. We went there for this dedication, leaving at 3:00pm and returning to our house at 2:00am. Bob was able to go, along with our driver and another man to "protect us" from the road bandits. This was a 4-hour trip "way" back in the mountains. Food was waiting on our arrival and the church was packed with people as usual. *One was saved that night.*

The next morning at 9:00am, we left for another church dedication in Nicaragua in a place called "San Juan de Rio Coco". Bob was still tired from the night before so Luz, our housekeeper, and two preachers went with us. The trip was fine until we came to this huge river to cross and there was NO BRIDGE. All I could think about was "the trip back in the dark crossing this river". *Two ladies were saved on that day.*

We know this news will be a blessing to those of you who have visited the community of La Quesera, Honduras. **A revival is going on here - 40 souls have been saved in the past month and someone has already given land for a church.** One hundred forty-five people crowded in and around the little house where they were meeting last week.

To Everyone Who Has Given to Help Buy the New Equipment for the Radio Station in Casa Blanca, Honduras...We Want to Express Our Deep Gratitude. All we can continue to say is GOD IS SO GOOD. At the same time the Government gave a permit for an increase in power in Casa Blanca, they also gave a permit to increase the power in the AM station in Choluteca. Not only did enough come in for this equipment in Casa Blanca, would you believe that enough money has been received to buy a new and more powerful transmitter for this station also. So many of you heard the testimony of the woman, Maria, who called from El Salvador begging for the radio never to be taken off the air because in the community where she lives; she, her husband and another family had been saved. She said Samaritan Radio was the only radio that entered this far away community. When the idolatrous community refused their witness for Christ, her husband bought a loudspeaker, put it in a tall tree outside their house overlooking the community and they played Samaritan Radio all day long. When evil men came to take the loudspeaker down, they found the tree filled with "killer bees" and they had to flee.

NOW FOR AN UPDATE - Our pastor, Efraim Sandoval, went to this little community in El Salvador. This trip took 4 hours by bus after he reached the border. He found Maria Consuelo Venturo and the other Christians. He took Bibles to them and that night he preached in the park. *They have no church but now three more are saved.* The loudspeaker is still in the tree but the killer bees are gone. No one has threatened to take the loudspeaker out because they fear what the Lord may do and they continue to play the radio to the village. They asked for our preachers to come and have a campaign in the village. They said they would supply all the food and a place to stay. **Just as this story touched many hearts to help us pay for the equipment, we pray it will touch hearts to support Samaritan Radio on a monthly basis.** Only God knows the outreach of Samaritan Radio.

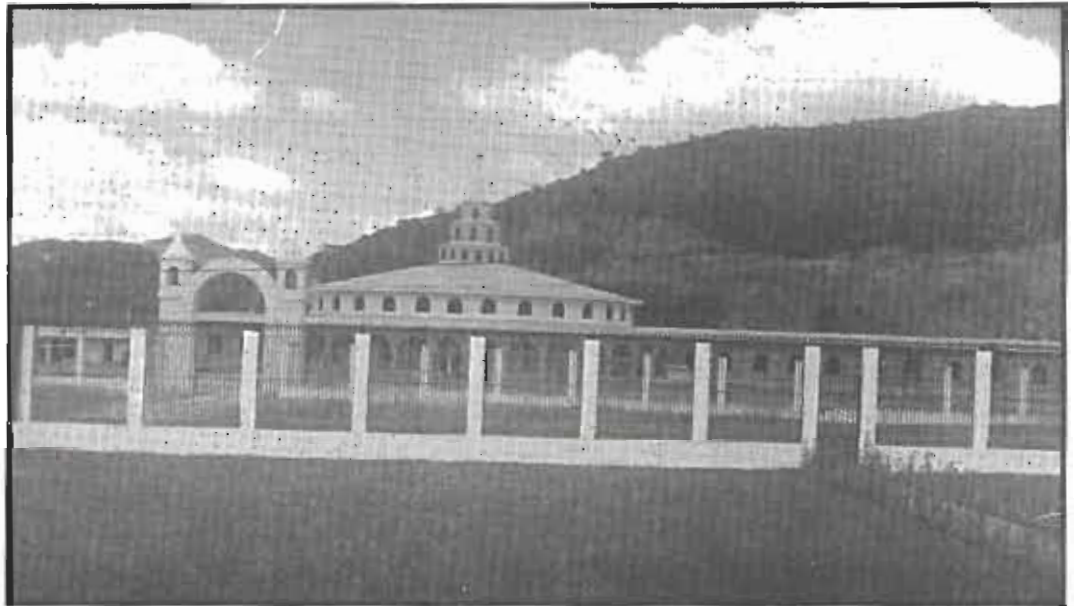
In closing this long letter, we just want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support, your love and your prayers during times that have been very hard for us...especially with Bob's sickness. But we haven't slowed down one minute and there is an urgency to work harder than ever. **Now we are endeavoring a NEW ministry and we need your SUPPORT more than ever.** This is the International Bible Institute that will begin

on April 1st in the new Comali tabernacle. We are expecting some 40 young preachers to come from Nicaragua and Honduras to study. There is nowhere for these preachers to work and *the Lord has laid it on our hearts to get support for them just as we do in the children's ministry.* You can adopt a student and this money will go to provide for that student and his family while he is studying. You will have a great part in the preparation and training of a young preacher and every place he goes to preach you will share in the fruit of his ministry. *It's going to take a lot of food and money to run this Bible Institute on a full-time basis, but just as God has always provided everything we have needed for His work, we are trusting Him to provide for this Bible Institute so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will continue to be preached in every town, village and community.* We will send you a picture of the student or students and you will be able to communicate with them on a monthly basis, sharing in everything they do for the Lord as they study HIS WORD.

Forgive us for this long letter, but these are exciting days here with so much happening. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love, prayers and financial support.

In Christ,
Bob and Joan Tyson

*When we look at these pictures of the "Via de Victoria" Bapt. Comali Tabernacle, our hearts overflow with emotion and amazement at **WHAT GOD CAN DO!!***



Please pray for the young men of God who will be learning God's Word here at the Bible Institute.

*Please remember this **GREAT NEED!***





Grammar School Graduation

A special blessing was to have Ken and Pat Hensley as our honored guest for this graduation. God has given them a very special love for this work.



Even though our granddaughter, Stephany, finished her 6th grade from ABeka Book, she walked down the aisle with her friends at Samaritan Grammar School to receive her diploma.



One hundred seventeen students graduated from sixth grade. The photos were made in sections because there were too many for one photo.



Elderly Christmas

**Beds, bags with gifts,
food and fruit baskets
were beautifully
prepared to make this a
Christmas these
precious elderly will
never forget.**



**The Commander of the
Military Police shared
in the joy of
giving out gifts.**



**The Policemen also
shared in this
wonderful time.**

Elderly Christmas

The Mayor gave a big hug as he shed tears on this occasion.



Other special guests, such as the Superintendent of Education for this area, also got in the spirit of what Christmas giving is all about.



These precious people are so full of love - their arms reach out to hold you.



Elderly Christmas



Apples are a luxury here because they are so expensive but, thanks to the Rockcut Baptist Builders Class, not only did the fruit baskets contain grapes, tangerines and other fruit but also *two delicious apples*. Many had probably never eaten an apple before.



Our old friend, Bro. Alberto, who is 102 or 103 now (I don't think anyone really knows), couldn't come to the Christmas Party because he can barely walk. Everyday he receives his "meal on wheels" (brought by bicycle). He was waiting when we went by to see him after the party.

Christmas for Good Samaritan Mission Family

**Pots of
Chicken
and
Rice**



**Bro. Mario
Sanchez
brought a
message.**



**Two hundred fifty were
present for this occasion.**



**The employees'
children
received gifts.**

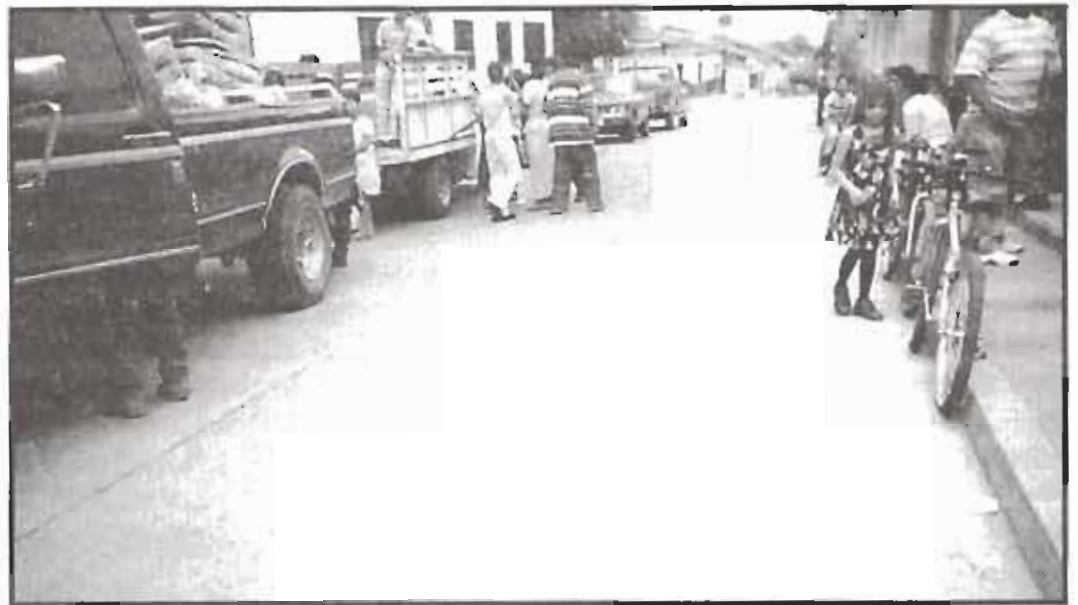


*Look at the
excitement on the
face of this
precious child and
her mother!*

**Opportunity
children
and parents lined
up for the
Christmas gifts
from their
sponsors.**



**Outside the
mission center,
vehicles waited to
take gifts to the
children in the
other villages.**

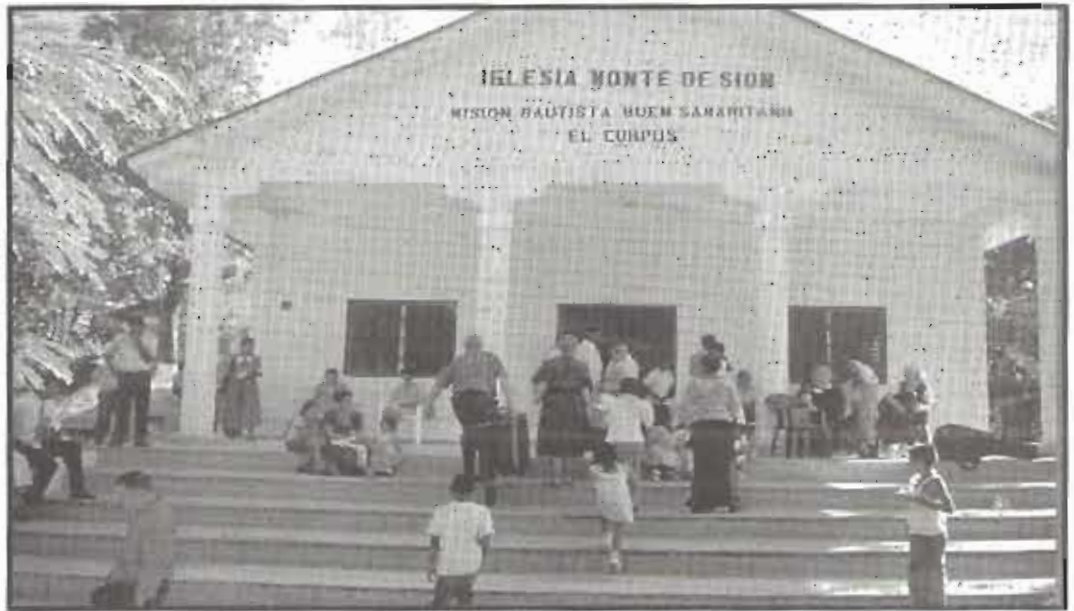


**Joan Tyson met with
the ambassador to
Japan, who was very
impressed with the
work of Good
Samaritan Baptist
Missions in San
Marcos de Colon.**



**El Corpus,
Honduras
Church
Dedication**

This is a view of the front of the church and the beautiful steps leading inside.



Sis. Anna Beck and her son, Kris, received a plaque at the dedication of the church. The Beck family raised the funds for this church in memory of Brother Milton Beck.



The church was packed for this wonderful day.

Praise God for the spirit of Revival that has flooded this congregation.





Carrizal, Honduras
(A Mission of the
Duyure Church)

What a blessing to be able to have their own church building!!! These people are all working - even the women and children.



A lot of the funds for this construction were sent in memory of our dear friend, Brother Doyle Gunter.

There was a service held on the lot giving thanks to the Lord for His BLESSINGS.



The people haul the rocks by oxen at the construction site.

Santa Mira, Honduras
(A Mission of the
Azacualpa Church)

They met for services
under a tree until God
touched the hearts of
Ken and Pat Hensley to
provide them with this
beautiful new church.



Can you imagine how
exciting this work is to
see the Light come into
a spiritually dark
community and see how
God saves and gives
hope to these poor
people?



New Work in
Vallecillo, Honduras

This work has been
raised up through
Samaritan Radio.
Pastor Pomilio
Escalante is now
pastoring these people.





La Trinidad,
Nicaragua

This new church building also houses our Christian School. This year we have Kindergarten through 10th grade.



This beautiful building was made possible by Bro. Doyle Gunter, a short while before he went to Heaven.



Las Partidas,
Nicaragua

This is a new mission church.

**San Juan de
Rio Coco, Nicaragua**

**We had to cross
the Coco River on our
way to San Juan.
There was no
bridge.**



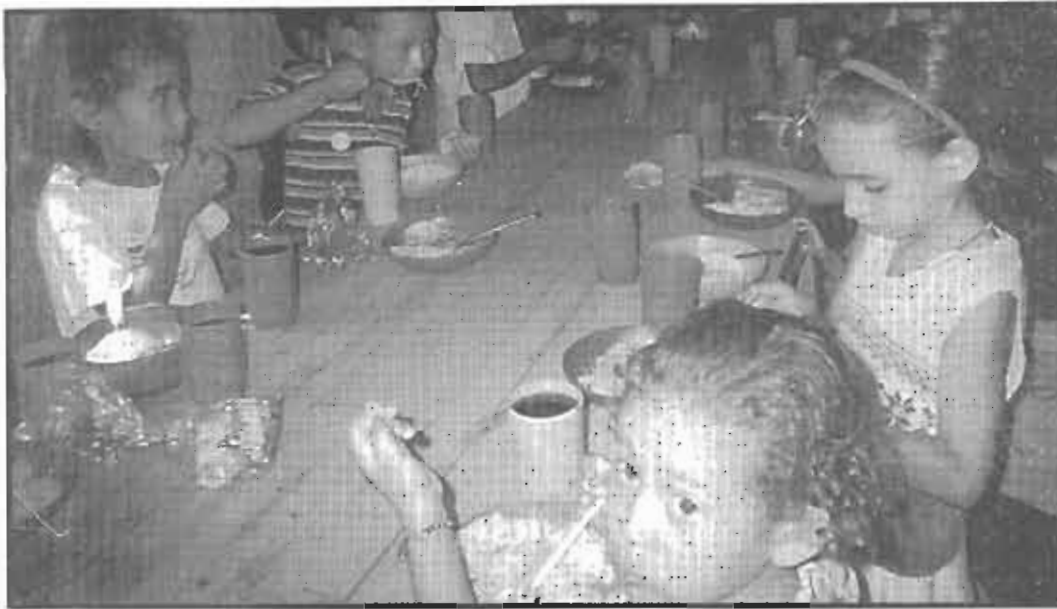
**Samaritan Baptist
Church**

**This land was bought
years ago by Doyle
and Margaret Gunter.
The church building
was provided by Bro.
Jim Ishee and Bro.
Roy Crider.**



**Joan Tyson spoke at
the new church
dedication.
Bro. Santos Casco and
other pastors of Good
Samaritan Baptist
Missions are shown
here.**





Feed the Hungry **Tapaire, Honduras**

“Thank you, not only for giving me food but, for giving me the Word of God in the lunchroom in El Triunfo when I was a little boy.” This statement came from one of our Bible School Students, who will be studying in the new Comali Bible Institute this year.



This is what **Feed the Hungry** is all about - physical food and food for the soul.



Both old and young eat at the lunchroom in **Concepción de Maria, Honduras.**

Maria Consuelo Ventura is the lady who walked almost an hour from her village in El Salvador to say, "Don't take the radio off the air". Pictured is Maria with the other people who have been saved with their new Bibles our pastor brought for them. Maria's husband was at work and was not available for the picture.



Pictured is the loudspeaker in the tree, which God protected by sending in

KILLER BEES!!!

The radio is still heard throughout the village over this loudspeaker.

Please consider Samaritan Radio for monthly support.

**Young People at
Victory Baptist
Church
in El Punte,
Yusguare, Honduras**

**We thank the Lord our
churches our filled with
children and young
people...our future
generation in Honduras
and Nicaragua.**



**Look how happy
the MANY children
are in the
Maranatha Baptist
Church
in Choluteca.**



**These are HONOR ROLL
students from our
Christian School
in Condega, Nicaragua.
Over 200 students are
enrolled in
Kindergarten through
6th grade.**





Quilali, Nicaragua

**Jesus must smile
every time He
hears the innocent
voices of a
Children's Choir.**



**Palacaquina,
Nicaragua**

**Young People's
Retreat**



**What a wonderful
time for teenagers to
come together and
learn of God and
sing His PRAISES!**



Not ALL is GOOD News...

A few days ago, while trying to remove some pieces of the ceiling that were sagging in the Grammar School auditorium, it had the domino effect and the entire ceiling fell!!!! With school starting in one week and a \$12,000.00 bill in front of us, we can't stop long enough to shed tears. It could have happened when 700 or 800 people were crowded in the auditorium for graduation but **GOD IS MERCIFUL**. As we trust Him for everything else, we trust Him for another ceiling but one with a steel structure and more support.



We thank the Lord for Bro. Paul Shepard and his pastor, Bro. Doug Messer of the First Alliance Church, along with other men from the church. They did all the wiring and plumbing for the Comali Tabernacle. Bro. Paul said he was furnishing all of this for our Christmas present. What a blessing!

Thank you, Brother Paul and Sister Barbara and all the men from Franklin, NC.

Honduras

Santiago Colindres, Duyure**Saved 8**

Almost the entire community of Carrizal is helping on the construction of the new church building including the women and children.

Luis Alonzo Pastrana, Azacualpa**Saved 14**

Our Sunday School rooms are finished and it is a blessing for the children. I'm working in a new area where we visited with a group from Arizona giving radios pre-tuned to Samaritan Radio.

Benigno Rodriguez, Yusguare**Saved 14 Baptized 5**

On the first of January, after pastoring the Yusguare church for 14 years, I left to work in the city of San Lorenzo. I left 125 active members in Yusguare and two mission camps with 25 adults in each one. Life of Faith Baptist in Yusguare is known as a missionary church - 3 churches have been raised up in other places and 9 pastors have come out of this church. Now I feel it is time to leave; I have peace in my soul. When I told the church they cried as if someone had died but I feel it is time to begin anew, raising up another missionary church in the city of San Lorenzo. *I need your prayers.*

Carlos Ordoñez, El Triunfo**Saved 41 Baptized 5**

We're averaging over 200 children in Sunday School and have no Sunday School rooms. We are asking God to provide.

Carmen Carcamo, Choluteca**Saved 27**

In October, six received the Lord in the hospital and seven in the jail. My family and I are leaving the area of Choluteca. Three churches were established during my ministry here. The first of January I will be 90 miles from the capital in a place called Guaymaca. I will be starting from scratch to build a work for the Lord. *I need your support and prayers.*

Pompilio Escalante, Vallecillo**Saved 7**

I came here to Vallecillo on November 8, 2002, to pastor thirty people - many of whom were saved listening to Samaritan Radio. We have been having up to 95 in Sunday School. *We are currently renting a house to hold services but are praying that soon the Lord will provide us a church.*

Rene Gabriel Lagos, Los Planes**Saved 2**

A couple were saved in December. They were living together (not married) and now they are getting married. We have eight couples who have married and now are ready to be baptized.

Pedro Estrada, San Francisco**Saved 7 Baptized 3**

December was my last month to work in San Francisco. In January, I will begin a new ministry in the city of Choluteca at the Bread of Life Bapt. Church where Bro. Carmen Carcamo was pastor for so many years.

Juan Ramon Aguirre, San Marcos de Colón**Saved 2**

One of the blessings God gave us was the completion and dedication of our pastorium. It was also a blessing to have Bro. Paul Shepard present for this special occasion.

Jorge Rizo, Nacaome

We have opened a new mission camp six kilometers from the church where I'm preaching and also I preach daily on Samaritan Radio.

Julio Aguirre, Los Tablones**Saved 1 Baptized 3**

On November 13th, we celebrated the anniversary of our church in honor of Brother Bill Smith who, eleven years ago, was led by the Lord to help the people of Tablones have a church to worship our Lord in. The church has grown and now has two mission camps.

Merlin Lopez Mendoza, Choluteca**Saved 12**

Four people were saved in October. Two of these were alcoholics. Eight adults were saved in December.

Heber Rios, Caire**Saved 3**

I am teaching ten men in the church who have a desire to preach God's Word. Our first baby, a boy, was born November 29, 2002.

Manuel Chavarria, El Corpus**Saved 14 Baptized 4**

The dedication of our new church was held December 1st with Sister Anna Beck and her son, Kris; Pastor Quinn Evans and several members of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; and a large group from the United States. Also, a new Feed the Hungry Kitchen was dedicated, which was provided by Pleasant Grove. The new church, built in memory of Brother Milton Beck by his wife and family was packed and the spirit of revival has continued. Since that day, twelve souls have been saved and eleven reconciled with the Lord. God is working in the village of El Corpus.

Jose Rene Linarez, Filadelfia Baptist, El Carmen

Saved 6

We are raising up a mission camp in the community of Monte Cristo. Nine adults have been saved and five baptized.

Jose Zamora, El Progreso

We thank God for the growth of the church in 2002. We have a beautiful group of new brothers and sisters. A group of those were recently baptized and others are preparing to be baptized. We also have several couples preparing to marry who have been living in fornication.

Federico Canales, Danli

Saved 4

I preached in a community near Danli called Los Tablones in the home of a couple who received the Lord listening to Samaritan Radio. Then they came to the church to give a testimony and invited us to their home to preach.

Donaldo Aguilera, Tapaire

Saved 10

Victor Maldonado, San Lorenzo

Saved 18

Rommel Gomez, El Naranjal

Saved 9

Jose Santos Sanchez, Duyusupo

Saved 1

Roman Antonio Martinez, Divisadero

Saved 7

Juan Ramon Maradiaga, La Concepción de Maria

Saved 9

Denys Alexis Vallejo, El Jicarito

Saved 1

Ronald Antonio Martinez, Choluteca

Saved 1

Bellarmino Rios Mendoza, Pillados

Saved 4

Jose Efraim Sandoval, Jacaleapa

Saved 4 Baptized 3

Oscar Vallejo, El Puente

Saved 8 Baptized 10

Mavin Renan Ortiz, Las Pitias

Saved 3 Baptized 1

Roberto Espinoza, Marcovia

Baptized 4

Totals for Honduras

Saved 237 Baptized 40

Nicaragua

Aristides Matey, Palacaguina

Saved 10

Eighty brothers participated in the Lord's Supper, which was a blessing. I have been taking care of five mission camps. We're finishing the pastorium, which is a blessing. We've had two all-night meetings in the mission camps.

Jose Esteban Acuna, Ocotal

Saved 20 Baptized 18

We have six services in places outside the city. We have three groups from the church working in evangelism. We keep on building. I thank God for this missionary work.

Gerardo Gonzales, Quilali

We thank God for the beautiful church that is being built here. We are so happy and grateful for this marvelous work.

Luis Lopez, Light of the Jungle

Saved 2

We're in the process of building a temple for the honor and glory of the Lord. Four babies were dedicated to the Lord.

Luis Enrique Ramirez Cruz, Pueblo Nuevo

Saved 7 Baptized 4

In November, we had street meetings all over town. We had a campaign in December and four were saved.

Rafael Arteaga Zamora, Yalaquina

Saved 9

The church celebrated it's 31st anniversary. One soul was saved. We had prayer services from 4 - 5 am for five days thanking God for His blessings.

Juan Jose Gonzales, Potrerillo

Saved 2 Baptized 9

I journeyed with a group of pastors to the town of Telpaneca to preach the Word of God and it was a blessing to be with five brothers who had received the Lord. *Our purpose is to establish a church in this place.*

Freddy Lopez, Ocotal We carried out a campaign where 20 souls were saved.	Saved 23	Baptized 6
Mario Videa, Matagalpa We're preaching house to house - some loan us their houses and others refuse.	Saved 5	
Jesus Ramon Jarquin, Managua <i>We are beginning construction of four Sunday School rooms.</i>	Saved 1	
Juan Pablo Gaitan, Totogalpa We're preaching in two new areas and plan to enter another new area in January.	Saved 1	Baptized 1
Pablo Castellon Cruz, La Palagua I am teaching four brothers who feel the call to preach.	Saved 12	
Julio Herrera, Frontera Espino A great blessing was a special love offering from Bro. Roy Crider and Bro. Jim Ishee for the purchase of land here on the border where I am working. Eight people have been saved in the two months we have been working here.	Saved 8	
Patricio Joya, San Lucas	Saved 2	
Efraim Casco, Arca de Noe	Saved 3	
Jacinto Peralta, Aposento Alto	Saved 7	
Margarito Ramirez, Maleconcito	Saved 7	
Luis Ernesto Montalvan Cruz, Los Platanales	Saved 4	
Efraim Baez, San Jose	Saved 1	
Santos Nicolas Gutierrez, La Plazuela	Saved 2	
Luis Alonso Canales, Jinoteguita	Saved 4	
Carlos Hernandez, Somoto	Saved 5	
Luis Gutierrez, El Triunfo	Saved 21	
Justo Rene Casco, Los Calpules	Saved 12	
Miguel Jiminez, Agua Caliente	Saved 2	
Calixto Lopez, San Isidro	Saved 1	
Guillermo Acuna Tercera, Esteli	Saved 1	Baptized 4
Eduardo Antonio Reyes, La Trinidad	Saved 1	Baptized 5
Santiago Sequeira, Las Sabanas	Saved 24	Baptized 11
Favio Videa, Esteli	Saved 12	Baptized 7
Moises Rodriguez, Tranqueras	Saved 1	Baptized 6
Monico Alvarado, Leon	Saved 4	Baptized 3
Santos Munoz, Wiwili		Baptized 7
Sergio Lopez, Rio Abajo		Baptized 3
Totals for Nicaragua	Saved 214	Baptized 84

Costa Rica

Graciano Urbina Rodriguez

We are giving a meal to all the children who come to Sunday School. Many of these children come hungry.

Total Salvations 451

Total Baptisms 124



Bro. Bob Tyson and Grandchildren

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