

# *Good Samaritan Baptist Missions*

## **Ministering In Central America**

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***Good Samaritan Bible Institute Students with Director Santiago Colindres,  
Missionary Joan Tyson and Ken & Pat Hensley, who made it possible for all the  
students to have a complete uniform and shoes.***

Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

June 1, 2003

It's always a blessing to send you the report from our National Pastors so you may see what these preachers are doing here on the mission field. *It is amazing how God is working in these days; saving souls and raising up new churches and missions in many areas.* On Mondays, when the Bible school students return from their places of service, it is a blessing to hear them talk about the number of people saved over the weekend and the blessings of seeing people receive the Lord who are living together without marriage. It is a blessing to hear them talk about all the marriages they perform and the baptisms. **We are in a wonderful, wonderful work - a work that has eternal reward!**

One of our Bible school students is Hector Peralta Avilez, who comes from a place about seventy miles from the capital city. To come to the Bible Institute, he must walk several kilometers to catch a bus and then change buses several times. Hector walks with a limp and I didn't know why until I heard his story. While serving the Lord in 1988, he was in an automobile accident and they had to cut off his left leg above his knee. He never thought he would be able to walk and evangelize anymore... a work that he loved. But with much sacrifice he was able to get a used artificial leg that cost him \$2000.00. He walks eight kilometers visiting and evangelizing every weekend - but now something has happened to the leg. The other day he asked me if I had any kind of grease to put around the screw that was holding it together because it was hurting the top part of his leg. *When he showed me his artificial leg, I was so convicted - thinking of my own two good legs and here is this man who wants to serve God but every step he takes causes pain.* I was so touched that I couldn't get this off my mind and I told Bob I believed it would be a sin if I didn't help him get that artificial leg fixed. Just think of this man who wants to serve the Lord so badly. He is the first one to get to the Bible Institute on Mondays and he starts mopping as soon as he gets there. **He wants to do everything that anyone else does...and he has been doing it in pain.** On Friday, I gave him \$350 to have the leg repaired.

On top of all the other expenses we have right now in running this Bible Institute and trying to help all the students (especially those with families), it would seem foolish to pay out another \$350 but the Holy Spirit wouldn't let me forget this great need. We represent the goodness of the Lord through our conversation, our hands and our feet. Without compassion as missionaries, we had best return to the United States. When a young woman in Nicaragua told me years ago that in time I would be able to look at the hungry and suffering and not feel anything, I prayed a prayer... **"Lord, help me not to grow immune to the sufferings of others."**, and **He is still giving me compassion.**

**If you ask our greatest need, it would be for our BIBLE INSTITUTE!** As we told you in our last letter, our office in the United States has pictures of all these preachers and would be happy to send you one or maybe you would just want to support the general fund to help us buy the food and pay the other expenses.

*This is such a wonderful ministry - teaching and training young men who not only are already working in the Lord's work but someday will carry the Gospel to the regions beyond. We can't do this alone. You have always helped us in every ministry and we believe God is going to touch your hearts to support this Bible Institute.*

Sincerely in Christ,  
**Bob and Joan Tyson**



***The Bible Institute Students sang for visitors from the United States.***

*Pastor Roberto Espinoza baptized 10 new converts. The man on the right and the woman in white had been living together for 41 years and have 12 children. They have gotten married and are now baptized.*

***Christ Changes LIVES!***



*This is the congregation in Las Pitas, a mission of El Corpus. The little tin roof to the right is where they meet to worship. The pastor here is Marvin Ortiz, 23 years old and married with 2 children. Marvin studies in the Bible Institute and travels over an hour on his bicycle and three hours by bus to get to the Bible Institute.*



***Tent Meeting in Yalaguina, Nicaragua***  
*There were 29 professions of faith and to the pastor's surprise, all 29 and their families showed up for Sunday School the next Sunday. The Victory Baptist Church wouldn't hold the people. Seated in the second row is a new Bible School Student the church has sent to us this year.*







*New Church Building  
in Managua,  
Nicaragua*

*Alpha and Omega  
Baptist Church*

*--made possible by  
Daniel Drive Baptist  
Church in  
Stockbridge, GA*



*Side View of  
Alpha and Omega  
Baptist Church*



*New Church and  
Pastorium (not  
shown) in Quilali,  
Nicaragua*

*--made possible by  
Floyd Road Baptist  
Church in Austell, GA*

*Thirty years ago we housed our North American groups in the rooms behind the Mission Center in Nicaragua. During the take-over by the Sandinistas, these rooms were used for their jails and courtroom. Now, after all these years, we are tearing down the old rooms and replacing with two nice, big rooms for kindergarten and pre-school, a room for the pastors to stay when they come in late from meetings and one room for the Tyson Family when we need to stay overnight.*



***Back of Mission Center in Condega, Nicaragua***

**The Samaritan Radio Headquarters are located here.**



***Christian School in Condega, Nicaragua***

**Kindergarten through 6th grade**





***“Amazing Grace”  
Baptist Church &  
Lunchroom is located  
in the town of  
New Moralico.***

***Beside the church is  
the pastorium. Both  
of these buildings  
were provided by Ken  
and Pat Hensley, our  
dear friends in  
Virginia.***



***This town was 100 %  
washed away by  
Hurricane Mitch.  
Pastor Manuel  
Ramirez and his wife  
barely escaped. The  
mayor was so grateful  
to Good Samaritan  
Missions for feeding  
and sponsoring  
children that he  
donated three lots of  
land.***



***Mission in San  
Antonio,  
Nicaragua***

***This has been a  
mission of the church  
in Somoto and has  
now been established  
as a full church and  
not a mission.***



## ***Baptisms in Duyure, Honduras***

***Pastor Esteban Acuña is baptizing for Pastor Santiago Colindres. Three couples were married before they were baptized.***



***Brother Esteban baptized the mother of Pastor Rene Lagos (pastor of the mission in Los Planes). This was a happy day for Bro. Rene to see his mother baptized.***



## ***Baptisms in Las Sabanas, Nicaragua***

***Brother Santos Casco, National Director of Nicaragua, baptized these precious souls.***





*This young girl received the Lord during the Comali Tabernacle Inauguration.*



*Santa Mira, Honduras  
This new church building was made possible by Ken and Pat Hensley from VA.*



*This is new church construction in Santa Ana, Ocotal, Nicaragua (made possible by Mrs. Becky Thompson in memory of her son). What a precious way to honor a loved one by giving a church to those who would never be able to have a church building.*



# *Honduras*

## **Santiago Colindres, Duyure**

**Saved 14    Baptized 11**

We're praying for faith and strength to carry out all the programs we have planned for this year to carry the message of salvation to the lost. *We are also praying for funds to build two Sunday school rooms here in Duyure.* The construction in Carrizal is advanced and the temple will be beautiful. In April most of the church attended the dedication of the new tabernacle and Bible Institute. This year I am working as Director of the Bible Institute and teaching a class so I have a lot to do but the Lord helps me.

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## **Luis Alonzo Pastrana, Azacualpa**

**Saved 27    Baptized 1**

It's a great blessing to teach in the Bible Institute and impart with other young preachers what I have learned from faithful men who taught me the Word of God.

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## **Benigno Rodriguez, San Lorenzo**

**Saved 31    Baptized 1**

I have been preaching in the church and in revivals, baptizing, installing new pastors and I also took part in the inauguration of the tabernacle and Bible Institute. The pastors and churches of Good Samaritan Baptist Missions are very grateful to our missionaries, the Tysons, and to every person who contributed financially to make this dream become a reality. I am teaching in the Bible Institute and I continue pastoring the church here in San Lorenzo. Since my last report, I've seen 30 adults saved in the church and in other meetings. *We need a pastorium and we need Sunday school rooms.*

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## **Carlos Ordoñez, El Triunfo**

**Saved 38    Baptized 4**

We're working in four mission camps with men from the church attending each camp. We are seeing God's power in souls being saved. *We have 200 in Sunday school and no rooms for the children. We know that with God nothing is impossible.*

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## **Carmen Carcamo, Guaimaca**

**Saved 25**

I have been in this place for four months and 10 adults and 15 children have been saved. I had a revival in the street in front of my house and a drunkard began to insult us but a policeman took him to jail so we could continue to preach the Gospel. I've also been having Bible studies in different homes and I preach five days a week on the radio.

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## **Pompilio Escalante, Vallecillo**

**Saved 4**

*The house where we are meeting is not big enough to hold all the people. We are praying for a church building.*

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## **Pedro Estrada, Choluteca**

**Saved 3**

I continue to preach in the marketplace on Saturdays and in the hospitals. On Sundays I preach in the jails. Now the Lord is allowing me to pastor the church where I was saved.

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## **Juan Ramon Aguirre, San Marcos de Colón**

**Saved 40    Baptized 4**

In April, pastors from Nicaragua and Honduras were united for the dedication of the tabernacle and Bible Institute, which will be used to prepare workers in the vineyard. The Lord has given me the privilege of teaching homiletics. Also, the church has helped a couple who recently accepted Christ arrange their affairs so they can be married.

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## **Jorge Rizo, Nacaome**

**Saved 2    Baptized 2**

Everyday my wife and I are traveling to preach. We travel approximately 2000 miles per month but it's a blessing to be a missionary working for the Lord here in Honduras.

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## **Manuel Chavarria, El Corpus**

**Saved 17    Baptized 14**

We have been in revivals not only here in the main church but in our mission at Las Pitás. We've also had campaigns of prayer and people are receiving the Lord.

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## **Federico Canales, Danli**

**Saved 38**

We are rejoicing in 21 young people who were saved - now we are teaching them. This is a great blessing because so many young people are already engaged in corruption. *We need at least 30 Spanish Bibles to give to these new Christians.*

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## **Donaldo Aguilera, Tapaire**

**Saved 5    Baptized 1**

I have been preaching at the military base and also helped in campaigns. While visiting a brother in the hospital, I preached to a room full of patients and several made professions of faith. We're visiting a new community called Colorados - no one has been saved yet but the people are hearing the Word.

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## **Rommel Gomez, El Naranjal**

**Saved 10**

*Please pray for my wife. She is five months pregnant and very sick. We lost our first baby.*

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## **Roman Antonio Martinez, Divisadero**

**Saved 4**

One of the preachers from our church has been called to Moralico as a missionary.

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## **Mavin Renan Ortiz, Las Pitás, El Corpus**

**Saved 6    Baptized 5**

We started our classes in the Bible Institute on May 5th and I am studying full-time but will continue my ministry here in Las Pitás on the weekends. *We have a great need for a church building.*

<b>Jose Manuel Ramirez, Yusguare</b>	<b>Saved 9</b>	
A great blessing was the visit of brothers and sisters and children from the United States who worked in the hot sun helping to reconstruct the pastorium here in Yusguare. Another blessing was the inauguration of the tabernacle and also four were saved at the Army Base.		
<b>Bellarmino Rios Mendoza, Pillados</b>	<b>Saved 8</b>	
We have a new baby girl in our family.		
<b>Ronald Antonio Martinez, Choluteca</b>	<b>Saved 10</b>	<b>Baptized 5</b>
My wife and I went to an area to preach where the people have to walk two hours just to get a bus. There is no electricity and I preached without a microphone but it was a great blessing. Four people were saved. Also we had a street meeting and two were saved. This month three couples living in fornication got married. One couple had been living together for 15 years. They will soon be baptized.		
<b>Jose Alfredo Melgan, Military Base in Choluteca</b>		<b>Baptized 2</b>
The Bible Institute has started full-time and I need your prayers as by faith I have stepped out to study. <i>There's no place or time for me to work and I have a family to support.</i>		
<b>Antonio Suarez, Santa Mira</b>	<b>Saved 12</b>	
We are now in the Bible Institute and it is the most beautiful building in the country. I was thinking I could not study full-time because I have a family to support but I know God wants us to trust Him and I need to study His Word so that I can preach to others.		
<b>Roberto Espinoza, Marcovia</b>	<b>Saved 9</b>	<b>Baptized 5</b>
<b>Julio Aguirre, Los Tablones</b>	<b>Saved 6</b>	<b>Baptized 2</b>
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<b>Merlin Lopez Mendoza, Choluteca</b>	<b>Saved 12</b>	<b>Baptized 2</b>
<b>Juan Ramon Maradiaga, La Concepción de Maria</b>	<b>Saved 10</b>	<b>Baptized 3</b>
<b>Jose Efraim Sandoval, Jacaleapa</b>	<b>Saved 23</b>	<b>Baptized 6</b>
<b>Rene Gabriel Lagos, Los Planes</b>	<b>Saved 7</b>	
<b>Jose Zamora, El Progreso</b>	<b>Saved 4</b>	
<b>Jose Santos Sanchez, Duyusupo</b>	<b>Saved 8</b>	
<b>Denys Alexis Vallejo, San Francisco</b>	<b>Saved 10</b>	
<b>Ciriaco Vallejo, Moralico</b>	<b>Saved 8</b>	
<b>Oscar Vallejo, El Puente</b>	<b>Saved 11</b>	
<b>Totals for Honduras</b>	<b>Saved 411</b>	<b>Baptized 68</b>

## *Nicaragua*

<b>Aristides Matey, Pueblo Nuevo</b>	<b>Saved 23</b>	
In the new place where I am pastoring I have 15 mission camps to attend. Fourteen have been saved in the missions and nine in the church.		
<b>José Esteban Acuna, Ocotal</b>	<b>Saved 116</b>	<b>Baptized 30</b>
Beside the main church I am attending to six missions - some near and some far away. In 2002, we built two church buildings, <i>one that we still need \$2000 to put in the floor and doors. We need approximately \$600 to finish one that is near the border on the Duyure side. We have a project to buy land for the mission in Dinamarca that cost \$1500.</i> In all of these congregations we have 40 to 60 adults with a great number of children and in each place we have men preaching and teaching Sunday School. I go on buses, walk or ride a bicycle ( <i>this past year I have had 3 bicycles stolen</i> ). I thank the Lord and Good Samaritan Baptist Missions for helping all these years to do missionary work here in Nicaragua.		
<b>Gerardo Gonzales, Quilali</b>	<b>Saved 3</b>	
We're giving thanks to God and enjoying a beautiful pastors' house and a church building in which to worship the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.		
<b>Luis Lopez, Light of the Jungle</b>	<b>Saved 11</b>	
We thank God for our new temple because now we have room for everyone to come in. I thank God for our Brother Paul Shepard who God touched to make this possible. I thank God for Brother Paul, who came riding a mule, and the others who came to visit us here in the mountains. We have had two all-night meetings.		
<b>Mario Videá, Matagalpa</b>	<b>Saved 13</b>	<b>Baptized 1</b>
For the first time we had visitors from the United States and they were a blessing for the church.		

**Reynaldo Jose Perez, Santa Ana**

We're thankful to God and to a family in the United States because soon we will have a place in which to worship...the house where we gather will not hold the people.

**Juan Pablo Gaitan, Totogalpa** **Saved 9**

We had a campaign in the park in the middle of town and visited 950 houses.

**Pablo Castellon Cruz, La Palagua** **Saved 30** **Baptized 1**

In April we dedicated five babies and twelve people were saved. Some 40 brothers and sisters participated in a prayer campaign. We also celebrated the Lord's Supper and the Harvest of the First Fruits.

**Eduardo Antonio Reyes, La Trinidad** **Saved 37**

In an open air campaign, 30 were saved and 24 reconciled with the Lord.

**Favio Videa, Esteli** **Saved 9**

All the people who are coming to services cannot get into the house. God is blessing...souls are being saved and they are coming to church. *We are praying for a temple.*

**Monico Alvarado, Leon** **Saved 1**

**Santos Ramon Munoz, Wiwili** **Saved 1**

**Sergio Lopez, Rio Abajo** **Saved 1**

**Luis Ramirez, Palacaquina** **Saved 3**

**Rafael Arteaga Zamora, Yalaquina** **Saved 3**

**Juan Jose Gonzales, Potrerillo** **Saved 7**

**Julio Herrera, El Espino** **Saved 13**

**Efraim Casco, Matapalo** **Saved 4**

**Jacinto Peralta, Concepción** **Saved 8**

**Margarito Ramirez, Maleconcito** **Saved 8**

**Luis Ernesto Montalvan Cruz, Los Platanales** **Saved 6**

**Santos Nicolas Gutierrez, Las Sabanas** **Saved 9**

**Carlos Hernandez, Somoto** **Saved 9**

**Luis Gutierrez, El Triunfo** **Saved 29**

**Justo Rene Casco, Tranqueras** **Saved 5**

**Calixto Lopez, San Isidro** **Saved 1**

**Guillermo Acuna Tercera, Esteli** **Saved 3**

**Santiago Sequeira, Condega** **Saved 28**

**Felipe Gonzales** **Saved 2**

**Juan Valdivia Casco, El Pedernal** **Saved 1**

**Hernon Blandon, Susacayan** **Saved 8**

**Maximo Casco, Ocotal** **Saved 16**

**Jairo Gonzales, San Antonio** **Saved 4**

**Ramon Matey Iglesias, San Juan de Rio Coco** **Saved 5**

**Santos Matey Iglesias, Maipasilla** **Saved 5**

**Miguel Rizo, La Plazuela** **Saved 13**

**Isaac Rodriguez, Dairo** **Saved 6**

**Juan Francisco Torres, Los Capules** **Saved 6**

**Miguel Jiminez, Agua Caliente** **Saved 8** **Baptized 3**

**Eufemio Orozco, Managua** **Saved 3** **Baptized 1**

**Efraim Baez, Arca de Noe** **Saved 7** **Baptized 2**

**Patricio Joya, San Lucas** **Saved 3** **Baptized 4**

**Totals for Nicaragua** **Saved 479** **Baptized 42**

## *Mexico*

**Vidal Videa, San Luis Potosi** **Saved 92**

My mission field now consists of nine places and I must go to every place and help the preachers. Every Monday night we meet and make plans for the week. I am pastoring the church of Moctezuma and it is a blessing.

**Totals for Mexiro** **Saved 92**



## *Costa Rica*

**Paulino Benavidez, Santa Cruz**

**Saved 4**

As a result of our work in January and February, two were saved in Santa Cruz; two were reconciled in the church of Philadelphia with Pastor Graciano Urbino. Two were saved in the church at Rio Seca with Pastor Ortiz.

**Totals for Costa Rica**

**Saved 4**

**Total Salvations 986**

**Total Baptisms 110**

## *Radio Samaritano*

Correspondence has been received from San Carlo, Santa Clara and Costa Rica saying Samaritan Radio is a blessing to them and many others in that area. The repeater on Casa Blanca, which is one of the tallest mountains in Honduras, is now operating with a new transmitter and 5,000 watts of power. The AM repeater in Choluteca has a brand new transmitter and the power was increased from 500 to 2500. The Lord permitted us to buy a house in Tegucigalpa where we have moved the studios and the high rent we were having to pay will now go to pay for the house. We're now covering two-thirds of all Honduras; one-third of El Salvador and one-third of Nicaragua. Now letters are coming in from Costa Rica. An average of 600 letters are received per month with hundreds of telephone calls. We are in the process of installing ten phone lines. There have been many reports of salvations; people have prayed over the radio to receive Christ and others have re-dedicated their lives.

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