

# Tegu Talk

Rainy Season Edition

& North Coast News

Newsletter of Jim and Teri Riley, missionaries, making disciples & planting churches in Honduras, Central America

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Teri checks out the new fire place.  
A view from the second floor [top]





## Outreach to Children en Colón

With the help of the new church and our church planting team, we put together a program for kids, taking it to four different neighborhoods. We painted faces, played games, acted out the parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price, and helped the kids with a craft based on the lesson. The smaller students thoroughly enjoyed the colorful parachute that we brought. One of the communities invited us to use an elementary school, in the morning with all the children of that school. We used this opportunity of the Day of the Child to do this outreach. Many parents came with their children. We hope that many seeds were planted in their hearts to know the True Treasure, Jesus.

## The Rescue

My two favorite times of the year, Christmas and the women's conference, collided beautifully together on September 16 through 18. Jesus put together another wonderful team of ladies from the States to help me organize and decorate a camp for the



sweet ladies from Honduras. 210 women came from 17 churches in six different departments (like states). Our

theme was Jesus and how He came to rescue us from sin and death. Each of the five speakers took a different section of Jesus' life to teach this theme. Two Honduran and three American women spoke. At least four women made decisions to either return to Christ or begin following Him. Two of those came from the *Piedra Angular* church and one from *Roca de Refugio*. The other was from a church in San Pedro Sula. Thanks to the wonderful team of ladies that transformed the campground in the mountains of Esperanza into a lovely Christmas blessing!

## Iglesia Piedra Angular Turns One

The meeting room on top of the hospital's bilingual elementary school looked ready for a wedding. It was so hard to believe that a year had passed since our first service as a church in Balfate, Colon. On July 24th, the new church celebrated, inviting friends and family. The small groups helped to lead different parts of the anniversary Sunday service. Each was responsible for a special, be it a song or a verse. Many brought food to share. The youth and children's ministries provided dramas. The Moncada family prepared a video of all that God had done this year, complete with baptisms and special events. During the fellowship meal we counted around 160, about 100 adults or youth and over 60 children. We look forward to seeing more people join His Kingdom and serve as part of *Iglesia Cristiana Piedra Angular* (Cornerstone Christian Church).



# Making Disciples & Teaching

## What is CRC?

The vision for Las Crucitas Retreat center is to create an effective place to accelerate efforts to make and multiply disciples in Honduras. To this end we have begun to build a Missionary Residence capable of housing short term teams and weekend retreats. We plan to host retreats and seminars for pastors, pastor's wives, couples, church planting and disciple making teams, Christian men and women, and other ministry leaders. We also hope to renew our campfire ministry as a way to meet seekers from various neighborhoods in Tegucigalpa.

This project continues in the background as we continue to plant and harvest for the kingdom in the north coast and train leaders to work with families in the Tegucigalpa church.

Our initial plan had four stages.

- **Stage One:** Find the best and affordable location.
- **Stage Two:** Buy land and prepare house site.
- **Stage Three:** Build team house and missionary residence with help from short team teams.
- **Stage Four:** Move to the site and continue to develop the retreat center.

Over 95% of the wood used in the project has been harvested from our trees killed by the pine weevils.

Over 3600 meters of re-bar, 1,750 block, a forest of wooden supports go into making the floor of the second story.

We found the 6.3 acre property at the end of 2014. At the beginning of 2015, we purchased the land with cash and began preparations. Since March of 2016 we have had four guys working full days and several different men working part time on the septic system, drive way, fence and harvesting the dead pine trees that the southern pine beetles left. Many of our brothers and sisters from the Rock of Refuge church in Tegucigalpa also lend a hand once a month when we visit the capital.

We have as many as four teams from the USA planning to come to Honduras as early as March of 2017. If you have a construction or evangelistic team and would like to talk about a possible trip for 2017 or later, drop us a line so we can reserve your dates.

We ask that all our partners would join us in prayer that God would help us to be wise in dealing with the Honduran construction workers and our other new neighbors. This is a faith venture and God has provided in so many ways. The Lord helped us find this beautiful site at a great price and has provided the funds to buy it with no debt. Special gifts from churches and our general monthly support have managed to cover the cost for labor and materials. Very thankful, we look forward to seeing how God guides and continues to provide in the future.

## Children & Youth Ministry

We celebrated Honduras' National Teachers' Day a little late this year by taking the Sunday school teachers of the Rock of Refuge church to a beautiful national park in Valley of the Angels.

First, Teri taught about the history of Sunday school. In 1780, Richard Raikes in England began teaching children how to read and write on Sundays as there weren't any laws prohibiting child labor and most children had to work long hours Monday through Saturday. Sunday school has changed much since that time but still is a place where children learn about God.

Next, Teri taught how to create their own lessons directly from the Bible so as not to have to pay for expensive materials in the Christian bookstores. In groups, according to the age they teach, the teachers put into practice what they had learned by making their own lessons and teaching them to the rest of the teachers, who pretended to be children. Lastly, to celebrate their day, we ate pizza and played soccer in the beautiful park.

On the north coast, working with youth is reaping rewards as more young people are coming to know the Lord. Neomi, 18, was baptized at the beginning of September in a nearby river. Neomi came to the hospital, unable to walk. With the help of a couple surgeries, she can now climb the stairs to the church service on the third story of the school building. Naomi also joined the delegation from the Balfate area at the women's conference this year.

Children watch as their neighbor makes a commitment to follow Jesus Christ!



A new neighbor

## Praise & Prayer checklist:

### *Praise the Lord with us for:*

- All three churches-- one on the north coast and the two in Tegucigalpa!
- A wonderful women's conference!
- A terrific team of women from the US!
- The construction on CRC is coming right along without any injuries!
- Teri's health has been great, healing well.
- The Riley kids are such an incredible help to the mission.

### *Please pray with us for:*

- The children's ministries in Tegucigalpa and Balfate as children are the future for the Church.
- God's guidance with all church leaders.
- The 16th anniversary of *Roca de Refugio* the third Sunday in November.
- More men to come to Christ in all three churches.
- Disciples who make more disciples.
- The short term teams and plans for 2017.

## Support Team

Checks for the work can be made out to Nortonville Christian Church with Honduras Mission in the memo and sent to:

**Nortonville Christian Church  
PO Box 347**

**Nortonville, Kansas 66060**

**Thank you!** You are so important to this mission! Thank you for praying! Your prayers are vital to this work. We also appreciate those that can help financially. Those of you who share this newsletter with others are an important part of this work as well!  
**THANK YOU!!!**

*Jim & Teri Riley*