

Tegu Talk

Tegu Talk is a newsletter by Jim & Teri Riley, missionaries making disciples & edifying churches in & around Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

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Youth Outreach Accelerates

Nueva Suyapa, Tegucigalpa

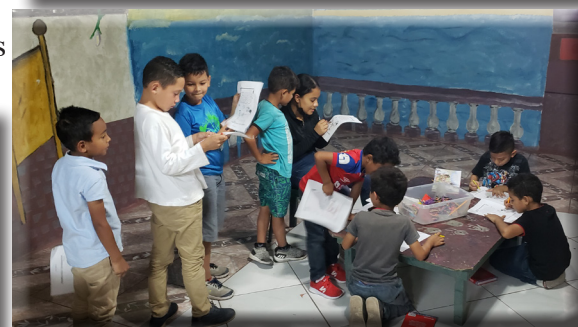
During this last quarter, we led two youth campfire events: The Mystery Campfire (August 21) and the International Campfire (November 13). The Mystery campfire was geared towards non-Christians, explaining the mystery from Ephesians 1-3, complete with a mystery dinner where menus contained fun clues instead of food names. The International campfire focused on believers and the need for workers on the mission field. The guest speaker was the head of Lifeline's Honduran Bible Institute, Antonio Orellano.

The new Wednesday night youth group at the Rock of Refuge church grew out of a youth DBS (Discovery Bible Study). There are currently around 35 teens that regularly come each week. We begin each meeting with a small meal. The youth bring a food item to help stretch the meal. Then they split up into guys and gals

15 Baptisms in 64 days as Disciples Multiply

Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Between the 17th of August and the 20th of October we took six different sets of people to be baptized into Jesus. On August 17th we baptized Carolina's neighbors, René and Magda and their son Josué. Jim has been giving a DBS in their home all this year. Three days later Alejandro, a relatively new believer, baptized two of his cousins, Paola & Jimena. Later in October, Naomi baptized her cousin, Fernanda. In September, Nancy baptized five friends: Michel, Sofia, Andrea, Breisy and Daniel. Jim helped Amelia baptize two of her friends, Samuel & Selena, and Teri baptized two from the women's conference. Thanks to all who are praying for the harvest here.



Kids & Their Folks

Nueva Suyapa, Tegucigalpa

Kids' Camp (August 14) for Rock of Refuge church is always a

delight to the kids as well as to us. It is fun to get city kids out of the "barrios" and out into the country. Before camp we visited many homes, some for the first time, to get permission to take their kids with us. On December 19th, Rock of Refuge will be having their Christmas pageant, "Journey to Bethlehem." Please be praying that this event will draw our 40+ children's parents.

classes and accountability times.

At least two games are played each Wednesday. After the last game we all sit in a circle with our Bibles open and read part of a chapter from the Gospel of John. Between readers, Jim asks questions, shares explanations and points out applications.



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184 Women Shine

San Buenaventura, Honduras

The Annual Women's Conference "Shine like a Diamond 2" (September 3-5) added little girls and youth to its conference for a total attendance of 184. The books used for this conference were "Lies Women/Young Women/Little Girls Believe."



We hosted a team of women from Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska for this conference.



We plan to include the little girls and youth in the 2022 conference as well. Please contact Teri if you would like to come to the conference next year to help out with any one of these age groups (girls 8-12, teens 13-17, women 18 and up).



Supporting Couples

Las Crucitas Retreat Center

Since our last newsletter, we have had three events for couples: a campfire (August 7), a hike with a picnic (October 23) and a retreat (November 20-21). Couples range from newlyweds to couples celebrating 20+ years of marriage.



This is great for the younger couples as they learn from the older ones. Yet it is challenging for us as we try to teach helpful tips to benefit all the couples regardless of life experiences. Games and laughter make these gatherings enjoyable.



36 Men Closer to God

Las Crucitas Retreat Center

In October guys from the Rock of Refuge church plant, the Cornerstone Christian Church plant on the north coast and several small churches near Tegucigalpa learned and practiced nine new ways to experience "The Real/Royal Life" with God". This camp was based on John Eldridge's book Get Your Life Back. Most every camp we memorize Scripture; this time we chose dozens of verses from the book of Psalms. Pray for our men to rise up to be servant leaders in their homes, jobs and communities.

A Not So Small Herd

We are slowly, judiciously hosting a few retreats each year from sister churches at CRC. We want to help groups of leaders and groups that have limited resources. The First Church plant's Manada Pequeña (Little Herd) drama troop camp (Oct 30-31) brought over 53 children, youth, and adult leaders to our 7.7 acre campus.



This is the third camp that the first church plant has done at CRC this year. In June we hosted 60 during their ladies' day retreat and in July eight of their youth leaders came for a two day retreat.

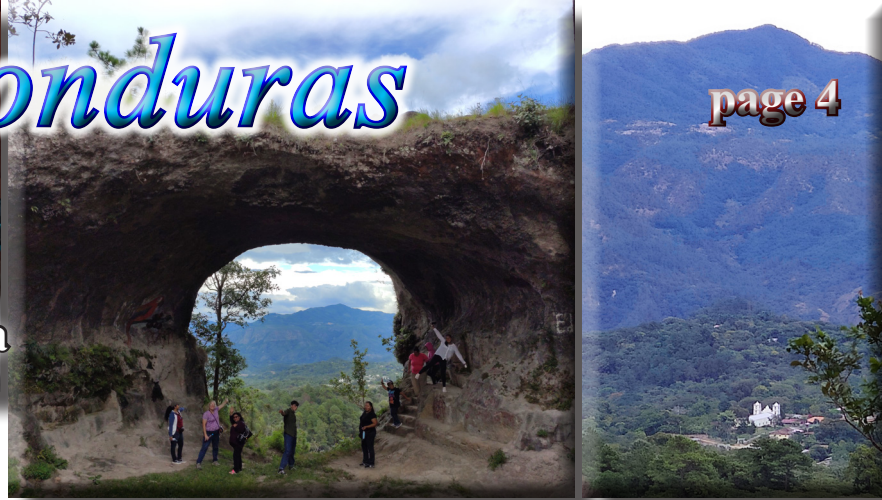
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2 Mission Trips from Tegucigalpa

Botijas, Comayagua & El Florida, La Paz

A team of Honduran women leaders took two mission trips since our last newsletter: one to Botijas to visit a pastor's wife, Reina, in the mountains to encourage the women there and also to El Florida, to minister to Delsis' home town near the border of El Salvador. Both Reina and Delsis have been asking for several years for our women's group to visit their home towns. It was quite a joy to be able to share Christ with the people of these two small towns.



Rock of Refuge Gives Thanks

Nueva Suyapa, Tegucigalpa

It is hard to believe that 21 years have passed since we had the privilege of starting the Rock of Refuge church plant. To celebrate, the church decided to do a pot luck dinner. We call it a pot luck because everyone brought food to share. However, the ladies still served each plate, as buffet lines make Hondurans uncomfortable. We had around 110 folks turn out for this celebration of thanks to God for his work in our lives.

Honduras Elects a New President

November 28th the Honduran people chose a new political party to lead the country. It has been a peaceful election, which we thank God, as many were anticipating political riots. We ask for your prayers that all Honduran leaders would be protected from evil influences and would govern well. Pray that there would be continued peace and freedom, and that the Gospel would continue to advance unhindered. Some of the social policies of the president elect, like abortion on demand, could lead Honduras down a Godless path. Pray for the elected leaders of what has been a Catholic nation to resist this and other sins.



✓ Prayer Checklist

Pray with us for:

- The new believers that they, along with all of us, would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.
- Jimmy as he finishes his Senior year and prepares to say goodbye to Honduras next summer.
- Our 3 children as they work and study in the US.
- Josh's fiancé's visa. [Wedding date to be announced.]
- To finish 2021 well and plan well for 2022.
- That our lives would glorify God in all we do.

Praise the Lord with us for:

- The harvest that He is giving right now.
- That we have been healthy and full of energy to do the work He has called us to do.
- Jimmy, who will be going to Ozark Christian College next fall, Lord willing.
- Jim's dad's heart surgery was a complete success.
- You all, our support team, who pray for us faithfully. We couldn't do this without you!

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

We really appreciate you, our prayer warriors! Thanks for continuing to pray for us in these uncertain times!

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