

Tegu Talk

& North Coast News

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

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What a surprise! In June God had the Honduran government send a bulldozer & crew to work on the old "forgotten" road to our retreat center.

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Seeking the Lost



The Harvest Continues

Since April, our teams in Tegus and Balfate baptized eleven new disciples, four on the north coast and seven in the capital. Pray with us that God would strengthen these and other followers to win still others to Christ.



New Youth Study

In our last newsletter, we asked you all to pray for more men to come to the new church plant on the north coast. God answered your prayers. Thanks for praying. He answered in the form of young men, from 13 to 17 years of age. Not only young men, but many young women as well. Since April, Jim, Rony, Cinthia, Celfi, Josh, and Jimmy have started a

Movie in Maraita

The church in Tegucigalpa showed the movie "Do You Believe?" to the small village of Maraita at the end of June.

Over two years ago, we began missionary trips to this village, which was the hometown of church member, Carolina Moncada. Since we have been on the north coast, the church has continued these mission trips and has continued doing Bible studies. The studies were completed in June. As a celebration, the church showed this excellent movie as an evangelistic outreach activity. Most of this village is nominally Catholic. Despite the threat of rain, many came to see the movie.

Home Studies & Joint Studies

Since the last edition of TeguTalk, at least six new home Bible studies have kicked off. We look forward to seeing what God will do in these families.

This spring we began second level studies among the families that have finished the evangelistic studies. There are four of these groups, each in a different community where we have worked. Participants read God's Word, discovering and discussing the blessings, pitfalls and responsibilities for men and women of the Kingdom of God.



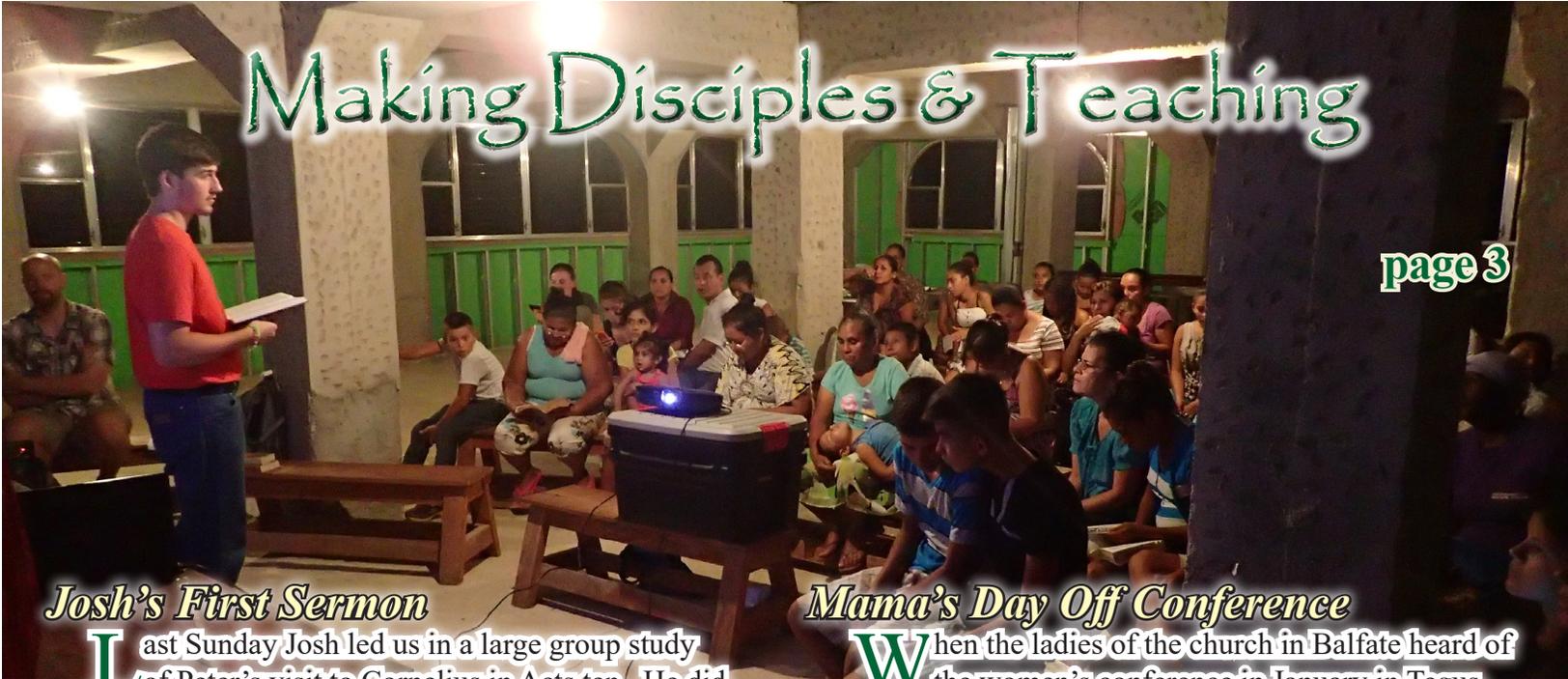
new youth study on Monday nights at the children's home. About ten young people from the home attend church with us on Sundays. Youth from the surrounding villages are coming as well.

On Monday nights, Rony and Jim teach the guys practical tips on how to be men of God. Cinthia and her mom, Celfi, continue to lead the young ladies in a



Discovery Bible Studies. There are around twelve young men and twelve young women attending so far.

Making Disciples & Teaching



Josh's First Sermon

Last Sunday Josh led us in a large group study of Peter's visit to Cornelius in Acts ten. He did really well even when the laptop decided to restart and update Windows right as he was beginning to speak. Good thing Teri told him to be ready for anything. I think he likes teaching. Today he and Jimmy offered to lead my Life of Christ class. Jimmy and Josh have also recruited some fellow "missionary kids" to help with some of the home studies.

Leadership Team Retreat

The weekend of July 8 through 10 (Jim's 46th birthday), we led a retreat for leaders from the Roca de Refugio (Rock of Refuge) church of the capital and from the Piedra Angular (Cornerstone) church in Balfate. It was exciting to unite these two teams and see them interact. Some already knew each other but others were meeting one another for the first time. We took time to share one another's testimonies, victories and burdens.



We evaluated past goals and set future goals. We ate, swam, and praised the Lord together in song. The guys even floated a section of the Cangrejal River while the ladies prepared a surprise birthday party for Jim. Please pray that God would multiply these two groups and grant wisdom to these very special Christ followers.

Mama's Day Off Conference

When the ladies of the church in Balfate heard of the women's conference in January in Tegus, they said they would like to help with one as well. To celebrate Mother's Day, we invited all of the women in the surrounding communities to an all-day conference. Moms in this culture don't get much time off. The missionary ladies at the hospital helped pamper these sweet ladies on their special day.

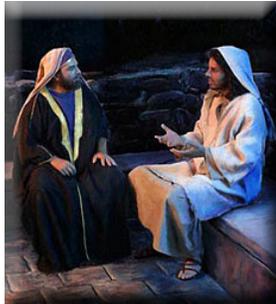
Some made muffins, others led workshops, and some helped with the music. The main speaker and our neighbor, Marinajo Fields, spoke on three important topics from Ephesians: our value as princesses of the King, our call to be submissive to our husbands, and our need to be real in our walk with Christ. The women thoroughly enjoyed their day.



First Class Finishes Book One

Four groups of students have begun the Life of Christ leadership training material, on the north coast. The first group of ladies has finished book one of the six book program. Please pray for these groups that they would be motivated to work hard to finish. One of the ladies that finished book one explained how she only was able to study kindergarten through fourth grade. To finish this first book is monumental for her she explained in last night's joint study.

We have twelve women and four men included in these four classes.



In the Heart of Honduras

Retreat Center Update

The Retreat Center/Missionary Residence is coming right along! The construction workers have almost finished the entire first floor. The septic and grey water plumbing are completed and our first bathroom is up and running. It is super exciting to see the progress each month that we visit Tegucigalpa.



Loma de Luz Missionary Conference

Troy and Roma Backhuus, family counselors from Nebraska, were our guest speakers for the missionary conference for the 44 missionaries at Loma de Luz Hospital (the others were on furlough or had prior engagements). Friday evening through lunch on Sunday, missionaries were encouraged to take care of themselves, their marriages and their families.



Michelle Crotts, missionary from Tegucigalpa, spoke to the single missionaries. All left blessed and ready to get back to work. Thank you, Michelle, Troy and Roma for coming to Balfate and sharing from your hearts.

Praise & Prayer checklist:

Praise the Lord with us for:

- The new believers both on the north coast and in Tegucigalpa!
- Teri's hysterectomy went well and she is almost back to 100%.
- Construction is moving right along on the new retreat center-missionary residence.
- God has protected us on our numerous trips to Tegus this year.
- Small groups are going great on the north coast and in southern Honduras as well.
- Jesi has had a great summer break, volunteering at the hospital and helping with the church plant.
- The missionary conference and team retreat both were excellent!

Please pray with us for:

- Jesi's return trip to US on August 16th.
- God's guidance with Tegus church leaders.
- The first anniversary of the first church plant this Sunday.
- More men to come to Christ in both areas.

----- Support Team -----

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

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We sure appreciate each one of you!
Thanks so much for praying for us

and for giving to the work here. We count it a great privilege to partner with you in this endeavor to sow seeds and seek a harvest in Honduras for Christ's Kingdom.

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