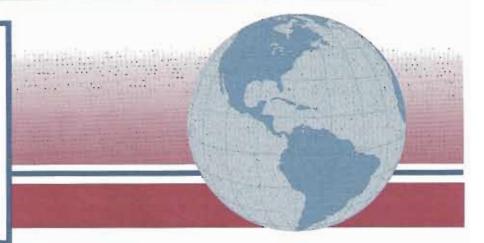
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### **Quarterly Newsletter-National Pastors Newsletter**

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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. 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!

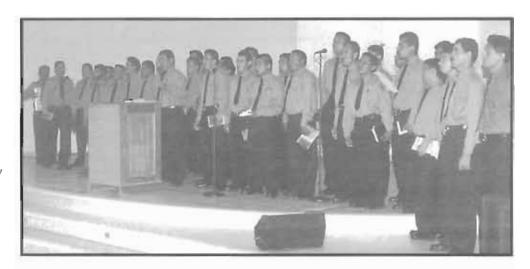
One of our Bible school students is Hector Peralta Avilez, who comes from a place about seventy miles from the capital city. To come to the Bible Institute, he must walk several kilometers to catch a bus and then change buses several times. Hector walks with a limp and I didn't know why until I heard 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



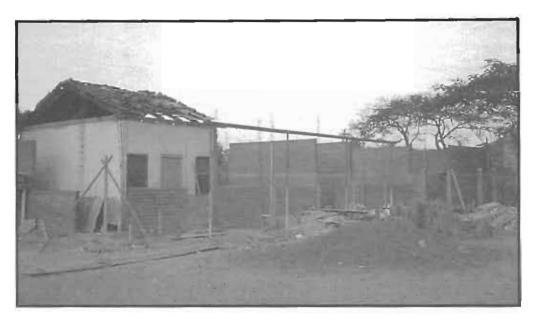
Side View of Alpha and Omega Baptist Church



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.



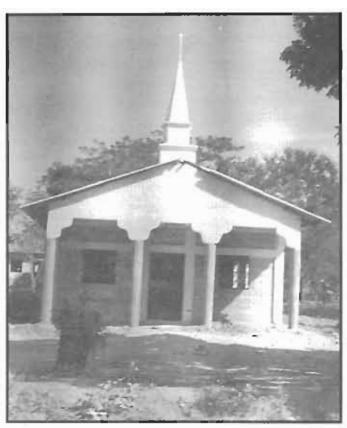
Baptisms in Las Sabanas, Nicaragua

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.



Santiago Colindres, Duvure

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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Pompilio Escalante, Vallecillo

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

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 Pitas. We've also had campaigns of prayer and people are receiving the Lord.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Ronmel Gomez, El Naranjal

Saved 10

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

#### Roman Antonio Martinez, Divisadero

Saved 4

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

#### Mavin Renau Ortiz, Las Pitas, 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 Pitas on the weekends. We have a great need for a church building.

#### Jose Manuel Ramirez, Yusguare

#### Saved 9

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.

#### Bellarmino Rios Mendoza, Pillados

Saved 8

We have a new baby girl in our family.

#### Ronald Antonio Martinez, Choluteca

Saved 10 Baptized 5

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.

#### Jose Alfredo Melgan, Military Base in Choluteca

**Baptized 2** 

The Bible Institute has started full-time and I need your prayers as by faith I have stepped out to study. *There's no place or time for me to work and I have a family to support.* 

#### Antonio Suarez, Santa Mira

Saved 12

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.

Roberto Espinoza, Marcovia	Saved 9	Baptized 5
Julio Aguirre, Los Tablones	Saved 6	Baptized 2
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Merlin Lopez Mendoza, Choluteca	Saved 12	Baptized 2
Juan Ramon Maradiaga, La Concepción de Maria	Saved 10	Baptized 3
Jose Efraim Sandoval, Jacaleapa	Saved 23	Baptized 6
Rene Gabriel Lagos, Los Planes	Saved 7	-
Jose Zamora, El Progreso	Saved 4	
Jose Santos Sanchez, Duyusupo	Saved 8	
Denys Alexis Vallejo, San Francisco	Saved 10	
Ciriaco Vallejo, Moralico	Saved 8	
Oscar Vallejo, El Puente	Saved 11	
Totals for Honduras	Saved 411	Baptized 68

# Nicaragua

#### Aristides Matey, Pueblo Nuevo

Saved 23

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.

#### Jose Esteban Acuna, Ocotal

Saved 116 Baptized 30

Beside the main church I am attending to six missions - some near and some far away. In 2002, we built two church buildings, 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. 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 (this past year I have had 3 bicycles stolen). I thank the Lord and Good Samaritan Baptist Missions for helping all these years to do missionary work here in Nicaragua.

#### Gerardo Gonzales, Quilali

Saved 3

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.

#### Luis Lopez, Light of the Jungle

Saved 11

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.

#### Mario Videa, Matagalpa

Saved 13 Baptized 1

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 bro	thers and sisters p	articipated in a prayer
campaign. We also calchested the Lord's Supper and the Harvest of the First	Emiles	1 1 2

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
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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 5
Eufemio Orozco, Managua	Sayed 3	Baptized 1
Efraim Baez, Arca de Noe	Saved 7	Baptized 2
Patricio Joya, San Lucas	Saved 3	Baptizd 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 Mexico



#### 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 Filadelphia with Pastor Graciano Urbino. Two were saved in the church at Rio Seca with Pastor Ortiz.

Totals for Costa Rica

Saved 4

## Total Salvations <u>986</u> Total Baptisms <u>110</u>

## 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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