

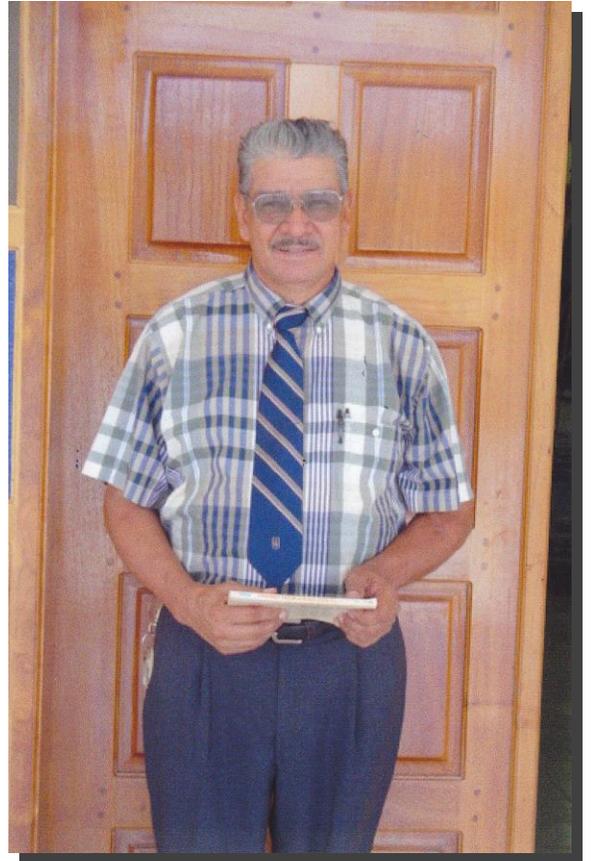
May, 2012

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers In Christ,

ONE BY ONE GOD IS CALLING HIS SERVANTS HOME.

On May 10, He took one of the best from Honduras. **Pastor Jorge Rizo** had been a part of the Good Samaritan Baptist Missions family for 41 years. I always loved to hear his testimony of how he and other men rode into their village on horseback, with pistols strapped on their hips, and they came upon a group from Good Samaritan preaching the Gospel out in the open air. Some of the men wanted to pull out their pistols but Jorge told them **“Let’s see what they have to say”**. That day the Word of God was sown in his heart and on the 3rd of September, 1971, he received the Lord as his Savior. October, 1971, he was baptized by Missionary Richard Comer who was working with us at that time. That same year he received the call from God to preach and February 2, 1972 he enrolled in our Bible Institute.

There is not enough space to tell what Brother Jorge has meant to Good Samaritan Missions, to our family and to God’s work in Nicaragua and Honduras. During the war in Nicaragua in 1979, he came with his family to Honduras and when the war was over and the people returned to their country, he told Bob that he felt God wanted him to stay in Honduras. He was our first national missionary to Honduras, not only starting the work in San Marcos de Colon but in other villages such as Duyure where he would drive a little pickup truck that our mission had and without any lights at times he would hang a lantern out the window and make the long mountain trip for over 2 hours to carry the Gospel. Jorge never had the finer things of this life. He never had an opportunity as some pastors to visit the United States, his little truck was a gift from our mission, and we even helped him to have his own home, but today he is walking on streets of gold, with his own personal mansion, and he does not need wheels anymore, he has wings. I can just imagine the Lord saying **WELL DONE THY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT** and **faithful He was**. He was called a **“preaching machine”**. He will be missed. He served as Vice President of the pastors, teacher in the Bible Institute, Evangelist and Pastor for many years in the town of Nacaome, Honduras and a great friend and counselor to me. Please pray for his wife and children. Jorge was 69 years old.



We received another death notice this morning. The son of Luz, our beloved cook for the groups, died this morning. He was a young man, but already an alcoholic. I wish I could be there with Luz to just put my arms around her but God has His time and his reason for me being away. All of this is happening while Stephany and I are here in the states for two weeks for medical checkups. We return to Honduras on the 19th of May. Luz and her family need your prayers.

These have been very busy days since our last newsletter. We had a Bible conference for the all the pastors from Nicaragua and Honduras with Pastor Mark Campbell from Bradenton, Florida. Also we have had a group from the Glen Haven Baptist Church in McDonough, Georgia, along with Pastor Jerome Walker from Gateway Baptist in North Carolina; then a group from Eagles Landing Christian School and a group from the Crossroads Baptist Church in Valdosta, Georgia. Each group brought special blessings everywhere we went. The Crossroads Baptist Church brought 1000 book bags which were filled with schools supplies and given out in the villages. There were people saved and baptized in almost every place that we went. In the town of Pueblo Nuevo, Nicaragua a baptism was held in a big vat out in the open on a farm where the owner of the farm had received the Lord. He wanted all of his workers to

see him baptized and what a testimony this was. This man weighs 520 pounds and when I saw the men working on a ladder to climb up to the vat and another ladder to climb down into the water, my heart did a flip. How was this huge man ever going to climb up that little ladder, but he did in spite of my doubts. He could not be baptized in the normal way because he was so big but he just sort of squatted down in the water and when he came up his face was like the face of an angel. It was like he was saying "Praise God, I made it". Another lady with spinal problems had to be baptized the same way. A total of 12 were baptized.

From the baptisms, we went to another village for the dedication of a new church building in Los Calpules, Nicaragua and it was packed out at 1:00 in the afternoon. After service, we were all invited to eat and it was humbling to think about these people with so little themselves yet they killed a cow especially for us.

I received a special blessing when the youth minister of Crossroads Baptist baptized a married couple in the village of Caire. This is the couple I told you about several months ago that Stephany and I went to visit after their son who is a dorm student wanted to quit school and return home because he said he could not eat three meals a day while his family had nothing to eat. We visited the home and the mother received the Lord inside the little house with Stephany and me while Mario talked to the dad on the outside. When we went outside to tell them that the mother had something to tell them, Mario replied that they had something to tell us. The dad had also received the Lord. They had raised a large family, never having been married, but immediately they began working on their papers to get married and then to be baptized. Also, the brother of the pastor, who has cancer, was baptized on that day.

Brother Stan Berrong, Pastor of Glen Haven, baptized in the church of San Marcos, also Pastor Jim Duncan from the Wrenn Memorial Baptist in Greenville, S. C., baptized in two or three different places. A large baptism of 22 was held in the river with two national pastors baptizing. That night the new church building of Yusguare was dedicated, a beautiful service in a beautiful building. The Christian School of Eagles Landing helped to make this possible.

**THE TOTAL NUMBER COMBINED OF SALVATIONS AND BAPTISMS SINCE OUR LAST LETTER IS:
PROFESSIONS OF FAITH 576 BAPTISMS 133**

I had the blessing of attending the 37th Anniversary of the church in Ocotal, Nicaragua. The church was packed out with people standing and it thrilled my heart as I saw so many young men serving in the church. My memory took me back to the time when Bob prayed that God would save men in Nicaragua and He has. I also had the opportunity to speak to the pastors' wives in Nicaragua which was a blessing. I also traveled with my son, Philip, along with Stephany and Eliut singing, in different churches in Nicaragua. It was a blessing to be in the First Baptist Church of Palacaquina, the first church started 42 years ago.

As you can see, we have been busy. These are just some of the highlights of what has happened in our lives since around the middle of February. Along with the blessings come the attacks from Satan. Please, please pray for us. There have been some things happening that I never thought I would see but God is with us. Just because we are missionaries does not mean we are exempt from his attacks. I personally think he attacks us more because if he can discourage or destroy us, then he has won the battle.

As far as needs are concerned, we have pastors who desperately need support. We have young men, Bible school graduates, working for the Lord back in the mountains of Honduras and Nicaragua who have no support, or maybe \$50 or \$75 a month from our mission. No one can live on that in these days. Please, please consider helping these young men. Also we have urgent needs for construction. Our buildings are getting old and need new roofs and other repairs. We have Feed the Hungry kitchens that are about to fall in. We would appreciate anything you can do to help us.



Children in Caire receive book bags and school supplies from Crossroads Baptist in Valdosta, GA.



New church dedication in Los Calpules, Nicaragua.



520 pound man being baptized in Pueblo Nuevo, Nicaragua.



12 baptized by Pastor Jerome Walker from Gateway Baptist Church.



22 baptized by Pastors Belarmino Rios and Ronmel Gomez in Yusguare, Hond.



New church building dedication in Yusguare, Honduras.



Happy Mother of high school student getting baptized in Caire - father baptized on same day



6 baptized during morning service in Caire, Honduras.



Sunday morning service in San Marcos de Colon, Pastor Stan Berrong from Glen Haven Baptist, preaching



Pastor Stan baptizing six new believers in San Marcos de Colon.

Lastly, I want to thank you for your support to Samaritan Radio. You cannot imagine the impact these stations are having all over the countries they are reaching. Pastor Stan Berrong from Glen Haven preached on the radio while in Honduras and he can testify of the impact this ministry is having. This is another ministry that needs support. The Bible tells us that our God will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory. We bring these petitions to you but we know it has to be Him who touches your heart. May God bless you and supply all of your needs is our prayer. Thank you for being so good to me, my family and Good Samaritan Baptist Missions.

In Christ,
Joan Tyson and Family
GOOD SAMARITAN BAPTIST MISSIONS, INC.



Jackie Berrong from Glen Haven giving her testimony on Samaritan Radio with Steve Tyson translating

