

# Good Samaritan

Baptist Mission, Inc.



### Salvations and Baptisms for this Quarter

*Honduras	*Nicaragua	*Christian Schools
Saved - 377	Saved - 471	Saved - 28
Baptized - 57	Baptized - 50	
Total Saved - 876	Total Baptized - 104	

It is still hard for me to believe that I'm writing you again from San Marcos de Colon, Choluteca, Honduras. A week ago, I was begging God to let me return, and after being told last Thursday that my blood count was ok, I was on Friday's flight to return. What a week it has been! In this newsletter, I want to give some highlights of what has happened in just one week...

On Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, we left out early where we had the blessing of seeing 28 follow the Lord in believers baptisms. The churches here are divided into sections and several pastors were present. Pastor Kelly Burton from the First Baptist Church in Alba, Texas and our national pastor Brother Ronmel Gomez baptized. One young lady was saved at the service. Since there has hardly been any rain here and the rivers are almost dry, the park opened its doors free of charge for the churches to use their swimming pool. The mayor and her family, who have all been saved, were present and I'm sure had a lot to do with our being able to use this park for the honor and glory of our Lord.



Then on Sunday night, a wonderful, wonderful blessing occurred when one of the men who came to work in the construction of a new roof for our church in Duyure received the Lord. Mario, our bus driver, who is also a pastor, began to talk with Steve Nail, also from Texas. Steve and Mario had a lot in common since both were in the military many years ago and both held bitterness in their hearts. Mario told Steve how Jesus helped him to overcome any bitterness and bring peace to his heart. During the invitation Steve came forward and said he had received Christ as His Savior. There was a lot of rejoicing in the church of San Francisco (Honduras) and later on in the week Steve and two others were baptized by Mario after the construction was finished in Duyure. Two others made professions of faith in Christ.



On Monday, we had a joint program by our high school and grammar school and the auditorium was packed with many students standing. Thank the Lord for the strength the Lord gave me to attend every service so far and I forgot I had ever even been sick. Oh, how good our God is. I kept thinking that just a few days ago I had literally begged the Lord to let me return once again to Honduras and He not only had allowed me to return but every day had been a special blessing, seeing souls saved and following the Lord in baptism.

Lately I have had such a burden for so many young people God has put in our path and under our responsibility to preach Christ to them. This morning Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, I was invited to a devotional by our high school teachers. We waited until the school devotional was finished and then they asked me to go into the library. When I went in, there was a large group of high school students in a circle surrounding me as I sat in a special "soft" chair the principal had brought in. I jokingly asked the principal, "are these young people in problems?", but she answered, "These have been saved in the last couple of weeks and they want to give you their testimony." You can imagine how I felt in the presence of those 27 young people who had trusted Christ as Savior and began to give their testimonies. I told them how God had laid the high school on my heart for so long and how my plans were that if He would allow me to return to Honduras that I was going to spend more time counseling young people. So many come from broken homes, some have so many problems and they need personal counseling. The Lord just seemed to confirm this today as the young people, one by one, came by me, hugging my neck and saying "Jesus has saved me".



The Lord willing, I will be here another week. I return to the states on the 26<sup>th</sup> and have an appointment for a scan on the 27<sup>th</sup> to see if the cancer is gone. PRAY FOR ME. I feel great, just have the hoarseness that radiation has caused but I don't believe it is permanent because sometimes my voice is almost as clear as before. Other times I can hardly talk. But I can say that God has blessed me this week beyond words. So many pastors have come by the office to tell me that people have been saved in their churches. Others are saying they have many to be baptized.

Thank you once again from the bottom of my heart for your prayers and financial support. The financial needs are great and so many construction needs and needs for national pastors. I will tell you more about these needs in another letter but just wanted to share with you what is going on here. I met yesterday with our director and pastor, Favio Videa, and he told me everything was going great in Nicaragua and that God is blessing there in a wonderful way.

You are a part of this work. This is God's work and God is providing and saving souls. I thank God and I thank every one of you because you are a part of all of this.

Joan Tyson and Family  
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*Enjoy more pictures of what has been going on this summer in the next pages!*





Dr. Rod Dynes and the GHO Medical Team come and attend the people of San Marcos de Colon each year. Each patient is witnessed to and there are many professions of faith each year.



GHO also brought a dental team to do cleanings, extractions, and fillings. (Believe it or not, this area was the busiest of all the doctors!)



They set up shop in our Grammar School and saw hundreds of patients by the time the week was up. They also visited some villages to help people who can't come to San Marcos.



With a group from Tom's Creek Baptist and Lighthouse Baptist, we visited the military base in Choluteca and had a service with over 300 military men. The power went out during the service but we continued to sing. Our national Pastor Alfredo Melgar reports that around 70 have been saved!



We also visited Pastor Manuel Ramirez and his church in Yusguare. It was a full house as he also had his mission churches visiting for that service.



Several people came to the altar that night after the message was preached in Yusguare. It was a blessing to see people coming to the Lord!



Going through the mountains giving out food bags to the people in Caire, Hon.



These were the kind of homes that we visited that day. Our purpose is to not only provide these people with physical food, but more importantly with spiritual food which will give them eternal life.



Pastor Santiago Urtecho and his family stand on what will be a new pastorium for his family so that the church will have more space for Sunday School rooms for the kids. We need help in finishing this pastorium in Yalaguina, Nicaragua.



A group from First Baptist in Loganville came for two weeks and helped to build a new kitchen in the village of Madrigales, Hon. and also had VBS for the kids in the villages of Caire and San Benito.



This is the breathtaking view that can be seen on the road going to Madrigales. What an amazing beauty God has created here in Honduras and Nicaragua.



We had a group of teachers from Strong Rock Christian School from Locust Grove, Ga., to teach in our classrooms and have workshops with our teachers. It was an amazing week!





Strong Rock Christian School was so generous in donating 64 computers from their school for ours! This was such a blessing as we had a need for new computers and we were able to open a new lab for our 7th - 9th graders!



We were also able to go out with our teachers' group and give out food bags and gifts for the children in the villages. We handed out flip-flops, candy, and made balloon animals for the kids. They loved it!



Here is Strong Rock along with most of our teachers with matching shirts. The friendships that were made that week will never be forgotten. We can't wait for Strong Rock to come back next year!



We had a wonderful service in Yusguare, Hon. with some 9 churches represented following with a baptism of 28 people as mentioned in the letter above. This was such a sweet time to worship the Lord.



Pastor Kelly Burton from First Baptist of Alba, Tx., baptizes an elderly man who was too scared to go to the deep end of the pool, but was determined to be baptized one way or another.



Pastor Ronmel Gomez from El Naranjal, Hon baptizes a young man. He has been a faithful pastor for over 30 years.



We have always been able to depend on our Feed the Hungry Benefit to help meet our yearly budget for Feed the Hungry. This year, we have received very few funds for this very important ministry of our mission. So many of our pastors ate in a Feed the Hungry kitchen when they were children. Adjustments will have to be made in this program if more funds are not received. We have never closed a kitchen for lack of funds and we don't even want to think about it and for this reason, we are asking God to please touch hearts to help us not only feed these children, but also they will grow up hearing about Jesus every day. Just mark your donation "Feed the Hungry Benefit!"

Projects completed this year	Projects to be done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Retainer wall in Papalon, Hon.</li> <li>❖ New feeding center in El Perico, Hon.</li> <li>❖ New feeding center in Madrigales, Hon.</li> <li>❖ New radio tower and building of fence in San Marcos de Colon, Hon.</li> <li>❖ Well in El Carmen, Wiwili, Nic.</li> <li>❖ Property for pastorium in Somoto, Nic.</li> <li>❖ Reconstructive work including, painting of tabernacle, new bathrooms, new roof on Grammar School and Elderly kitchen, etc. (all done by Glen Haven Team Impact)</li> <li>❖ New roof on church in San Francisco, Hon. (with the help of Carpenters for Christ)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Church building in La Laguna, Nic.</li> <li>❖ Pastorium in Yalaguina, Nic.</li> <li>❖ Kindergarten building in San Marcos de Colon, Hon.</li> <li>❖ Church building in San Benito, Hon.</li> <li>❖ Church building in Cacaui, Nic.</li> </ul>

*There's a great need in Nicaragua for more children to be sponsored. For \$30 a month, you can help change a child's life. We have pictures and histories of so many children who are waiting for this opportunity. Please contact our office below for more information.*

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