

# Tegu Talk

Newsletter of Jim and Teri Riley, missionaries working in church planting in Tegucigalpa, the capital of the Republic of Honduras, Central America.

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# Seeking the Lost

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## Unbreakable

Roca de Refugio, Tegucigalpa

The youth group rebooted on February 24th at Rock of Refuge church. The activity was



called “Unbreakable” referring to how Jesus broke down the supposedly “unbreakable” wall of hostility between God and man on the cross due to sin. Over 20 high school students enjoyed the games, music and message. Anderson, pictured below in white long sleeves, led the interactive message. March 24th will be the next youth activity for kids under 18. Please be praying for the youth leaders as they begin home Bible studies with these new students.



## Return of the Campfire

CRC, La Crucita, Tegucigalpa

The tenth of March kicked off our first campfire activity in over three years in southern Honduras. Four teams had to work together to negotiate five obstacles on the retreat center property. We used the same theme and lead team as the youth activity at church, but with a different audience.

Students sang along with the Rock of Refuge praise band and enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner cooked by some of the ladies from the church. Dramas centered on the story of Peter and Cornelius from the book of Acts. Jim’s message from Ephesians 2:14-19 emphasized Christ removing the walls of enmity starting with the wall between us and God.

Over 36 University students and professionals over 18 were in



attendance for this first campfire activity. Many had never been to our church. Pray for opportunities to follow up with these and other students.



## Coming Together

Promesas de Padre, near CRC

The Rileys returned to giving DBSs in the nearby “invasion” called *Promesas de Padre* [Promises of the Father]. It is a new neighborhood, about a mile from the retreat center. Last year the youth from Rock of Refuge helped start these studies. We have combined four families into one study, as well as three other families into another group. We are excited about the possibility of these two groups becoming Christians.

## Mission Tatumbula

Tatumbula, Francisco Morazan

Marcial, Jairo, Jordan, Barbara and Joselin lead this bimonthly mission trip to Marcial’s aunt’s home town to the east of Tegucigalpa.

Up to 19 children receive a Bible lesson complete with craft two



Saturdays a month. Pray for Marcial and his wife who recently underwent treatment for cancer.



# Making Disciples

## Busy Tegus Church

*Roca de Refugio, Tegucigalpa*

During our 30 months on the north coast and five months at Ozark Christian College we often wondered about the church back in Tegucigalpa. Would it continue to function and grow? Would the volunteer leadership step up to the challenges that would arise?

Having returned to Tegucigalpa, we can report that the church is alive and very busy and not just on Sundays. They meet each Monday night for prayer and Bible study. On Tuesday nights the ladies meet to go through Priscilla Shirer's book "The Resolution." On Wednesday nights several members continue to lead Discovery Bible Studies in homes of non-Christian or new disciples. Once a month, there are couples' activities, men's activities, and hospital visitation.



There is still much training of leaders left to do and still some areas where things need to improve. Last year they tiled the Sunday School castle theater. This year they are making a new effort to reach out to the children in the neighborhoods around the church. The men of the church need to mobilize to reach more men. Jim has returned to the preaching rotation and we are helping to restart the youth and university outreach.

## Development DNA

*Promesas de Padre, Tegucigalpa*

At the end of each Discovery Bible Study, there is a

question about meeting a need in the community. Many groups struggle to answer this question. In Promises of the Father neighborhood, however, they have found a project.

To date there is no potable water in this growing community. Instead, water trucks arrive once or twice a week to sell clean water. At only \$1.30 a barrel, the trucks often run out of water before they make it to the part of the neighborhood where these families live. Several homes up on the ridge don't have the above ground cisterns called "*pilas*." These households can't currently store enough water to warrant a second trip or a larger truck, and consequently must buy and haul more expensive water or unfiltered stale water from a shrinking pond.

After discussing answers to the above question, the DBS group decided to build *pilas* for one another. To do this, they have been loading our trailer to the top with dead pine logs and trading them with the brick maker for more than enough bricks to make one *pila*. The first load of bricks were stacked with love at a the home of a widow named Maria.

Last Sunday five families went to the river to load the trailer with enough sand to make the first three *pilas*. So far nine families are hoping to help make six *pilas*. We pray for peace, love and patience for all involved.

## C.I.Y. 2018

*Campamento Jerusalem, Lake Yajoa*

Teens from all over Honduras

Love to attend the annual Christ in Youth camp that started in 1999. This past January, C.I.Y. returned to the beautiful campground called Jerusalem near Lake Yojoa, the largest lake in Honduras. Several youth from Rock of Refuge Church attended. Josh was able to attend right before returning to Ozark Christian College. Jim set up a three rope "hammock" bridge, a zip line and a few other elements for one day's recreation time.

Many students gave their lives to the Lord and were baptized at this year's conference.

### Tidbits from Tegus

## What's a "Pila"?

The main method of water storage in most Honduran homes is a large, open cement container called a *pila* (PEA-la). A big *pila* can hold over five barrels of clean water. Water in the *pila* is important for washing clothes, dishes and much more. When you use the water, you only dip it with a clean bowl called a *paila* (PIE-la) that is left sitting on the shallow sink next to the *pila*. This cement wash board with sides and its own drain is called the *ridal* (rea DAL). the *ridal* sits above part of the *pila*. When you wash your hands or anything else, you do it over the *ridal* and not the *pila*. It's important not to drop any soap into the *pila*.





## CRC News

### Crucitas Retreat Center, Tegucigalpa






Three fourths of the roof is on with hopes that the rest will be finished by March 20th. We have had four events at the retreat center already this year: a prayer meeting for Rock of Refuge church members, a men's activity, a couples retreat, and a campfire for University students and professionals. We also had a dinner for some from the Bible study families in Promises of the Father on March 11th, after hauling sand from the river as a group to help build Maria's "pila."

We have also hosted a few missionaries as well as Greg Wheeler, from Springfield, Missouri, who helped CRC by building 10 beds for two of the retreat rooms. We are so grateful for Greg's help, encouragement and 52 pounds of needed construction screws.







## Prayer Checklist

### Please pray with us for:

-  The future church plant that we hope to start this four year period, Lord willing.
-  Santos, Maria, Griselda, Manuel & kids who are doing the DBS with us in Promesas del Padre town. (Discovery Bible Studies)
-  Belinda, Celfi, Evelin, Cinthia, Rony & kids as they serve the Lord in the Cornerstone church plant on the north coast.
-  Manuel, Gabriel, Yaleny & kids as they serve the Rock of Refuge church plant.
-  Upcoming events (see page 1)

### Please praise the Lord with us for:

-  A great furlough.
-  Safety in traveling back to Honduras.
-  The faithfulness of the Honduran Christians while we were in the US.
-  New believers baptized while we were on furlough.

# In Honduras

## Riley Family News

Missouri, Oklahoma, Honduras

The Rileys are rather spread out this year. Jesi returned to Missouri Southern State University to continue on her degree in Bio-Chemistry (with the goal of going to medical school soon). Jeni continues to get her pre-requisite classes to enter nursing school next fall. Josh continues at Ozark Christian College this semester, studying to be a missionary. This is Jeni & Josh's first semester without us being nearby to encourage them so please be praying. He and Jesi are living with LeRoy and Sharon Riley in Carl Junction, MO and Jeni is living with Jim and Billie Anthony in Gore, OK. We would so appreciate your prayers for all of them. Please be praying too for Jimmy (age 14) who is trying to get accustomed to having all of our attention and a room to himself.



## 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**

It was great to see so many of you over furlough. Thank you for being part of the team here in Honduras. May God bless you and your family this year 2018.

*Jim & Teri Riley*