

Good Samaritan Baptist Mission

A New Year!



The Lord has been so good to us and opened up many more doors of opportunity to serve Him since our last report for 2014.

First of all, thank everyone of you for praying. I went in for the results of my latest cat scan on Thursday, January 29th. Stephany and I waited patiently as the doctor looked at his computer, shuffled papers, and seemingly ignored us. I could wait no longer and asked "what about the scan". "Oh the scan" he asked. Then his face broke out into a smile and said, "a very good scan". He told us there is only one small place left on my spleen where the cancer started. Then he said he guessed we would be wanting to go back to Honduras and asked "When?" I said, "Monday." This was only four days away but the doctors attitude had changed completely since our last trip. He helped us to make our plans, postponing chemo and other medicines and appointments for 15 days. We left his office rejoicing in the Lord.

On Sunday, before flying out on Monday, we were blessed to attend services at Glen Haven Baptist and hear testimonies from several of the 32 men who had just returned from Honduras where they had worked for two weeks in construction, repairs, painting, etc., in the tabernacle, schools, office and the new radio station. Following a delicious lunch at the church, we met with a group of teachers from the Strong Rock Christian School who will be going to Honduras in June to work with all of our school teachers in seminars, in the classrooms, and exchanging ideas, etc. This will be the first time our teachers have ever experienced something like this and we believe it will be a great blessing for everyone.

Our 15 days in Honduras were amazing. We had the blessing of spending an entire day in Nicaragua, beginning with a program the school children had put on for us. The enrollment this year will hit almost 300 in the Condega school and only 65 have sponsors. The others are only able to pay from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a month. Some can't pay anything but EVERYONE wants their children to go to the Christian school. The daughter of Favio Videa, our national leader in Nicaragua, is our school principal in Condega and God has prepared her for this ministry. It is amazing to see how God works. We can work and worry and make plans, and the Lord knowing our hearts and our purposes just comes along with the perfect solutions. We do not have all the funds to pay teachers and other expenses but we have a scholarship fund that we set up several years ago and this helps us tremendously. We are able to put into this fund extra money that is undesignated and several send for "Scholarship Fund". We also have a Christian school in La Trinidad, Nicaragua. One of our



students in La Trinidad won first place in all schools in Nicaragua and a student in Condega came in second. If anyone feels led to help the scholarship fund, it is so needed and will be so much appreciated.

While in Nicaragua, we had the opportunity to meet with about 75 national pastors. There was no formal meeting, just a luncheon and wonderful fellowship. So many of these pastors seem like my sons, they have been with us for so many years. So many came to our table, just wanting to greet me and tell me they were praying for me. I was already getting hoarse from talking so much and when we returned to the mission center, there were teachers, the school principals and others waiting to talk. It was almost dark when we left for Honduras and I had just about lost my voice.



We were in Honduras for the opening days of the new school year and I did what I always say I am not going to do and that is to let children and young people enroll without a sponsor and my heart took over again. It is so, so hard for me to say "I am sorry, you can't study without paying". I don't know how many I let enroll without paying, but we have over 700 in our high school in San Marcos. Over 200 of these come from villages and many villages do not have high schools. These young people live in our dormitories and this is our greatest expense, giving them three meals a day, paying cooks, counselors, guards, teachers, but the joy of seeing what Jesus and a good education is doing in their lives is worth every cent. I stand amazed at how our Lord provides. We thank the sponsors who are helping us by paying extra for their intern child. I could write a book on our experiences with these children and young people, who they were and who they have become. We have seen miracles. We have pastors who were saved in a Feed the Hungry kitchen, studied in



our high school and now raising up churches. Two of these young men are now Bible teachers in our high school. One pastor teaches Bible in the grammar school. Many of our teachers were once in the Opportunity program.

While in Honduras, we were in meetings just about every day. I heard wonderful news from a pastor who pastored in front of a large military base in Choluteca. He was invited by the Colonel to preach at the base. In the first service, over 700 soldiers attended and **70 raised their hands during invitation!** Among these were officers. This pastor was then invited to speak at the national police academy in Choluteca and **30 of these men made professions of faith!** Many of these soldiers and policemen will be facing danger wherever they are sent.. So many pastors came to me telling how the Lord is blessing, how many souls have been saved and baptized.



I don't have words to express first of all to the Lord and to His people for what God is doing all over the world but especially in the work of the Good Samaritan Baptist Missions. I thank God for you who are able to give, others who pray daily, for those who recommend this work to others and especially to those such as the Glen Haven Baptist "Team Impact" Work Group and to the Carpenters for Christ, and to the First Baptist Church of Loganville, Georgia for coming to do manual labor every year to keep Gods work beautiful for His honor and glory. Your rewards will be great.

So much news, so many blessings, so many needs, many heartaches, so many needs for prayer...There is never enough space to even beginning to tell it all. I wish I could do a monthly newsletter but we do this quarterly to save money.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you are doing - for helping to feed hundreds of children every day, for supporting the great radio ministry where souls are saved every day and for the beautiful new station in San Marcos de Colon. God bless you, my dear friends.

JOAN TYSON AND FAMILY

We would also like to remind you that if you have an email address or are currently receiving mail or your OP child's letters by mail, we would appreciate if you would allow us to email you these letters to save postage. Thank you!

A container will be shipped to Honduras sometimes in June from Villa Rica, Ga. Reina-Valera 1960 Spanish Bibles, musical instruments, school supplies, good summer clothing, etc. are the some of the things we would like to fill this container with. Also any kind gardening or construction tools would be good. Please call our office for more details.

Enjoy some more pictures of the work!



Glen Haven Work "Team Impact", these men visit us every year in January to do construction and maintenance work on our facilities.



Our new kindergarten needs a permanent home and this piece of land is where we want to build it. Please help us pray that God will provide the funds to have this building by next year!!



Sister Joan Tyson with an adorable little girl from our kindergarten on the first day of class.

Salvation and Baptismal Report for Jan - Feb. 2015

- *Honduras
 - Saved - 214
 - Baptized - 62
- *Nicaragua - (since Nov.)
 - Saved - 551
 - Baptized - 75
- *Christian Schools
 - Saved - 4 (since Feb.)
- *Samaritan Radio
 - Saved - 337

Total Saved - 1106
Total Baptized - 137



Sister Joan and her son, Steve, along with Mario Sanchez, one of our pastors and the bus driver for American groups, visiting the new 320 ft. radio tower in San Marcos de Colon, Honduras

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