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Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings from San Marcos de Colon, Honduras, and trusting that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and are enjoying a new year filled with our Lord's blessings.

We spent Christmas and New Years here in Honduras as Bob is not well enough to travel. It was a good time as all of our family were here and we were able to enjoy our newest member, little Briana. Just for all of our family to be able to be together is one of the greatest blessings and gifts from the Lord that we could receive. Last June and July when Bob was so ill, we did not know that he would be with us for another Christmas but God has His purpose and it is always for our good. (Romans 8:28)

The days leading up to the end of the year were very, very busy ones for all the workers in the mission. First, we had three school graduations in Nicaragua, two in Honduras, and our Bible School graduation. We were blessed to have our pastor Ralph Easterwood from the Glenhaven Baptist Church in McDonough, Georgia along with several members of the church, including the director of music, Sandy Payton, who was such a blessing here as she ministered in song everywhere we went. Reid and Janice Bowman came to walk down the aisle with their "adopted" Opportunity of a Lifetime daughter to receive her diploma. They have been helping Mercedes since she was about 5 or 6 years old as you will see from the picture. This is the climax of a successful sponsorship and one that we desire for all the children. Regretfully, this does not happen to all of them as some drop out of school for one reason or another but we have many like Mercedes which makes it all worth while. She is now working in our office in San Marcos de Colon, along with another 2006 graduate Lidia Beltrand.. What a blessing these young people are to us.

Christmas was busy and EXCITING as usual. The street in front of our office was filled with people on five different occasions as the children came for their Christmas gifts from their sponsors. The office workers worked late every night filling orders. The trucks were loaded on many occasions taking Christmas gifts to the villages.



Bob and Joan Tyson walking down the aisle of the tabernacle for the Bible Institute Graduation. A few months ago we were planning Bob's funeral in this same place but God had other plans.



A special plaque was given to Brother Bob who was able to go up on the platform to receive this. The graduation was dedicated in his honor.

As is our custom, on Christmas Day the grandchildren and I went house to house giving out toys to children whom many did not even know it was Christmas Day. This was the first time for Ashley, Stevie's 6 year old daughter, to go with us. I explained that we always tell the children what we are doing and why – that we are celebrating Jesus' birthday and that God gave us the very best Gift of all when He sent Jesus to this earth to be born and then to die on a cross for us. For this reason, we were giving them a gift. Well, I wish you could have seen our little Ashley. She took over. At every stop, she began to talk and wouldn't let the others say anything...The children listened spellbound and the parents also. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible with your special offerings for Childrens Christmas. We were able to give money to Nicaragua for toys for 6000 children and over 6000 here in Honduras. We also sent offerings to our missionaries in Costa Rica and Mexico. The grandchildren and I probably gave over 200 toys along the roadside. This was one of the best years we have had. Thank you so very, very much.



Thanks to our son, Philip, my book, Sleeping Spiders, Green Grapefruits and Empty Cages, has been translated in Spanish but the title has been changed. The new title is "Remembering His Marvelous Works"...We are always in for so many surprises in the Lord's work. A medical doctor has a two hour program on Samaritan Radio from 7:00 am until 9:00 am. His program receives more calls than any other program we have. He has always spent the first part of his program receiving calls from children who quote Bible verses and sing and the rest of his program is dedicated to medicine and helping people who are sick. When Dr. Saul saw my book, he asked permission to read a portion of this book for thirty minutes every day – so from 8:30 until 9:00 I sit by the radio drinking a cup of coffee and I am



amazed at how he is bringing this book to life. I don't even think about Bob and Joan Tyson when he is reading and commenting – I think about the power of God and what He can do in the lives of people who will dedicate themselves completely to Him. I see two people who started with nothing but a calling from God and a determination to go forward no matter how rough the road got along the way. Before he starts to read, Dr. Saul offers a Bible or a bottle of shampoo to the first person who calls and tells him what was the last thing he read the day before – and the calls amaze me. A couple from Talanga, Honduras called to say that God had dealt with them to become missionaries...Another man from Roatan called to say that his life had been touched by the book and he wanted a Bible. Another called from El Salvador and gave his testimony. Everyone who calls wants a Bible. Dr. Saul is giving the Bibles and he is giving his radio time to read this book every day. He could be spending this time advertising his clinics and medicines but God has touched his heart to read this book. We never, never know what God has in store and that is why His work is so EXCITING.



We will be starting very soon on the classrooms for the grammar school. The money has come in very slowly since the ladies retreat in Gatlinburg when \$35,000 was given for this project. We are trusting the Lord to touch hearts to help us. I don't know how many children we will have this year in our grammar school but we know there will be hundreds and we need more space to put these children.

We have several more building projects this year...Some are churches in back areas where the Christians are meeting under sheds or trees. In areas like this, we can build for \$12,000.00. What a blessing to know that you are responsible for helping a group of Christians to be able to have a church building in which to worship our Lord. This is an investment that gives eternal dividends. We have been able to buy land in a place called San Jeronimo and here a building would cost us around \$25,000.00. I visited here over the holidays where they were meeting under a shed and the smoke and dust really got to me before the service was over. How I desire to see a pretty church built in this place. We need Feed the Hungry kitchens and pastoriums for our pastors to live.. As the work grows, so do the needs – but God has always provided. We are not able to come to the states to raise money but God does a much better job than we could ever do.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Bob. He has lost a lot of weight even though he has a good appetite. He goes on walks everyday with his nurse but is still sleeping a lot. We have news that our family doctor, Dr. Larry Boss, from Villa Rica is coming to see him the 17th of February. This is a special blessing for us.

May God bless you all and give you a wonderful New Year. Thank you so much for every offering, every penny of support, and every prayer that you have prayed for us and the entire Tyson family and for Good Samaritan Baptist Missions. We love you.

In Christ,
Joan Tyson and Family



Thanks to Keith Miller, Don and Evelyn Eckard, and others from the Tri City Baptist Church, we now have a fully equipped dental office set up in our tabernacle just waiting to be used. Please talk with your dentist and see if he or friends of his would be interested in giving a week to come to Honduras and work in this clinic. Contact our office at 770-459-4058. This clinic is going to be a blessing to many, many people.



A life has been changed thanks to the Opportunity of a Lifetime Program



November, 1994



November, 2006

Years ago, when Mercedes was only 5 or 6, Reid and Janice Bowman visited the kitchen in Duyusupo, Honduras and found a very shy little girl named Mercedes Hernandez. Reid squatted beside her and asked her name. When he found out it was Mercedes, he said "I have always wanted a red Mercedes". They began sponsoring Mercedes in 1994 and twelve years later, they were able to walk this beautiful young lady down the aisle to receive her diploma from the Good Samaritan High School. Mercedes is now working in the Good Samaritan Office in Honduras...One of the many success stories of the Opportunity of a Lifetime program.

Graduations



Head Table at the Primary School Graduation in San Marcos de Colon, Honduras



One group of the more than 70 students who graduated from sixth grade in Honduras. 60 others graduated from village schools



Good Samaritan High School Graduation in Honduras - 61 graduated with a High School and computer science diploma, 11 graduated with an academic diploma and 17 graduated with High School and Bilingual secretary diplomas.

Graduations



Dinner after Graduation for students and families - Each student is able to invite up to 10 family members and friends to eat at their tables but were it not for their sponsors who pay for this many would not be able to invite their families. There were several large rooms filled with very happy people celebrating this special event.



Another happy sponsor, Claude Burleson, with his "special" daughter, Suany Ponce, whom he escorted down the aisle to receive her diploma.



6th grade graduation
in Condega,
Nicaragua

Graduations



The church was completely packed out for this very special event. The parents are begging us to start a high school but we have no classrooms. Plans are now underway to begin construction of classrooms at our mission center in Condega. We have no money for this but we are stepping out by faith so that these young people might be able to receive a Christian education. Should the Lord touch your heart to help, you will be investing in young people who will be under the sound of the Gospel every day.



High School Graduates in LaTrinidad, Nicaragua



Eunice, daughter of our pastor Eliseo Molina, and valedictorian of the graduating class in LaTrinidad, was diagnosed and operated on for a cancerous brain tumor about five years ago. What a blessing to see this beautiful young girl completely healed and speaking before her class and the church. She has been sponsored for many years by Vic and Sharon Humphreys.

Elderly Christmas



We thank everyone of you who helped to bring so many blessings to our elderly this Christmas



This elderly lady is taking some of her delicious lunch home with her for supper. Many only have a paper bag to put their leftovers in for a later meal.



Food Prices are going up and we desperately need to meet our budget each month on Feed the Hungry or we will have to cut back on some of the children eating.

Baptisms



National Director Santos Casco baptizing in LaPlaya, Somoto, Nicaragua



Pastor Ralph Easterwood baptizing in the beautiful river of El Papalon



Pastor Ralph Easterwood Baptizes nine in the Condega, Nicaragua river



Pastor Federico Canales baptizes six in San Luis, Santa Barbara, at night.



Pastor Santiago Colindres baptizes 15 in El Progreso, Honduras - Jose Zamora is the pastor.



Baptisms in Pueblo Nuevo, Pastor Aristides Matey

Baptisms



Another Baptism in Pueblo Nuevo, Nicaragua.. Pastor Aristides Matey



Pastor Federico Canales Baptizes three in Danli, Honduras



Pastor Juan Gonzales Baptizes three in Jinotega, Nicaragua

Constructions



New construction begins on church building in Vallecillo, Honduras. We thank the Lord for the way He provides. We have been praying for a long time for a church building for these precious people



New church and lunchroom in Comali, Honduras



Church construction underway in a new area in Choluteca called El Limon where thousands of refugees are living after Hurricane Mitch., pastored by Jose Santos Espinoza

Constructions



New church building completed in Jacaleapa, Honduras
Pastored by Efraim Sandoval.



New S.S. Rooms under construction in Leon, Nicaragua -
Pastor Monico Alvarado



Getting ready to build in the jungles of Nicaragua, Santa Fe, Wiwili.

Constructions



New pastorium in Naranjal, Honduras



This is the finished pastorium in Materal, Honduras



This is the finished Church in Materal, Honduras

Pastors Reports

Nicaragua

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|--------------------|----------------|----|---|
| Aristides Matey | Pueblo Nuevo | 3 | 9 |
| Calixto Lopez | El Triunfo | 4 | 0 |
| Efrain Baez | | 2 | 2 |
| Favio Videa | Esteli | 9 | 0 |
| Francisco Orozco | | 3 | 2 |
| Guillermo Acuna | Esteli | 6 | 4 |
| Gerardo Gonzales | La Trinidad | 5 | 0 |
| Juan Gonzales | Potrerrillos | 1 | 5 |
| Juan Torres | Palagua | 2 | 8 |
| Juan Valdivia | Pedernal | 1 | 0 |
| Julio Herrera | Jinotega | 5 | 4 |
| Jose Acuna | Ocotol | 8 | 0 |
| Luis Ramirez | Palacaguina | 4 | 0 |
| Luis Gutierrez | Santa Elena | 17 | 0 |
| Luis Montalban | | 1 | 0 |
| Luis Lopez | Wiwili | 2 | 0 |
| Luis Canales | | 0 | 6 |
| Maximo Casco | Ocotol | 3 | 0 |
| Melvin Rodriguez | | 4 | 2 |
| Miguel Jimenez | Agua Caliente | 4 | 6 |
| Miguel Rizo | | 1 | 0 |
| Margarito Ramirez | | 8 | 3 |
| Monico Alvarado | Leon | 5 | 0 |
| Omar Estreda | El Espino | 1 | 0 |
| Patricio Joya | San Lucas | 2 | 0 |
| Pablo Castellon | Pueblo Nuevo | 4 | 0 |
| Santos Munoz | San Fernando | 1 | 0 |
| Santiago Urtecho | San Juan Limay | 2 | 0 |
| Santiago Gutierrez | Las Sabanas | 5 | 0 |
| Santiago Sequeira | Condega | 4 | 9 |
| | | | |
| Vidal Videa | Mexico | 54 | 6 |

Most Urgent Needs

Construction of Classrooms in San Marcos - \$35,000.00.

Complete remodeling of Mission Center with new roof, ceiling, etc., in Nicaragua along with classrooms in back of mission center for Christian School - \$42,000.00

Church construction in Chaquiton, Honduras - we have almost \$8,000.00 - need \$12,000.00 more.

Construction of a new roof in church of San Marcos de Colon, Honduras \$13,000.00. This is an urgent need because there is fear that this will fall in at anytime.

Honduras

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|--------------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Abel Arias | Vallecillo | 4 | 0 |
| Antonio Suarez | Santa Mira | 4 | 0 |
| Belarmino Rios | Tapaire | 14 | 0 |
| Carlos Ordonez | El Triunfo | 9 | 6 |
| Ciriaco Vallejo | Morolica | 1 | 1 |
| Carmen Carcamo | Guaimaca | 4 | 0 |
| Danilo Hernandez | El Triunfo | 5 | 7 |
| Denys Vallejo | San Francisco | 2 | 0 |
| Donaldo Aguilera | Iztoca | 1 | 0 |
| Efrain Sandoval | Jacaleapa | 6 | 4 |
| Edys Espinal | Caire | 12 | 2 |
| Edwin Miranda | Santa Barbara | 8 | 5 |
| Federico Canales | Danli | 8 | 3 |
| Julio Aguirre | Tablones Abajo | 4 | 0 |
| Jose Melgar | Choluteca | 15 | 5 |
| Jose Silva | Tegucigalpa | 2 | 0 |
| Jorge Rizo | Nacaome | 3 | 0 |
| Juan Maradiaga | Concep. Maria | 4 | 0 |
| Juan Corrales | Orica | 1 | 0 |
| Juan Aguirre | San Marcos | 3 | 0 |
| Ledis Osabas | El Triunfo | 1 | 0 |
| Luis Pastrana | Azacualpa | 7 | 4 |
| Medardo Sanchez | Pillado | 6 | 0 |
| Merlin Lopez | Choluteca | 2 | 0 |
| Oscar Vallejo | El Puente | 3 | 0 |
| Pablo Baquedano | Las Pitas | 4 | 0 |
| Pedro Estrada | Choluteca | 27 | 0 |
| Pompilio Escalante | Talanga | 10 | 0 |
| Roberto Espinoza | Marcovia | 2 | 0 |
| Ronmel Gomez | El Naranjal | 1 | 2 |
| Rene Lagos | Duyure | 2 | 0 |
| Santos Reyes | Marcovia | 5 | 3 |
| Santiago Colindres | Duyure | 3 | 8 |
| Victor Sanchez | El Papalon | 5 | 2 |
| Manuel Chavarria | El Corpus | 5 | 0 |
| Ronald Martinez | Choluteca | 7 | 15 |
| | | | |
| Total | | 371 | 133 |

Wall behind pulpit in Somoto cracked and ready to fall - \$2000.00 need to tear down and build new wall.

Monthly support for Bible Institute in San Marcos de Colon

Monthly support for National Pastors



Joan Tyson with her granddaughter Ashley

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