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**As Food Prices keep rising in Honduras,
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shortage of food.**

From Joan Tyson

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

2007 is almost gone and as I look back over this year, I think it has been one of the hardest that I have ever gone through. So many deaths, serious sicknesses in our mission family, problems with the enemy, the devil...I thank the Lord for the strength and peace that only He can give in the midst of the storm.



In the midst of the storms, there have been blessings. Many souls have been saved and baptized this year...homes have been changed, little children and young people have an opportunity through the sponsorship program to have a better life. I was listening to Samaritan Radio yesterday morning and a woman called in and said, "I want to be saved". The pastor prayed with her and she was saved. It wasn't two minutes until another call came in and another woman said, "I want to accept Jesus Christ as my Savior". I was working here at the computer and cold chills were all over me as I thought about the radio ministry reaching countless thousands and thousands (only God knows just how many)...the churches are proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ – 77 young people were saved in our high school in two days...many others are receiving the Lord. Should I be surprised that the devil is attacking? I just need to be strong and REMEMBER all the marvelous works that the Lord has done down through the years. As the precious old song AMAZING GRACE says, "Through Many Dangers, Toils and Snares, I have already Come". How many times God has brought us through the difficult times but He has never left nor forsaken us. I don't think we bring Him as much honor and glory when things are going good as we do when we can go through trials and problems and remain faithful.

On October 14, we experienced a terrible tragedy here at the boys dorm when one of our seniors, who would be graduating this year, drowned in the lake behind the dorm. Jaime Diaz had just turned 19 and would have been the first in his family to graduate from high school. He rededicated his life to the Lord during the youth conference and was baptized on Tuesday night before he drowned on Sunday. You can see him standing in the back, dressed in a blue shirt, in the picture of all the young people at the altar. Please pray for his mother who is not saved but she has the testimony of Jaime when he told her a few days before he died that he was saved and he knew that he would go to heaven when he died. For more information about his death, go to Joan's Journal on the website at www.goodsamaritan.ms.

Our schools will be out in a few days and we must get started on re-roofing our high school during December and January, the two months that school is out. Pastor Oscar, who is our builder, has given me a price of almost \$35,000.00 which includes taking out all of the wood, which is rotten, and putting in steel. I had no idea this would cost so much but it has to be done. During the heavy rains we have had these past few months, inside our high school there have been huge leaks everywhere. For a couple of years we have tried to patch the holes, etc., but the builder says it is time that we must do something.

I desperately need help on this large project. We do not have one cent to start this. Bob always started out by faith, trusting the Lord to provide, and the Lord ALWAYS provided. I need to have that kind of faith. I am reminded of the Bible verse that says, "Lord, I believe – help my unbelief". That is where I find myself sometimes but God has always provided and I remind myself of the many times in the Book of Psalms that tells us to remember the marvelous works that He has done. All I have to do is look around me and see all of His Marvelous Works - Why should I ever doubt His provisions? I never know whose heart He is going to touch to help us and it always comes as a surprise. That is what makes working for the Lord so wonderful.

I wish I could sit down with each and every one of you and tell you from my heart how much I appreciate your love, prayers and your support. I know that is not possible but I think the Lord can convey this message to you better than me. Stephany and I will be coming to the states the end of November for a couple of months. I will be visiting as many churches as I can during this time. If you would like for us to come, call our office in Villa Rica at 770-459-4058.

May God bless you and thank you for all you have done for me and all the family of Good Samaritan Baptist Missions.

From Philip Tyson

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a joy it is for me to sit down and report to you the wonderful blessings that God is doing here in Honduras and Nicaragua. Since I moved to San Marcos de Colon, Honduras in August, I have definitely kept busy. The truth is, it is hard just keeping up with Mom. She has so much energy and she never stops to rest. Almost every week, we have had a group visiting us and I have helped out with some of the groups but Mom does most of the work with them. I have so much on my plate now that most of my days last at least 18 hours.

I have been preaching in many churches around Honduras and Nicaragua. So far, over 149 people have been saved and over 240 have rededicated their lives to the Lord. The Samaritan Praise group is a wonderful blessing to work with and their music seems to prepare the peoples hearts for the preaching of God's Word. I thank God for His power to touch wounded hearts.

One of our new ministries is our TV ministry. It started out by placing a one hour a week program on a local TV station here in San Marcos de Colon, Honduras but we have now grown to eight stations reaching an estimated five hundred thousand people each week. We receive many phone call and emails from people who watch our program and many are being blessed. The program is called "Samaritan Marches". It starts off with 30 minutes of news about our ministry including baptisms, church dedications, school activities and much more. The last 30 minutes is an evangelistic message preached by myself or by a national preacher. It takes me approximately 7 hours to produce the program and I am constantly visiting churches to record new material. Please pray for this program. I believe that one day it will become an important part of our ministry.

As I am writing this letter, I have just returned from a church in Ocotal, Nicaragua which is in a section called BARRIO SANDINO. Sandino was the leader that started the communist movement in Nicaragua years ago. I can tell you that I have never experienced anything like this. This is the second church that was started in Ocotal and it is in a very dangerous part of town. We arrived around 2:00 where we had a wonderful baptism and at 4:30, we arrived at the church which is very hard to get to because there are hardly any roads. We set up our sound equipment and the church service started around 6:30. Once the Samaritan Praise group finished singing, it was time for me to preach and the church was packed out with people. The first thing I saw was a group of gang members who were standing in the back of the church watching my every move. These young men are known as killers and so I paused for a minute and I asked the Lord to protect us and to manifest His power in this service.

Once I started preaching, I can honestly tell you that I felt no fear. I looked them straight in the eye and I told them that God loves them as much as He does me and that He wants all people to be saved, that Gods love is so great that we may not understand the greatness of His mercy but we know that He does love us because He showed it at Calvary. They stood there during the meeting and listened to every word. Once the meeting was over, I went out to my car and there they were standing by my car door. One of the gang members asked me to pay a so called war tax. Even though I was shaking inside, I looked him in the eye and said, "Money is not going to make you happy, you need the Lord". They looked at me totally surprised that I was showing no fear and they just walked away. The pastor of the church prayed a special prayer that we would have a safe trip back to Honduras. It was already 10:00pm and we arrived in Honduras safe and sound. That night, two adults were saved and four came forward to rededicate their lives to the Lord.

Please don't think that I am some kind of super brave preacher. I was definitely afraid but I have a special calling in my life and if it means that I have to lose it for the Lord, I will. People in Honduras and Nicaragua need the Lord and I will keep preaching the wonderful message of salvation until the day I die. Please keep our Evangelistic Fund in your prayers. At this time, I receive no support but this is not going to keep me from preaching God's Word.



Samaritan Revival Praise Group

by Philip Tyson



In Late August 2007, I felt a burden in my heart to start a Tuesday night devotional for our workers in San Marcos de Colon, Honduras. I felt that it would be good to have a praise and worship time together. The first meeting started out with around 300 in attendance and just one month later,



we were having around 800 to come. I asked Stephany my daughter if she would sing in each meeting along with three brothers, Harold, Eliu, and Aaron

Iglesias, who all work for us as teachers in our school. The results were incredible. Many people started receiving Christ as their Saviour and many more rededicated their lives to the Lord.

www.avivamientosamaritano.com and our first album will be ready for sale in the month of November. We are also purchasing \$15,000 worth of music equipment. We have received around \$8,000 in donations for this equipment so we are praying for the other \$7,000. All of this has been done by faith and we know that God will provide.

I have some prayer request for you. Please pray that God will keep using this group to win



souls. Please pray that funds will be raised for our Evangelistic team. Please pray that we will be able to get visas for the group members so we can visit churches in the United States so they can be a blessing to all of our supporters.

Once word got out to the other churches about our meetings, we started receiving invitations to come and sing and preach in their churches. Our first concert was in Palacaguina, Nicaragua where dad started his first church in 1970. The building was packed and what a blessing everyone received. Unknowing to us, there was a man visiting the church that



worked for an international organization and later, he posted an article on the internet with some pictures. This is where the Samaritan Revival Praise Group began.

We met together and decided to make this a full time ministry and we are now on the road every weekend singing and preaching in churches everywhere. God has truly blessed and it seems so unreal when I think back that just a few months ago, this group never existed.



So far, we have had 149 people saved and 248 rededication with 15 baptized. We have our own website now at

Food Prices on the rise

The Feed the Hungry Program needs your help

In 1983 when Joan Tyson started the Feed the Hungry program, she never imagined that it would grow so large. With 38 feeding centers and a new one being built now, over 4,000 children receive a good meal each day. This is not just a plate of food for these children, they depend on this each day because many have little or nothing to eat at home. This program has worked successfully for almost 25 years but we now need your help desperately.

Food Prices have gone through the roof in Honduras and



Nicaragua. Beans, corn, and sugar have doubled in price and other products have gone up fifty percent.

The government of Honduras and Nicaragua in the

past have controlled the prices of food but because of the high price of gasoline and the rains that destroyed so many crops, food is scarce so the prices are elevating rapidly. Our budget has always been the same but now it has doubled and we do not have the funds to keep feeding all these children.

We have prayed about this situation and we believe that there is a way that we can meet our budget. We would like the first Sunday in March to be "Feed the Hungry Day".

On this day it would be great if your church could take up a



special offering for Feed the Hungry. You could have activities up to this date to raise funds so these children will keep eating in our feeding centers and keep learning about the love of Jesus. We have

many churches that support our ministry and if they all take up a special offering for Feed the Hungry, this can be added to the funds we already receive and we will be able to meet our budget for the year.

These children do not ask for much. They receive mainly beans, rice, tortillas, and a lot of love. We do not want to turn anyone away who is hungry, we never have and we never will as long as we have the funds to buy food. Please pray about starting a special Feed the Hungry day on the first Sunday of March of each year.



Proverbs 19:17

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again"



Baptisms



Baptism in Mexico. This is one of the National Pastors that works with Vidal Vide



Pastor Pablo Castellon Baptizing a lady who waited 27 years to be baptized



Santiago Colindres Baptizing in Duyure, Honduras



Pastor Monico Alvarado baptizing in La Trinidad, Nicaragua



Pastor Ronald Martinez baptizing in Choluteca



Pastor Santiago Colindres baptizing in El Progreso, Honduras

Next Generation Youth Conference



Youth Conference with Pastor Rodney Agan and Youth Pastor Jamey Winters from the North Point Baptist Church in Carrollton, Georgia



77 young people gave their lives to the Lord Jesus and 27 surrendered to be used in God's service

Good Samaritan Ministry Pictures



Dedication of Philadelphia Baptist Church in Vallecillo, Honduras



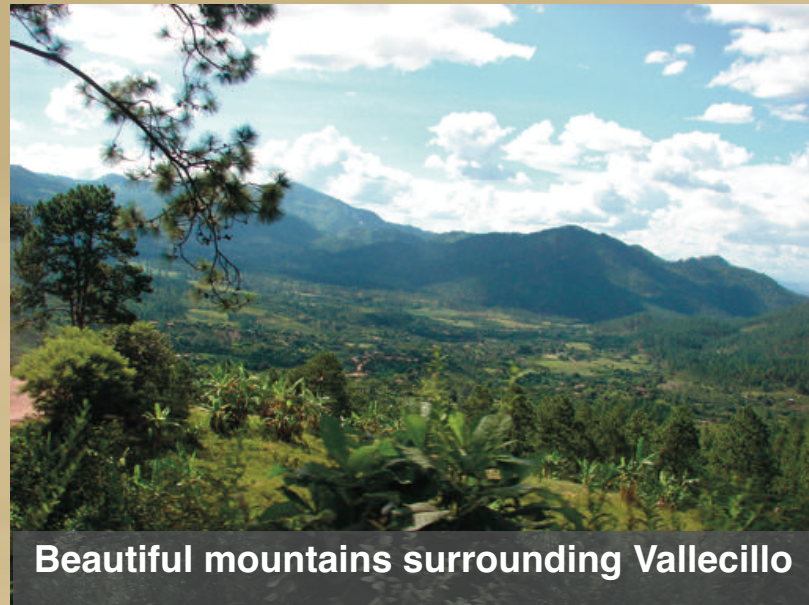
A man donated an acre of land where a new work has been started by Pastor Marvin Ortiz



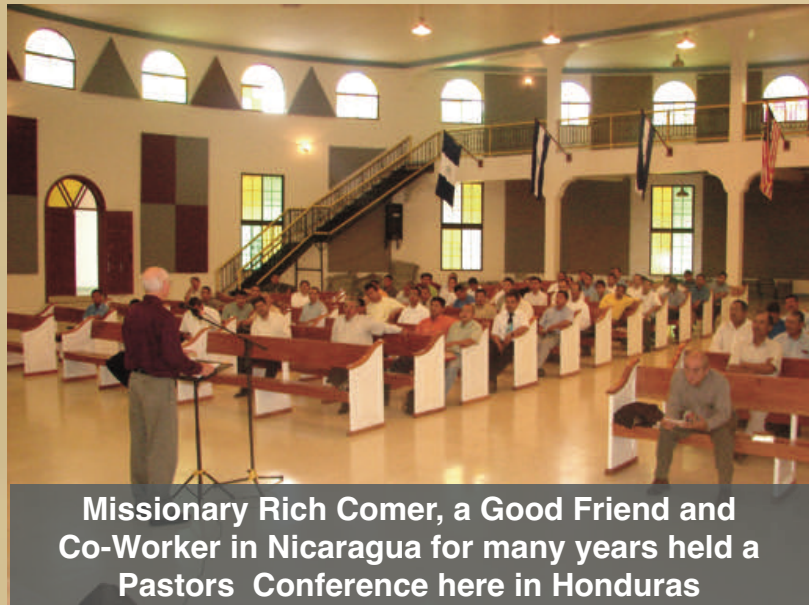
Joan Tyson speaking at Church dedication in Vallecillo, Honduras



Dedication of the new Feed the Hungry kitchen in El Triunfo, Honduras. Danilo Hernandez is pastor to over 200 children plus adults. Several mothers were saved on this very special day



Beautiful mountains surrounding Vallecillo



Missionary Rich Comer, a Good Friend and Co-Worker in Nicaragua for many years held a Pastors Conference here in Honduras

Church Building needed in El Espino, Nicaragua



The building that originally sat on this property was blown up during the war and the pastor who is now pastoring this congregation was a part of the army who blew up the building back in the early 80's. He is now preaching on the property that he once helped to blow up, Pastor Julio Herrera Sandoval. We need \$25,000.00 to build a church building here.



Congregation at border church where a church building is needed

Independence Day Parade and School Anniversary



Primary School children marching in the streets of San Marcos de Colon, Honduras with their Bibles in their hands



The Parade lasted for over 6 hours



Over 1200 of our students marched in the Independence Day parade. This banner says that Jesus is our Principal Teacher

Special Days and Activities



On November 2, 2007 the National Defense Minister of Honduras asked permission to use the Good Samaritan tabernacle to hold a meeting with all of the security people in all of southern Honduras. 1200 people were in attendance. They asked that one of our pastors open this meeting with prayer and also invited Joan Tyson to be a special guest of the defense minister.



International Bible Day services. Christians from far and near gathered in Choluteca to celebrate the 438th Anniversary of the translation of the Holy Bible in the Spanish Language.

Trip to the Jungle



In October, we took a trip to El Jicarito which is in the jungles of Honduras. This is where the man in the cage was liberated from a demon back in the late 80's. We traveled with a group from First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga. It was a tremendous experience as we had to cross rivers and drive on muddy roads with the purpose of giving out food bags to the poor in this area.

Philip Tyson with Pastor Ronal Martinez, Pastor Luis Pastrana, Pastor Pedro Estrada and Missionary Rich Comer



Saved And Baptized

Honduras	Saved 773	Baptized 148
Nicaragua	Saved 298	Baptized 77
Mexico	Saved 75	Baptized 5
Philip Tyson	Saved 148	
Youth Retreat	Saved 77	
Total	Saved 1,371	Baptized 230



Stephany Tyson was crowned Queen of the High School Anniversary

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