

Tegu Talk

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

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Clouds reflected on a puddle at CRC as our rainy season arrives a week early

You're Chosen, Called, Commissioned

Fun, friends, food and faith, the four *F*'s, describe our recipe for a "fantastic" night with the youth. However, in the faith department we want to see growth in their relationships with Jesus, our Rescuer and Leader. This led us to teach from the Gospels. Yet, it seemed they were not connecting with the greatest story ever told.

In an effort to capture or kindle their imaginations concerning Jesus, we took a break around John five and brought in "The Chosen" series. For the next eight weeks, we watched an episode from season one to kickoff discussions on Jesus.



The series portrays what it must have felt like for the earliest followers of Jesus. It uses artistic licence with modern vocabulary and humor. Our youth and their leaders have begun to take a greater interest in the historical Jesus. The concepts of following Jesus and sharing Jesus with others seem less abstract.

How about you? What does it mean for you to be chosen, redeemed, called by name into a relationship with the Messiah and commissioned to share Him with others?



Oliver's Ancient Query

"Can I be baptized? Since we're going to the river anyway, would it be OK if you baptized me?" asked Oliver, age 14, while we were driving a carload of youth to the river to go swimming. So we baptized Oliver that day. God's Spirit has not stopped working on this young man's heart. Pray for Oliver as he is the only Christ follower at his house.



David from the Roca de Refugio Congregation in Tegus

Baptisms with the North Coast Team

Rony and Cinthia Moncada (our Timothys) together with their church family & missionary partners at Cornerstone's Loma de Luz Hospital, Children's Sanctuary & El Camino School, celebrated ten baptisms at the beginning of April. Many of these baptisms were young people from the Children's Sanctuary. A little over a week later, at our H.D. Disciple Maker camp, we had the privilege to witness four more students from Rony & Cinthia's ministry, surrender to Christ in baptism.

Every month our mission sends a small gift to help Rony & Cinthia continue to evangelize & strengthen the church among the string of villages around the Cornerstone mission where Rony and Cinthia work. Every year students and adults from their church drive eight to ten hours to participate in our retreats.

This year three of their young ladies have come to Tegucigalpa to attend university. They have found a home away from home at Roca de Refugio. Imagine how excited both churches were when all three made the decision to be baptized. Their example, along with teaching from Rony and Cinthia, served to inspire some of their "brothers and sisters" at the Children's Sanctuary as well as others to also unite with Jesus.

HD Camp

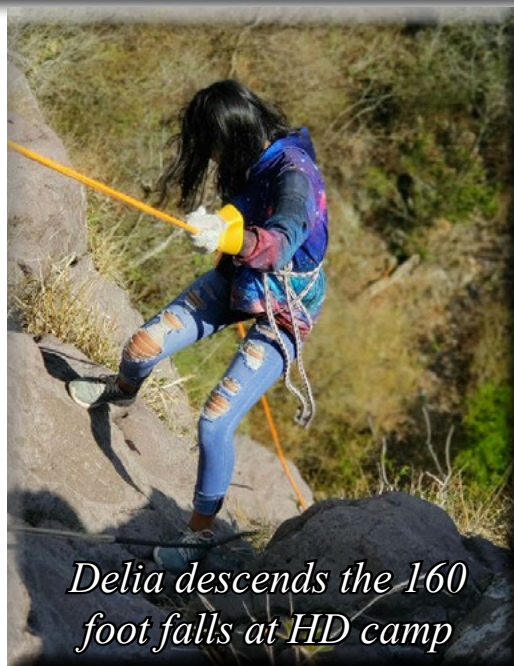
Making High Fidelity Disciples

Ambitious? Unrealistic? These are some of the adjectives one might use to describe Paul's words in 2 Timothy 2:2. Paul tells Timothy to send the message of Jesus to the third and fourth generation. The faithful people Timothy trains will become the second generation. Later the others who Timothy has never met and may never meet would then comprise the third generation. Then it was that third generation's job to pass it along to the next generation. Timothy's job was to instill in his converts the importance of training each generation of disciples to reach and train the next generation.

When people are asked how they heard about and came to follow Jesus, the vast majority say through a family member or friend. It turns out that all of us can be followers as well as leaders all at the same time!

If then people follow us as we follow Christ, the question that arises is: "How good of a copy of Jesus are we?" We asked that question to the 40 folks who arrived at CRC, to draw closer to Christ and to prepare to share the real Jesus with others. We challenged each one to become a "HD or high fidelity" follower of Jesus, who would like Timothy reach and train the next Generation

Pray for these folks from several churches as they walk with Christ and lead others to join them.



Delia descends the 160 foot falls at HD camp



Lady Leaders Meet at CRC

Nineteen women from all over Honduras met Friday, April 29th through Saturday, April 30th to learn more about their own personal leadership styles as well as to plan in more detail the women's conference scheduled the 2nd to the 4th of September. These ladies are all leaders in their own churches. Please pray that they will return to their home churches energized to use their God-given talents to further the Kingdom of God.



Discipleship Cards

When vulnerability, and transparency are met with love and confidentiality, we trust that authentic conversations will follow. These real and deep talks can transform a group of people into a solid team, a trusting family.

Here in Honduras, we struggle to get Christians to take the risk sharing their hearts with one another. It can be counter culture in the extreme! This is one of the reasons we have developed and are now using transparency cards and growth cards across all our ministries and our discipleship settings. These wallet sized cards, are covered with questions and then laminated. The transparency cards are blue for guys, and pink for gals. The growth card come in four colors.

Some questions are common to more than one card, but there is a definite progression. New Christians and spiritual infants receive a green card. Spiritual children switch to a yellow card. Christian workers who are not yet making disciples use the orange card and spiritual parents switch to the purple card.



Our most recent card is the prayer wheel card. It takes the believer through twelve biblical ways to pray and encourages us to journal and read the Bible devotionally.

Return to Normal?

Here in Honduras two years have come and gone and most public school children and most of the public university students are still studying online at home. Honduras is rushing into more debt to pay for vaccines for little kids so they can return to school some day just around the corner. Little kids, that never really were threatened by the original virus, must all get two or three doses of the vaccine before they can be taught in person.

The Honduran news has mostly moved on to other

things but the anchors on some stations still wear masks on camera

and pretend to social distance. We still have to wear a mask to enter formal stores and restaurants until we buy something to eat or drink. Most places still have the place to sanitize the soles of your shoes but have long since stopped filling it with sanitizer. The friendly guard at the grocery store still waves his thermometer your way, but he smiles because he knows you have figured out that it is either broken or has a dead battery. The fancy self scanning thermometer at McDonald's will give a passing temperature to a paper bag, but an ice filled drink cup received the word "low." Still, there was no ear splitting alarm, and no customers are ever made to wait outside. Complete normalcy on the other hand is still waiting and may have to wait for another year or more.

✓ Prayer Checklist

Pray with us for: ■ Our parents' health.

- Jesi's health during her second pregnancy.
- Jeni's abbreviated online Micro-biology class in July.
- Josh, as Meraris [Janet]'s fiancé's visa is still in the back log from covid [Wedding date to be announced.]
- Jimmy as he prepares to leave Honduras and change cultures at Ozark Christian College on June 18.
- Our disciples to each follow Jesus passionately.

Praise the Lord with us for:

- Safe travels of so many visitors to Honduras and to the CRC.
- His blessing on our HD disciple making retreat.
- Our youth continue to grow and mature.
- Jimmy and Maiky who each preached recently.
- The newly baptized believers.

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See you at the XPL Airport

Our beloved Toncontin, [TGU], here in the capital, has been relegated to a regional airport with most international flights coming into the new multimillion dollar terminal at the Air Force base, 101 kilometers away over the mountains in the valley of Comayagua.

We have had ample opportunity to visit this airport in the past few months with visits from Josh, Jesi, Jeni, and Jim's folks. The XPL airport has shaded parking and air-conditioning at its new terminal. The long runway and big surrounding valley provide an easy approach. The days of the hair raising 180° turn and abrupt landing of TGU will be missed by some. However, on the highway back to Tegucigalpa the curves are plentiful and the views are stunning. Thanks in part to some toll booths, the roadway is now in top shape for the entire hour plus ride back to the outskirts of Tegucigalpa.

With all the changes we want you to know that **you can still come to visit us** and that **XPL is your best option for now**. We are still receiving teams and have a shuttle bus to take you and your team comfortably to the CRC and back again.

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 thank God for you! We continue to be able to do what we do, only because you continue to partner with us. We hope to be on furlough this fall. Drop us a note if you/your church would like a visit.

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