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Good Samaritan Bible Institute Students

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Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

We would like to begin this letter by thanking everyone of you who are helping to make this mission work possible by your faithful support, your love offerings for special ministries and your prayers. We thank our Heavenly Father for allowing us to be a part of such an **exciting** work. It is amazing after so many years on the mission field, it is still just as **exciting** as it was in the beginning. **IT IS SO EXCITING**...when we hear that 15 were saved in a neighborhood here in San Marcos; or we hear that in San Antonio, Nicaragua, 5 were saved during the campaign; or we hear that in El Puente, Honduras, the pastor says people are getting their papers ready to be married and soon he will have a big number of people to baptize; or we hear the pastor of Duyure telling us his father-in-law (the ex-mayor of town) was saved after so many years of hearing the Gospel! On Mondays when the Bible Institute students come in, I ask them how was their weekend and they begin to tell me of their blessings. ***It is EXCITING!!!***

When we receive the support sheets from the United States office and I see God blessing in a financial way, ***THIS IS EXCITING***. It might not be as **exciting** as it would be if the Good Samaritan Baptist Missions had mission representatives in every state, visiting churches and trying to raise support...but we have no one and just look what God is doing. We began the Bible Institute with NO SUPPORT, but with faith that God wanted preachers preaching HIS WORD; we shared this need with you and the support is coming in! Every time we see a new sponsor for a Bible Institute student, we rejoice because we KNOW that it is God doing the work. Yesterday, we were visited by some missionaries from an area near Tegucigalpa and a couple from the Pensacola Christian College. They were amazed to see what God has done in this place. ***It is amazing to us also!***

We know that many of you are praying for Bro. Bob and want to know about his health. ***How I wish I could say "he is better", but he is not.*** He is losing so many of the precious memories of the beginning of all this work...but I think about our wonderful, wonderful Lord and how He continues to work today in our lives. I remember the night He called Bob and how he wanted to go the VERY NEXT DAY to the towns and villages in Nicaragua that didn't have one Bible nor had ever heard the Gospel. We were not able to go the "very next day" because there had to be a time of preparation but Bob never wavered from that calling. For years in Nicaragua he went day and night preaching the Gospel in those towns and villages. He left little churches with national preachers (whom he was teaching and training). Then the war came and we moved over to Honduras...Bob did the same here. ***As we sat on our front porch this week, looking out at the Bible Institute, I reminded Bob that his calling is still being fulfilled in the lives of all these national preachers. They are GOING...and where they can't go, Samaritan Radio is going! Bob's eyes welled up with tears - he understood what I was saying.***

Bob turned 69 years old on August 10th. On Saturday, the 9th, our pastors and their wives came from far and near to the Comali Tabernacle to celebrate his birthday. This was a very special time - a special service was held and one by one, they thanked him for obeying God and being faithful to God's calling upon his life.

This letter has been a letter of thanksgiving to the Lord and to you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you are doing and we thank the Lord for never leaving nor forsaking us and for allowing us to be a part of an **EXCITING WORK** such as this.

Love in Christ,

Bob and Joan Tyson

New Constructions

La Plazuela, Nicaragua

Pastorium (now finished)

*-made possible by Clay and
Dot Baker of the Glen
Haven Baptist Church*



Miguel Rizo (23 years old), Pastor in La Plazuela

*He received a bicycle to
help him in the pastoral
work. Miguel is also a
first-year Bible Student
here in Honduras.*



Santa Ana, Nicaragua New Church (now finished)

*-Thank you, Sister Becky
Thompson, for making this
possible.*





La Concepción de Maria, Honduras

-Soon the church will have a brand new building which will also include an apartment for the pastor and a kitchen for the children to eat. The church is presently meeting in a house with one room for Pastor Juan Ramon Maradiaga, his wife, and little girl to live, and a porch for 80 children to eat.

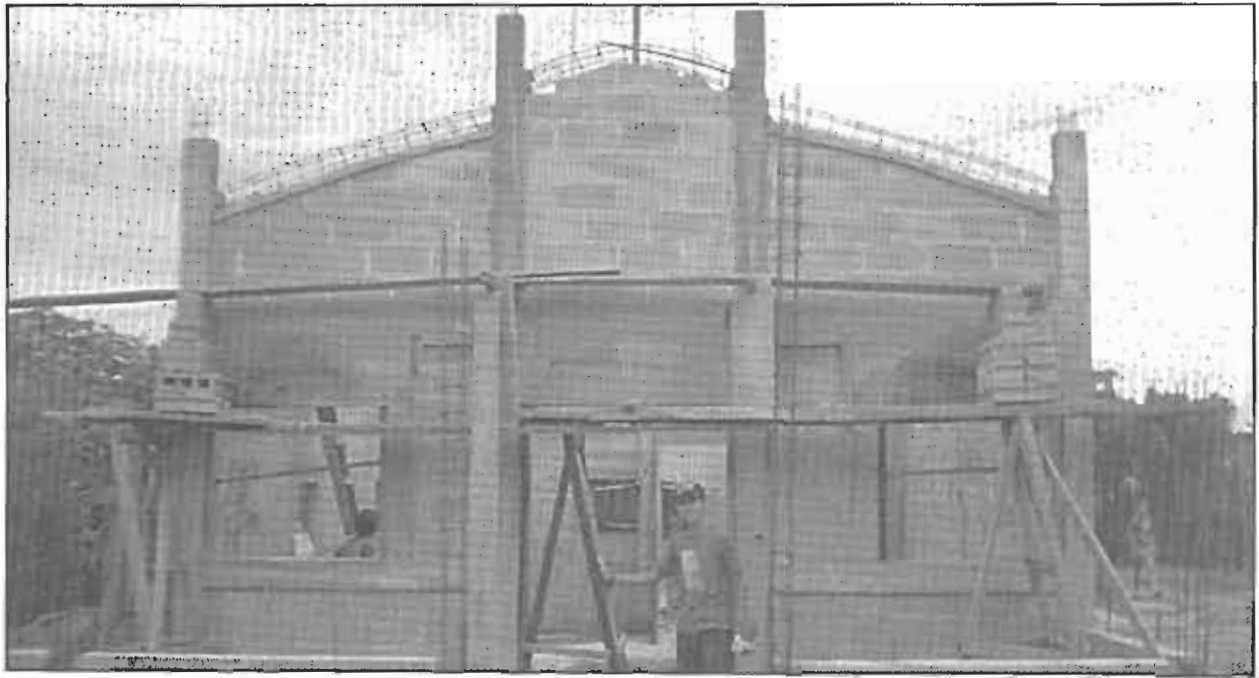
Everyone is working to tear the old house down - even the women. We thank the Lord and John & Charlotte Daniel of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Hiram, GA for making this possible.

Bro. Ramon's wife prepares food for the children. Ramon was saved in a kitchen when he was a young boy and he and his wife know the value of a ministry like this - not only to feed the children but teach them about Jesus.

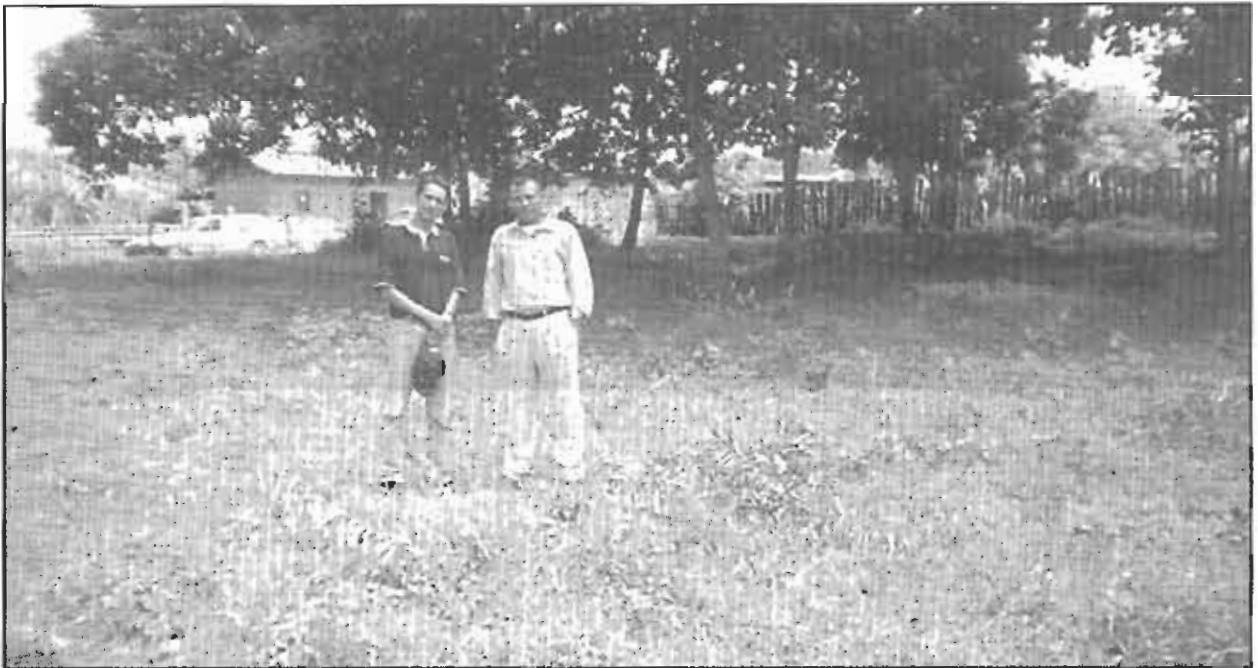


Las Pitias of El Corpus

-Twenty-eight adults and 45 children meet under this shed in a remote area, 2 hours by foot from El Corpus. They need a place to worship where they won't get wet. Five thousand dollars would build a small church.



Dinamarca, Nicaragua - Members of the church have constructed this far. Now Brother Paul Shepard is going to help them finish it. This is one of six mission churches of the Good Samaritan Baptist Church in Ocotal, Nicaragua, where Brother Esteban Acuna is pastor.



Property of Limon de Jalapa, Nicaragua - This was made possible by the Smithboro Baptist Church. A few days ago the pastor, Brother Jeff Pangle, called to say the church was also sending money for the construction. The pastor, Brother Melvin Rodriguez, and the congregation received this wonderful news with great joy. Brother Melvin, right, is shown here on the property with one of the men from the church. Melvin is also a Bible student.



*Pastor Luis Ernesto Montalvan and El Pedernal Church in Nicaragua
-They lack the windows, doors and a few other things to finish their church...which would cost
about \$2,000.00.*



*Pastor Margarito Ramirez and his family in the church pastorium of Maleconcito, Nicaragua
-This is not too much better than where our animals live in the United States.*

The needs are overwhelming but we feel compelled to show these needs because we never know when God will touch someone's heart to make life a little easier for a man of God and his family in another land.



Leon, Nicaragua is the second largest city in the country. A church building is definitely needed here. The children receive classes on Saturday under a partial roof and the adults meet on Sunday. Pastor Monico Alvarado and his congregation are praying that God will provide the \$25,000.00 needed for a beautiful church in this large city.



***New Church Building
in Light of the Jungle,
Wiwili, Nicaragua
-made possible by Brother
Paul Shepard***

*The construction is now
completed and Brother
Paul was able to visit Light
of the Jungle riding a
mule some two hours
straight up a mountain.*



***New Guinea,
Nicaragua***

*-This brings back
memories of almost 30
years ago when a
Christian family moved
into this jungle area and
asked us to come and
have an evangelistic
campaign. The people
walked for 2 and 3 hours
down the mountains.
Later they slept on the
ground for a few hours
before going back to the
mountains to work. Our
family slept in a van.
Many, many received the
Lord.*



*From the congregation,
seven more missions
have been raised up.
How we would love to
see Pastor Luis
Gutierrez and his people
have a larger church
where everyone could
get in and be seated to
hear the Gospel.*





Seven pastors graduated from the Bible Institute in Condega, Nicaragua, and on the same day seven more were ordained to the ministry.



Now that our full-time Bible Institute has opened in Honduras all the students will be coming here to study. This year we have 10 students from Nicaragua. We thank the Lord for touching hearts to support this Bible Institute.

Baptisms



Condega, Nicaragua - Pastor Santiago Sequeira baptized 5.



Esteli, Nicaragua - Pastor Favio Videz baptized 9.

*The Vice-President of Honduras and the Vice-President of the Congress
visited Good Samaritan Baptist Missions in Honduras.*



A pleasant surprise was the visit of several dignitaries from the capital. They visited our schools, dormitories, Elderly Center and the offices. Here they are shown at the high school with the mayor and other officials.



The Vice-President toured the girls' dormitory and was happy to find students from his home town. Also, the Vice-President of the Congress found students from his home town, El Corpus.



When the visitors came, we were in a far-away village giving out food bags with a group from the United States. We were told the VP could not believe it when he saw all the computers at the high school (note the expression on his face). When asked if he wanted to stop at the tabernacle he replied, "I must bring the President to see all of this. I've never seen anything like this in all Honduras." A great testimony for the Work of the Lord!

Honduras

Santiago Colindres, Duyure I am Director of the Bible Institute where we have 39 students and 14 teachers. The church in Duyure is being blessed with souls saved. We had 400 in attendance on Mothers' Day.	Saved 4	
Luis Alonzo Pastrana, Azacualpa I teach Acts and Romans in the Bible Institute.	Saved 2	
Benigno Rodriguez, San Lorenzo I teach Missions and the Epistles twice a week in the Bible Institute. <i>We're praying for SS rooms in the church. Sometimes the children don't receive classes because of the rain.</i> We had the privilege of installing a new pastor at the Military Base Church in Choluteca.	Saved 22	Baptized 6
Carlos Ordoñez, El Triunfo We have 5 preachers from the church studying in the Bible Institute.	Saved 8	
Carmen Carcamo, Guaimaca We now have 25 believers and this month we will have baptisms.	Saved 3	
Pompilio Escalante, Vallecillo The roads in this village are very bad. We can't ride on bicycles...we can only walk or ride by horseback. <i>We have many needs but the greatest is land for a church because the house where we meet is not big enough.</i>		
Juan Ramon Aguirre, San Marcos de Colón It's a blessing to teach in the Bible Institute.	Saved 4	
Jorge Rizo, Nacaome I am preaching everyday on Samaritan Radio and teaching in the Bible Institute. The church in Nacaome is very encouraged.		
Donaldo Aguilera, Tapaire A very special brother from the United States gave me a pick-up truck and I have been using it to go to another village to preach with members of the church. Eight have been saved in this village so far.	Saved 25	Baptized 6
Antonio Suarez, Santa Mira In June we dedicated our new church building with Bro. Ken and Sis. Pat Hensley, who made this possible. Other North American brothers were in attendance. The Work of God is beautiful.	Saved 8	
Julio Aguirre, Los Tablones We preach 3 days a week in Upper Tablones where we have a group of 35 believers and we preach the other days in Lower Tablones.	Saved 2	
Rene Gabriel Lagos, Los Planes I am preaching in 2 areas that have never heard the Gospel. It is 5 hours by foot.	Saved 1	
Heber Rios, Caire We thank the Lord for the beautiful floor in the church and pastorium.	Saved 4	
Jose Zamora, El Progreso	Saved 2	
Edwin Miranda, Permmta	Saved 1	
Ronmel Gomez, El Naranjal	Saved 4	
Pedro Estrada, Choluteca	Saved 2	
Manuel Chavarria, El Corpus	Saved 25	
Federico Canales, Danli	Saved 7	
Jose Alfredo Melgar, Military Base in Choluteca	Saved 4	
Roberto Espinoza, Marcovia	Saved 3	
Ciriaco Vallejo, Moralico	Saved 1	
Oscar Vallejo, El Puente	Saved 8	
Efraim Sandoval, Jacacapa	Saved 1	
Juan Ramon Maradiaga, Concepción de Maria	Saved 12	Baptized 2
Mavin Renan Ortiz, Las Pitas, El Corpus	Saved 1	Baptized 6
Jose Manuel Ramirez, Yusguare	Saved 4	Baptized 1
Totals for Honduras	Saved 158	Baptized 21

Nicaragua

Aristides Matey, Pueblo Nuevo	Saved 30	
The church gives me a large food basket each month which is a great blessing. We're visiting a place where there were no believers and 16 have now been saved.		
Jose Esteban Acuna, Ocotal	Saved 26	
We have six missions with pastors from the Ocotal church in every mission. With the help of the Lord, we have built three church buildings and have property in a place called Limon de Jalapa which we will soon start construction. We thank God and Smithboro Baptist Church for their wonderful help to us. I journey to Honduras two days a week to teach in the Bible Institute.		
Gerardo Gonzales, Quilali	Saved 1	
I am preaching in four places outside the church.		
Luis Lopez, Light of the Jungle	Saved 1	
Construction of the pastorium, reconciliations, babies dedicated and several wonderful all-night meetings are some of the Lord's blessings on us.		
Juan Pablo Gaitan, Totogalpa	Saved 2	Baptized 1
We had an evangelistic campaign and ended with the Lord's Supper. One person was saved.		
Pablo Castellon Cruz, La Palagua	Saved 16	Baptized 2
Twelve were saved in the campaign and will soon be baptized.		
Favio Videa, Esteli	Saved 6	Baptized 9
I preach everyday on Samaritan Radio and teach two days in the Bible Institute.		
Monico Alvarado, Leon	Saved 2	
<i>We're praying for a temple and we believe God will answer our prayer. The church is doing everything we can and with the help of \$1000 from our mission we are very encouraged.</i>		
Santos Ronald Munoz, Wiwili	Saved 11	Baptized 1
<i>I have been here for one year and I must visit brothers who live six hours by foot from the church. I am praying for a mule which cost \$400.00. If anyone has a blessing, please remember me.</i>		
Luis Enrique Ramirez, Palacaquina	Saved 2	
We have a preacher from the church in each of our four missions and two preachers studying in the Bible Institute in Honduras.		
Rafael Antonio Arteaga Zamora, Yalaquina	Saved 15	Baptized 15
Our little church building will no longer hold all the people who are coming but we thank the Lord for the notice that the Victory Baptist Church in Jemison, Alabama, who built our first church 30 years ago, are now going to help us build a new and bigger church. To God Be The Glory!		
Juan Jose Gonzales, Potrerillos	Saved 23	Baptized 1
Twenty-two souls were saved in the campaign.		
Santos Nicolas Gutierrez, Las Sabanas	Saved 1	
<i>We are trying to raise money for benches and we have \$150 of the \$800 needed.</i>		
Luis Gutierrez, El Triunfo	Saved 14	Baptized 11
Campaigns, baptisms, the Lord's Supper, and visiting the mission camps have been a part of my activities in the work of the Lord with great results.		
Justo Rene Casco, Tranqueras	Saved 7	
<i>We're praying that God will provide the means for Sunday School rooms. You can't imagine how wet the children get when it rains and many times the classes have to be stopped.</i>		
Calixto Lopez, San Isidro	Saved 1	
We're beginning a new work here, going from house to house, evangelizing and preaching in whatever house will receive us.		
Guillermo Acuna Tercera, Esteli	Saved 8	
Many fathers heard the Gospel on Father's Day. We've opened a new mission in a place called La Union where we have 30 adults and 15 children.		
Felipe Caballero Gonzales, La Mesa	Saved 11	
We have 4 mission camps where we preach every week. Our desire is to extend more and more to reach souls for Christ.		

Santiago Sequeira, Condega	Saved 17	Baptized 8
God is marvelous! He has allowed us to complete the projects we were working on using our mission and the Glen Haven Baptist Church.		
Maximo Casco, 2nd Baptist, Ocotal	Saved 10	
We have a mission camp 15 kilometers from the church with 40 members.		
Jairo Gonzales, San Antonio	Saved 7	
I am pastoring and also studying in the Bible Institute.		
Ramon Matey Iglesias, San Juan de Rio Coco	Saved 5	
Santos Matey Iglesias, Maipasillo	Saved 4	
Mario Videa, Matagalpa	Saved 2	
Eduardo Antonio Reyes, La Trinidad	Saved 8	
Sergio Lopez, Rio Abajo	Saved 2	
Julio Herrera Sandoval, El Espino	Saved 23	
Efraim Casco, Matapalo	Saved 1	
Jacinto Peralta, La Concepción	Saved 1	
Margarito Ramirez, Maleoncito	Saved 11	
Luis Ernesto Montalvan Cruz, Los Platanales	Saved 3	
Carlos Hernandez, Somoto	Saved 3	
Juan Valdivia Casco, El Pedernal	Saved 10	
Hernon Blandon, Susacayan	Saved 7	
Isaac Rodriguez, Dairo	Saved 4	
Juan Francisco Torres Gonzales, Los Capules	Saved 5	
Miguel Jiminez, Agua Caliente	Saved 6	
Enfemio Orozco, Managua	Saved 3	
Efraim Baez, Cusmapa	Saved 4	
Patricio Joya Gonzales, San Lucas	Saved 3	
Reynaldo Jose Perez, Santa Ana	Saved 3	
Eliseo Molina Castellon, Sebaco	Saved 2	
Luis Alonso Canales, Jinoteguito	Saved 2	
Miguel Rizo, La Plazuela	Saved 15	Baptized 5
Totals for Nicaragua	Saved 338	Baptized 53

Mexico

Vidal Videa, San Luis Potosi	Saved 106	Baptized 10
Totals for Mexico	Saved 106	Baptized 10

Costa Rica

Paulino Benavidez Morales, Santa Cruz	Saved 6	
I have been discipling twelve brothers. I'm also teaching in the Bible Institute here in Costa Rica to eleven students.		
Graciana Urbina, Filadelfia	Saved 4	
Totals for Costa Rica	Saved 10	

Radio Samaritano Headquarters in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

With the increase of ten more telephone lines in our studios, we have received a variety of calls from different parts of Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. We receive an average of 300 calls a day from many places far and near in Honduras and from Nicaragua and El Salvador. We have also received calls from the capital of Guatemala and letters from Costa Rica. Here are excerpts from some of the letters:

- Tegucigalpa: Pray for my one year old child who has leukemia.
Tegucigalpa: Pray for me - I have been diagnosed with cancer of the liver.
El Salvador: Pray for me - I want to return to the Christian life.
Nicaragua: Pray for my husband who has been unfaithful but recently has been listening to the radio.
Honduras: Because of radio messages, I have been converted to Christ.
El Salvador: When Bro. Favio Videa was preaching, I felt something touch my heart. I fell on my knees and prayed and I am now saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Honduras: Pray for our family - we fight a lot and our son is on the streets.
Honduras: The prayer program is precious.
El Salvador: The radio is such a blessing - when preaching comes on, I turn up the volume so my neighbors will hear.
Honduras: Please continue with this radio - it is loved and listened to in all my neighborhood.
Honduras: My husband is not a Christian but he is listening to the radio.
Honduras: I am a truck driver and when I was looking for a station to listen to I found Samaritan Radio. Now I don't miss a program. I make trips to many places in El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua and I'm going forward in the way of the Lord.
Nicaragua: Please pray for my mother - I want her to be saved.
Costa Rica: Samaritan Radio fills me with joy and blessings with such good programming.
Nicaragua: Here in Nicaragua we are faithful listeners; the station enters as if it was local.
Honduras: My prayer is that you can extend this radio further north because many of my family live in the north and are not Christians and they could listen to this beautiful programming.
El Salvador: I was away from the Lord and I suffered much but how beautiful it is to walk with Him again.

Professions of Faith on Radio - 14

Rededications on Radio - 27

Total Salvations

626

Total Baptisms

84



Stephany has always been our “princess” but on June 11, she was crowned Queen of the Samaritan High School. This was the first time in history a 7th grader was elected Queen. Stephany is a part-time student at the Samaritan School, still studying ABEKA by DVD. Shown here is her dad, Philip Sr.; her brother, Philip Jr.; and her proud grandparents, Bob and Joan Tyson.

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