

Newsletter of Jim and Teri Riley, missionaries working in disciple making
& church planting in Honduras, Central America

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Recent sunset at site of retreat center

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New Believers Here & There

After going through the Discovery Bible studies, four ladies have decided to follow Christ...Kenia, Vivi, Irma and Reyna. Kenia (mom) and Vivi (daughter) are two new women to *Roca de Refugio* church in Tegucigalpa. Irma hosts a gathering of new Christ followers in her home. Reyna is a mom of two little girls and lives in the same community as Irma near the Loma de Luz hospital on the north coast. She has been attending the new *Iglesia Piedra Angular* (Cornerstone Church, recently named by the new believers here) for more than six months. Both women are outgoing and excited about their new faith. Reyna has already begun a new study with some friends. We look forward to seeing what God is going to do with these two talented women.

Major Disconnect

Suddenly, we looked in the rearview mirror and saw our new trailer loaded with cement bags and rebar, separating from our car and returning down the mountain. We were in first gear (low range) and climbing



a rough hill about a mile from the land. Jim stopped the car, put it in park and jumped out of the car in time to see our little, red, two-wheel trailer veer off the road toward a steep 100 foot slope. Thankfully, instead of careening down the ravine, the trailer came to a quick stop on an old trunk. God had taken care of us once again. Of the twenty bags of cement, only one had broken, but how were we to connect the broken trailer hitch and get the construction materials the rest of the way to the property?

Just as we began to haul the cement out of the trailer and up to the road, a few young men of the community Las Crucitas (Little Crosses) were coming home on their motorcycles. Without hesitation they began to help us with the 94 pound bags of cement and the heavy bundles of rebar. By the time the hitch was sufficiently chained to the car, over 16 young men had stopped to assist or to watch their new neighbors. Something that could have been a total disaster, ended in us making new friends with some of the men in this new community.

For the record we have since had our trailer hitch completely rebuilt.

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Man vs. Weevil

The future retreat center-missionary residence broke ground this year! Since mid-March, we have had two men mixing concrete and pouring footings. However, the voracious pine weevil epidemic has hit a significant portion of Honduras' pine forests, including ours. The bad news is that we lost over 100 beautiful pine trees; the good news is we have two different kinds of oak trees under and among the pine. Normally, the forest department charges some \$80 to cut down one healthy pine tree. This year they are encouraging land owners to cut down the dying trees and burn the bark. The silver lining is that the weevil plague, while deadly to the trees, is only skin deep. The tiny bugs only eat the bark, under the bark the wood is fine. If we act quickly, we can use much of this wood for the construction of bunk beds, picnic tables, the deck on the house, the roof, and the barn.



For the last month a young man by the name of Emerson has been cutting the pines into rough cut boards with his huge chain saw. Two other men from the community are working part time, preparing the logs and stacking the new lumber. Please be praying for these five or six men on the work site. Only one is an active Christian as far as we know. Pray also for Don Francisco our retired neighbor who has taken charge of the work there. He is a community leader and a huge blessing.

Making Disciples & Teaching

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Spring Family Camp

The Christian churches in Honduras used to meet each year at the lake for family camp. Over the years the attendance grew so much that it was difficult to fit everyone in one facility. Then about 5 years ago these annual events stopped.

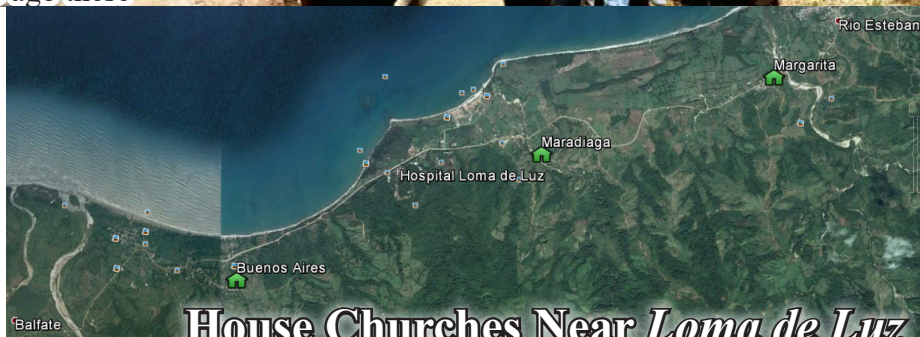
We have since had two camps near Tegucigalpa for families from the *Roca de Refugio* church. This year we joined forces with the first church plant to host what we hope will become an annual family camp. On March 24 through the 26th around 106 people gathered to enjoy basically three camps in one (for singles, for couples and for children). Pastor / Neurologist Sung Bae and his wife, Kay, sweet Korean believers from Delaware, came as our guest speakers. One young woman from the first church plant and one young father from the second church plant decided to follow Christ by the end of the camp. We are so thankful for what God did in that Easter weekend!

Training Leaders on the Coast

The Life of Christ leadership training material, S.E.A.N. will be used to train the new Christians of the third church plant. This is a six-book study of the life and teachings of Jesus that prepares the participant for ministry in the church.



We will start with a small group of potential and current leaders. Please pray that God would bring us the men and women that He wants to lead this new church so that we can train them with this material. We have had a lot of success in training leaders in the first and second church plants with this course.



House Churches Near Loma de Luz

We have begun to group together several of the families that have finished the initial 24 lessons in each community. These new bigger groups in Buenos Aires, Maradiaga, and Margarita, have begun with follow up material and the family series that Jim has been creating this past year.

We hope to start other communities of believers as the waves of the initial disciple-making studies continue.

"War Room" Father's Day Movie

The 19th of March is Father's Day in Honduras. Over 90 people gathered at the El Camino School, where we meet on Sundays for worship, to watch the new Christian movie "War Room."



Dr. Sung spoke a few minutes in the intermission of the video. It was exciting to see so many fathers and their children attend. Pray they will continue to come to the school on Sundays to learn of their Heavenly Father who loves them so very much and wants to hear from them in their own "war room."

In the Heart of Honduras

CIY Honduras 2016

Jeni, Josh, and Jimmy attended the national youth camp during the second week of January. The week was both fun and challenging to the youth. Roca de Refugio was in charge of the ropes course. It was rewarding to see they could set it up this year with out Jim's help. This CIY camp has been going on since 1999. It is very encouraging to see the Honduran churches come together to pull off this 5 day camp. Even more encouraging were the baptisms at the end of the camp when we arrived to pick up our youth.

Women's Day Conference

The 23rd of January brought close to 100 women from the Tegucigalpa churches to the Roca de Refugio [Rock of Refuge] to celebrate Day of the Woman on January 25th. Our neighbor at the Loma de Luz hospital, Marinajo Fields, presented the theme Healing Broken Wings.

The women leaders from Roca de Refugio did a terrific job of hosting the event. Women from Roca de Refugio and Cuerpo de Cristo [Body of Christ church, otherwise known to TeguTalk readers as the first church plant], led the ten small groups. Esperanza Viva (Living Hope Christian Church) did an incredible job with the praise and worship time. It is such a blessing when God's people in the different churches unite and work together beautifully like what happened in this women's event.



Praise & Prayer checklist:

Praise the Lord with us for:

- ☐ The new believers both on the north coast and in Tegucigalpa!
- ☐ Two great camps so far this year.
- ☐ Construction has begun on the new retreat center-missionary residence.
- ☐ Safety that God has protected us on our numerous trips to Tegus this year.
- ☐ The new wood that God has provided for us!

- ☐ Jeni and Jesi are doing well in college.
- ☐ The women's conference went great!

Please pray with us for:

- ☐ Teri's hysterectomy on April 6th.
- ☐ That the church leaders will stay encouraged.
- ☐ That the new Christians would begin to identify with each other and band together.
- ☐ The pine weevil plague would be controlled so Honduras will not loose its beautiful trees.
- ☐ More men in the north coast church plant.
- ☐ Continued safety as we make the 8 hour trip to Tegucigalpa each month.
- ☐ That new disciples will make new disciples.

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 for praying for us and for following Christ's prompting to give.

We could not do this without you, our support team. If you or your church would like to come down and see the work first hand, please do. We would love to have a visit from you!

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