

Tegu Talk

& Northern News

"Light Traffic" on alternate route into Tegus from the Las Crucitas Retreat

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Crossing Rio Esteban on the North Coast

The resurfacing of the main highway south of the capital has created a "detour" in front of the C.R.C. property, complete with this sign that points toward the long way to town.

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Third Generation Believers in Tegus

We can't be in two or three places at once, although we often feel as if we were! I think that's partly the logic behind 2 Timothy 2:2. However, thanks to the Biblical principle of training the participants of the discovery Bible studies to give the studies, we don't have to be. In "La Aldea" (small community on the hill behind the huge Catholic Basilica in Tegucigalpa), three women, Vanesa, Greicy and Alicia all decided to follow Christ in baptism. The *leaders* of those studies were from homes where *our initial disciples* had lead studies. We look forward to seeing how God will use this third wave to win their friends and family.



Groups of Disciples

Evangelism and discipleship often happen in the homes and small groups in Tegus and on the coast. As we finish the 24 evangelistic discovery Bible studies in several houses within a community, the goal is to form small groups of new believers from the different studies. We have prepared materials for youth and for families. In the church plant on the coast, the Moncadas with the help of Heather, a missionary nurse, are leading two groups of youth from the community at the children's home. Dr. Peter, our neighbor, Josh and some of the missionary boys have a Brazilian Jiu jitsu club that works with as many as 40 young men. We have also begun new evangelistic studies with the help of some of the new believers.



First Team Hosted at Las Crucitas

From March 10-17 a team from Northside Christian Church in Springfield, Missouri spent a week with us at our yet unfinished Las Crucitas Retreat Center, [C.R.C.]. This nine member team encouraged us so much.

At the C.R.C. the team painted bedrooms, started the deck project, purchased a table saw, helped with the windows, and chopped a huge pine weevil eaten tree into kindling. In a brand new community a few kilometers away from C.R.C., team members went door-to-door with us, in hopes of finding new homes for Bible studies, invited people to the movie *Do You Believe* in the community center, and hosted a VBS for the dozens of kids in the two closest communities. Later they joined us for some of the first discovery Bible studies in the area. About 40 minutes away, on the east side of Tegucigalpa, with the Roca de Refugio church, the team attended home evangelism groups where they gave their testimonies. On Sunday morning John Presko preached at Roca de Refugio's regular service.



Thank-you so much, Northside, for sending such a hard working, flexible and fun team!

If you or your church would like to serve God on a mission trip in Honduras, please let us know. We are ready to start filling the calendar for 2018. Our email is on the front page.



Honduras 2018

Noni 5

Some couples from the Roca de Refugio church (Rock of Refuge Christian Church) enjoyed their first retreat at CRC (Crucitas Retreat Center) over Easter weekend. We divided the couples to talk about issues specific to each gender. Jim taught the men about overcoming deception, fear, loss and anger. Teri led the women's discussions on recognizing their husbands' needs of respect, friendship, encouragement, and intimacy. Games, campfires, hikes and swimming all made for a fun weekend.

Some may be asking what is "Noni 5?" Noni is a fruit that grows on a tree here on the north coast of Honduras. It is recommended as an aphrodisiac. In our first couples retreat, Jim bought a bottle of Noni juice, a horrible tasting, brown, thick liquid. As a competition, the men and women were divided into two teams to see

who could drink an entire cup of it first, the men or the ladies. Ever since this game, the couple retreats have been named after this interesting fruit. Thank you, Oso, for introducing us to this disgusting juice but by doing so, we now have a fun name for our couple's retreats.



Mother's Day

On Thursday, May 11th, the church planting team organized the Mother's Day activity for the bilingual school in Balfate (North Coast). Rony gave the devotion. Teri was the M.C. Cinthia and the Riley kids decorated. Belinda helped prepare the 5th graders to sing for the moms as did all the teachers with their grades. Over 60 moms attended.

On Sunday, May 14th, Iglesia Cristiana Piedra Angular (Cornerstone Christian Church) celebrated Mother's Day in the same location. The moms that attended were very grateful for the small gift and the potluck dinner served in their honor.



Each Sunday afternoon before playing soccer for a couple hours, Rony Moncada teaches the guys from the Bible. He applies the lessons to their lives and to the soccer field. Bible verses on self control, respect for authority, leadership and self defense are emphasized at Dr. Peter's Strongheart Jiu jitsu club. Both groups have a mix of Christians and non-Christians. It is our prayer that these young men would all begin to follow Christ's leadership in their lives.

Ladies' Group in the North

The ladies on the north coast meet on the last Sunday of each month. Cinthia Moncada leads the devotion on a woman from the Bible. Then one of the ladies either teaches how to cook something new or teaches how to make some useful craft. In March, the ladies learned to make *pupusas*, which originated in El Salvador. It is basically a thick, filled tortilla with cheese and pork or beans cooked inside. In April, the ladies learned to make pizza dough. In May, Cinthia's Mom, Celfi, taught the ladies how to make beautiful bead bracelets. This Sunday we will be teaching them to make no-bake cookies as most homes do not have ovens.

Men Inside & Outside of Church

The men in Tegucigalpa presented a movie for Father's Day in March. In Balfate, the church showed the Martin Luther movie, which was well attended by men that have never attended our church. Both church plants need more men.



Las Crucitas Retreat Center

We've come so far and yet have so far to go! We've started a new adventure near Tegucigalpa, and there is no turning back. I remember thinking about a year ago, "How much longer can we keep this up? We are going to run out of money any time now and we'll have to let our workers go and put the project on hold. I believe we can make it through July but August who knows?" A year has passed and God has been faithful to supply each month, often just in time. We have moved into the first floor. We have windows and doors, bathrooms, a kitchen and even some paint on some walls!

However, financially, the situation is not much different. To accumulate debt in order to speed up the process does not seem to be the right path for us. Since this is a faith venture, we must go at the speed that God's provision allows. We are praying now for funds to raise the roof over the second floor. After that, we will be able to finish the interior or pause until funding is available.

Praise & Prayer checklist:

Praise the Lord with us for:

- Teri's dad, Jim Anthony, is recovering well from his quintuple bypass heart surgery!
- Three more baptisms in Tegucigalpa: Vanesa, Greicy and Alicia!
- The first US group and first couples' retreat hosted in the new retreat center!
- God's provision in 2017 thus far.
- Jesi's graduation from Ozark Christian College.
- Numerous small groups studying God's Word.

Please pray with us for:

- More men to join both church plants.**
- Romulo, Rony, Manuel and Gabriel, preachers in the church plants.
- The marriages in our team.
- Jeni and Josh as they will be leaving in August to study in the States.
- A vehicle for us to use on furlough.
- Traveling mercies.

Riley's on the Move

On July 24th, we will be saying good 'bye to our friends and new "family" on the north coast. We have only two more loads of stuff to ferry down to Tegus, Lord willing. We will be leaving Rony, Cinthia, Belinda and Celfi (all from the Tegucigalpa church) to continue leading this new church plant on the very warm, north coast of Honduras. Please pray for wisdom and patience for them as they lead this new church.

On August 4th, furlough begins. Lord willing, we will fly to the States to report on what God has done these last few years. During the week, Jim and Teri will each be teaching two classes and leading life groups at Ozark Christian College during the fall semester. Jeni and Josh will be starting college mid-August: Josh at OCC and Jeni in Oklahoma. Please be praying for them as they say goodbye to their friends in Honduras. Jesi will continue to study with the hopes of becoming a missionary doctor. Jimmy, now 13, loves music and playing outside with his friends.

If you or your church would like a visit from us on a weekend this fall, please email us (address is on the front). We would appreciate your prayers as moving and saying goodbye is always hard. Yet, we are very excited about visiting so many of you in the fall and returning to Tegucigalpa in December, Lord willing!

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 letting God use you to further His Kingdom! We hope to see many of you this fall starting in August while we are on furlough. Let us know if your church would like a visit from us. It would be our pleasure to share about what God has been doing in Honduras!

Jim & Teri Riley