

Tegu Talk

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

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Once again the local disaster services are predicting a drought due to a "Super El Niño" cycle. Instead, God in His mercy is sending us His life sustaining rain. See Genesis 8:22 ; 9:9-17

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Larry, Carmen, & Brenda from Roca de Refugio plus Nayeli & Carmencita from Promesas de Padre baptized May 6th

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Men's Camp Out

CRC, Las Crucitas, Tegucigalpa

21 Men came together for a quick [27 hour] labor day, (May 1st) camp-out. We read from chapter two of John Eldredge's classic men's book Wild at Heart with verses from Genesis 1, Isaiah 32, Galatians 3 and Romans 8. We learned of our Great Father, how we are His children made in His image, and called to walk in His paths. This camp helped to prepare our group of guys as we will be hosting men from several churches around Honduras in October.

After camp Darwin, one of the new guys, invited us to his house for a Discovery study with his extended family. That study is one of our team's favorites & shows great promise. Darwin has begun coming to church with his family.



Darwin, Rene,
Chilo, Jony & Jim

2nd Generation Studies

Roca de Refugio, Tegucigalpa

Brenda, Josué, Chaily with her husband Christian, and Amarily, all have started new discovery studies. In 2nd Timothy 2:2, Paul instructs his disciples to train faithful people who will in turn train others. We are so thankful for these five who have joined our small team of seed sowers, who facilitate several studies each week.

How important is it for new believers to start studies? All five of the baptisms we had on May 6th came from two 2nd generation studies in *Tegucigalpa* and one in *Promesas de Padre*.

Chaily, Christian and Amarily have not yet finished their own studies. However, in love and obedience, they have answered the question, "Where is the next home that might be blessed by these studies?" We pray we will see a chain reaction of faith, as new believers receive and share the gospel.

Beauty of God's Design

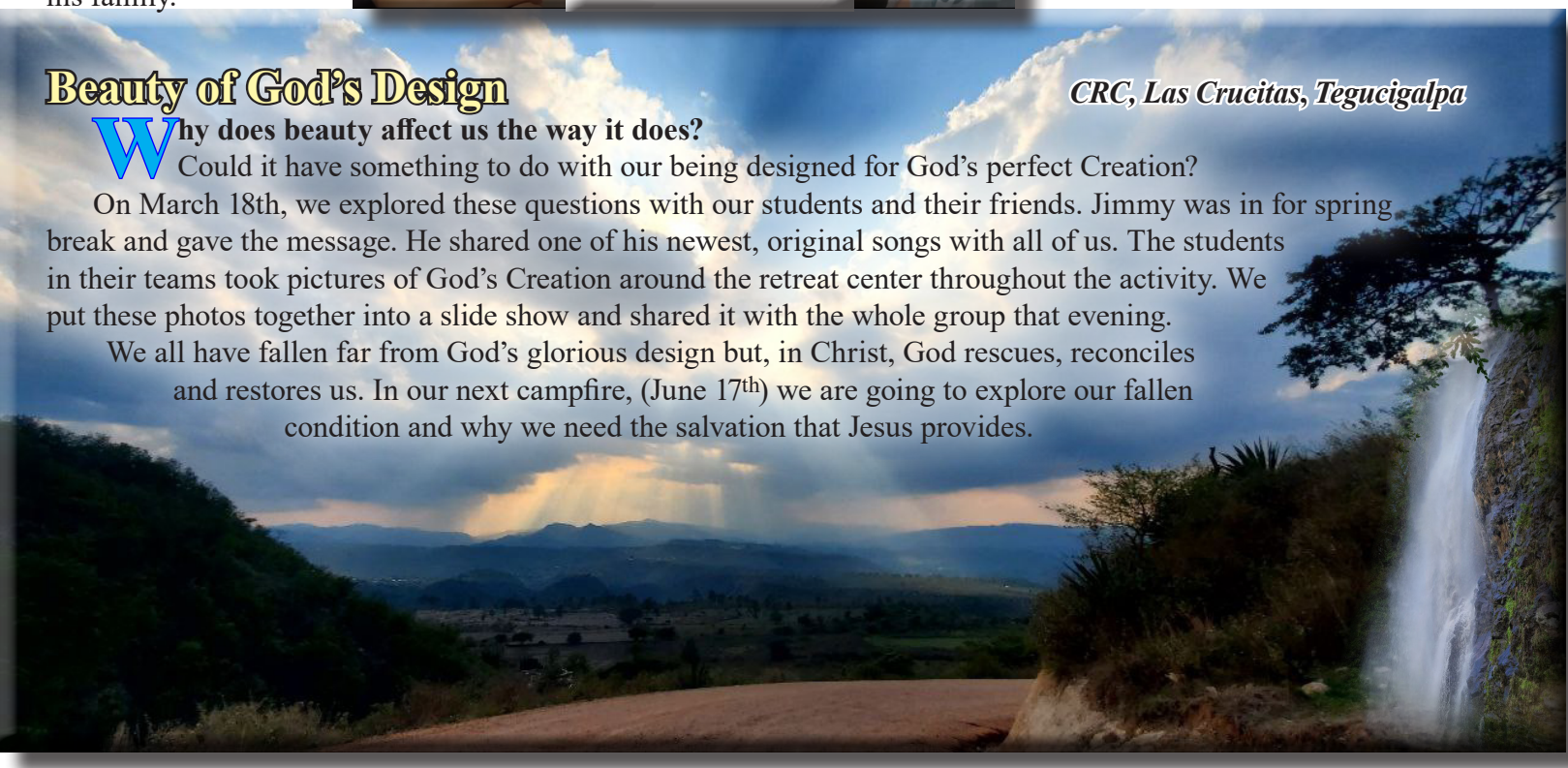
Why does beauty affect us the way it does?

Could it have something to do with our being designed for God's perfect Creation?

On March 18th, we explored these questions with our students and their friends. Jimmy was in for spring break and gave the message. He shared one of his newest, original songs with all of us. The students in their teams took pictures of God's Creation around the retreat center throughout the activity. We put these photos together into a slide show and shared it with the whole group that evening.

We all have fallen far from God's glorious design but, in Christ, God rescues, reconciles and restores us. In our next campfire, (June 17th) we are going to explore our fallen condition and why we need the salvation that Jesus provides.

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Disciple-maker's 2023

CRC, Las Crucitas, Tegucigalpa

Have you ever been rescued? If Jesus is your Savior that is exactly what has happened.

At our 4th annual disciple-maker camp, we learned that God rescues us from a broken world, reconciles us with Himself as sons and daughters and begins to restore us to the image of his Son.

At this year's Wednesday night to Saturday morning retreat, three very special couples gave their testimonies of making disciples through the years. Our old teammates, Oscar y Julia recounted amazing stories, some from all the way back in the 90's. Darwin & Julisa, who we helped disciple in our first church plant, shared their story of Christ calling them to work with Lifeline Christian Mission in Central America. Rony and Cinthia shared their experiences planting a church and discipling on the north coast of Honduras.

CRC Construction Update

CRC, La Crucitas, Tegucigalpa

A water tower for the CRC and a large shower house increased our capacity for camps and

events. The water tower stands on the hill above the main house and doubles our capacity to store water. It also increases the water pressure to the second floor.

All that water will come in handy with the soon to be operational shower house. We had the spot picked out for this addition to the CRC since 2019, but

with covid, it hasn't completed until now. With more camps and camp-outs each year and bigger day events, the four toilets, four showers and as many sinks will come in handy. Each side will come equipped with a place to wash clothes for the longer camp-outs.



Our new water tower holds just over 6340 gallons.



Women's Pre-Conference

CRC, Las Crucitas, Tegucigalpa

Each spring the leadership team for the women's annual conference meet for three days to plan the fall's conference. As Teri is slowly delegating this conference to Honduran leadership, the three main leaders are proving they are up to the task. This preconference the three leaders invited five leaders each to assist in the organization of their section of the conference. Teri taught three messages on leadership and planned the numerous team building exercises. The schedule was fleshed out a bit more, with ladies volunteering to use their specific gifts so that this year's conference will be the best to date we pray.



There is still space on the team for any of you lady readers out there. The US team, as this newsletter is being typed, only has ten members. Teri is still specifically looking for a main speaker for the little girls (ages 8-12), which entails three lessons at fifteen minutes each. We also need workshop teachers (15 minutes taught 4 times on two days to small groups of women). If you are interested, please e-mail us (see letterhead on front page). Many who have come have told us that they feel they came to bless the women, but left more blessed than they had ever imagined.



This year's camp is at Lake Yajoa



Family News

We Rileys are in a holding pattern at the moment. We had hoped to celebrate Josh and Yaneth's wedding on May 20th. Once again, we were all sorely disappointed when the embassy informed Yaneth that she had turned in the incorrect form of her birth certificate and it would take another month to three months upon receiving the correct one. Nevertheless, we are happy to report they have given her the fiancé visa. So it is just a matter of time until the two will become one.

Jesi and Matt have moved to Fayetteville to be closer to the University of Arkansas. Gabriela (Bri, age 2) and Evelyn (Ellie, 9 months) are growing and learning so much these days.

Jeni is working as an O.R. nurse in Fort Smith, Arkansas. She is hoping to return to Honduras this year, Lord willing.

Josh has gotten a second job for the summer to fill his time while he waits for the wedding. He hopes to graduate in a year and a half from Southern and from Ozark Christian College next May.

Jimmy is in Honduras for the month of June during summer break. We are enjoying his help and his music, as he loves to play the piano and sing in his free time.

Standing Against the Fires

Forest fires threaten Honduras every dry season. This year we had two big fires threaten the CRC property in the same week. From Monday to Thursday the fires attacked the CRC on three sides. With God's blessing and the help of many friends we managed to hold the line and keep the fire off the CRC.

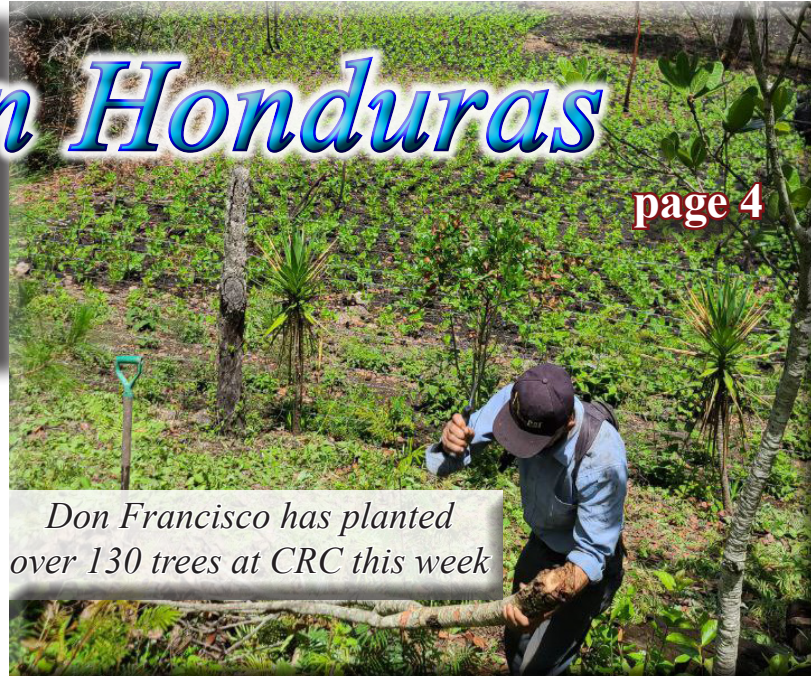


Emergency fire crew & friends from "Day 4" of our battle with 2 fires

We are sad to see all the damage the fire did to the forest and fences in the surrounding areas, and at the same time we are thankful for God's protection and for the resiliency of many of the trees and animals. The good news is the rain has come and most all our neighbors have planted corn and beans. Some have reclaimed old fields from where the fire burned up the thorns and weeds. They should have a good harvest.

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Don Francisco has planted over 130 trees at CRC this week



Prayer Checklist

Pray with us for:

- The US Embassy to return Meraris' passport.
- Josh and Yaneth's wedding and marriage.
- That those receiving home Bible studies will give their lives to Christ.
- The leadership of the church plants.
- The women's conference in September.

Praise God with us that:

- Larry, Carmen and Brenda were baptized in May.
- Teri's recent doctor visits and procedures all turned out well.
- Jimmy is here in Honduras for summer break.
- Josh's trip in April for Yaneth's visa appointment went well and she received the fiance visa.
- The rains have come the fields are planted.

Support Team

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

**Nortonville Christian Church
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Thank you all so much for your prayers and your financial support. We thank our God for each of you. As we say in Spanish, "We carry you in our hearts."

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