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Dear Co-Laborers In Christ,

It's a blessing to be writing you again from San Marcos de Colon, Honduras and desiring that every one of you are being blessed by our Lord. ***First of all, I want to tell you that my Pet Scan on March 4 was completely clear of any cancer!*** Only you, who have had cancer and have heard these words, know the full impact that it has on you. We were in the states for about three weeks. I never dreamed what God had in store for us during these three weeks. We arrived on Thursday night and, then, on Saturday I had the blessing of speaking in a ladies conference at the Happy Valley Baptist Church in Villa Rica. On Monday, after my Pet scan, Bill and Johnnie Smith came from Calvary Baptist in Simpsonville, South Carolina, to take us to their missions conference. I participated on Tuesday night and what a blessing this conference was...60 children have been sponsored from the dear people of this church. We also received a wonderful love offering and so many gifts that I can't even name them all. I was NOT EXPECTING any of this. All glory is given to the Lord because He knew how many children I had allowed to enroll in school without a sponsor or parents to help. Before I left Honduras, I had told our director here, "Don't even tell me how many I have let go to school without a sponsor! Don't give me the budget yet! Just wait until I return and we will work on this then!" Well, God already had it all worked out. **How I thank Him for His provision and His love.**

After the mission's conference in Simpsonville, SC, we were invited to Lupton Drive Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN, where more children were sponsored. Stevie showed a video of the radio ministry, Stephany gave her testimony and I taught the Ladies S.S. Class. It is always a blessing to be with Pastor Randy Bell and all his dear people.

Since our return to Honduras on the 27th of March, I have felt great (except for arthritis pains and a stiff neck). If you follow Good Samaritan Facebook page (and I hope you will and share it with your friends), you will see some of the things we have been doing since we have been back in Honduras. Just go to Facebook and search for Good Samaritan Baptist Missions and then click "like" to follow it. For those of you who don't have Facebook, I am sending along some pictures with this letter of some of the things that have been going on here.

ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL BAPTISM WITH 26 FOLLOWING THE LORD IN BELIEVERS BAPTISM... This time it was in a river near the village of Azacaulpa where my granddaughter, Stephany, was baptized years ago by Pastor Ralph Easterwood. First, there was a service under a shed by the side of a dirt road, and then we walked down to the river. I first said that I didn't think I would try it but everyone wanted me to see this baptism so with the help of Stephany I made it down the rocky hill to the river. However, coming back was a different story. I held on to two of our young preachers and one followed directly behind in case I fell backward. I had no problem and was not even out of breath when I finally reached the top. The baptism was beautiful but it was so HOT, probably over 90 degrees, and yet they sang a verse of a song after each one was baptized. No one complained nor said anything about it being hot, nor seemed to be in a hurry.

I have visited several churches here upon my return. Sunday was a great blessing as I heard Pastor Ramon Aguirre teaching the church about their responsibility to support missions. This is going on in every one of the churches through mission conferences and teaching the people their responsibility. *In many of the churches in the back villages, the offerings will be very small, but God does not look at the amount, He sees the heart.* We have pastors working in areas where the people have no steady income. They work in the fields when there is a need, working with a machete, milking cows or mending fences, and with the help of God's people here and the generous hearts of His people in the United States, it will ease the physical suffering of many of these pastors. **If God should touch**

your heart to help support a national preacher, it will be a great blessing. Whatever amount God lays on your heart to send will be a blessing. *I thank God for you who are already helping.*

I have started speaking every day on the new Samaritan radio station here in San Marcos. My messages are "Counsel for Women". *Please pray for me in this new, daily endeavor.* I had a program for a long time before our studio was moved to the capital and now Stevie has opened up this local programming here at our mission center in San Marcos which will be a blessing to many people here in San Marcos. Several of our local pastors and school teachers will be involved.

	SAVED	BAPTIZED
HONDURAS (Salvations reported for Feb-Mar)	271	114
NICARAGUA (March)	90	12
HONDURAS HIGH SCHOOL (Reports for Feb-Mar)	27	
HONDURAS GRAMMAR SCHOOL	10	
COSTA RICA	47	

In this letter I want to introduce to you Pastor Randy Bell, pastor of Lupton Drive Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. In our last board meeting in the U.S., Brother Randy was elected Vice President of Good Samaritan Baptist Missions. Brother Randy has been our friend and a blessing to this ministry for many years. He and Sister Mary Eidson Bell have been married for 40 years. He taught in the Georgia Public schools for 11 years before entering the pastorate on a full time basis. He has pastored Riverside Baptist of Tallapoosa, GA, and Harmony Baptist of Chattanooga, TN. While at Harmony Baptist, the missions program expanded from 30 missionaries to over 150. He became pastor of Lupton Drive Baptist in Chattanooga in December of 1995 where he is currently serving. Under his leadership, the missions program has thrived. The church currently supports 220 missionaries, sponsors 107 children and 35 special projects. To this date, the church has given over 5 million dollars to missions since he became pastor.



Brother Randy will remain as pastor at Lupton Drive Baptist but will also be available on occasions to present the work of Good Samaritan Baptist Missions in churches in the U.S., preaching in missions conferences, giving information about the work here in Honduras and Nicaragua. He will also be heading up groups to the mission field, holding Bible conferences for national pastors, and will be a great blessing in helping our many national preachers. If you would be interested in having Brother Randy visit your church, just call our office in Villa Rica at (770) 459-4058 or Brother Randy at (423) 877-7728.

A picture of our new bus is attached. It is absolutely beautiful. Also, one of our churches has a well of water because of the love of God's people. ***Right now, I am praying about a church pastorium for one of our pastors in Nicaragua. No human being should have to live where this young man and his family lives. One daughter sleeps on the dirt floor because there is not enough room for another cot. The house and land will cost about \$9,000.00.*** There are always needs but I thank the Lord that He is the Great Provider. Only the Lord can convey my thanksgiving and gratitude to all of you who so faithfully support this ministry. May God bless every one of you. I love you with all my heart.

Joan Tyson and Family

PS: REMINDER – Help us out!!!

Due to the increase in postage again, it is very, very expensive to mail letters. Please give us your email address to use for your children's letters. Also, if you've changed your email address recently, please let us know of this change so we can be sure you receive your letters by email.



Pictured above is Joan Tyson with some of the Honduras national pastors. ***Please pray about being a co-laborer with one of these pastors. Any amount would be a great blessing.***



Good Samaritan Bible Institute students



Pictured are 26 people baptized in another beautiful baptism near Azacaulpa, Honduras. Several of our pastors brought their people to be baptized...Water is so scarce right now but the Lord had this waiting.



It was much easier for me to go down than to climb back up but I had plenty of help from two young pastors and someone behind to catch me in case I fell backward. **GOD IS SO GOOD.**



THANK YOU, THANK YOU for this beautiful bus, and Bro. Mario, the driver, thanks you. This was driven from the states, in excellent condition.



Pastor Ubence Ortiz and the people of Chaguiton are giving thanks to the Lord for a well provided by the Naomi Baptist Church.



New broadcasting studio in San Marcos de Colon
Several of our pastors are preaching on this station.
Four people have called in for salvation.



Here, my son, Steve Tyson, introduced me on my first day of speaking on the radio.
This program is called "Counsel for Women".



Control room of Samaritan Radio in Tegucigalpa
Nine repeater stations are carrying the message of salvation to millions reaching into 5 countries.

What is going on at Samaritan Radio is amazing. In four months a total of 35,800 phone calls have been received with some 1,000 receiving Christ as their Savior. A total of 3,800 are followers on Facebook. This month a new 10-line phone system has been installed. The electric bill alone is running into the thousands of dollars and sometimes we wonder if the money will come in, but God has never failed. Just to think of the thousands of people living back in the mountains where there is no church and the only Gospel they hear is coming through Samaritan radio. The devil does not like this ministry because he knows what it is doing to reach the lost for Christ.



When God called Dr. Saul Morel home, Stevie was devastated, thinking he could never be replaced but God touched the hearts of his wife and son to continue his two-hour daily, morning program called "Breakfast for the Soul". They never get in a hurry with the caller even though many calls may be waiting. They talk about Jesus. They have children to memorize verses. They talk to people with problems and they give them the solution which is found in God's Word and our relationship with Jesus Christ.

