

Tegu Talk

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

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Jeni's Big Day at CRC

Seeking the Lost

3rd Gen. Disciples: People we don't know reaching people they know

Nueva Suyapa, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

I have enjoyed getting to know Larry & Yessenia. They are smart, talented, hardworking, spiritually sensitive parents of two boys. Our church has been discipling them over the past few years. They have just completed sharing the 24 home discovery Bible studies with some people we don't know. Those folks have given at least one study with some people Larry and Yessenia don't know.

Larry who has been following Jesus for some years has recently joined our preaching team. Yessenia sings and cooks at church as well as host small groups in her home. Moreover, we are even more excited that one of their disciples is endeavoring to make disciples. As important as what happens in the church building on a given Sunday can be, we will never get the gospel to all people by waiting for them to come to us or trying to do all the work ourselves. Our disciples must be equipped and encouraged in making disciples themselves.

Cafe la Roca Serves & Grows

Roca de Refugio, Nueva Suyapa, Tegucigalpa

On Sundays, for over three years now, the Rock of Refuge church enjoys a meal following each service. During and after the meal some church members are happy to take the opportunity to participate in the ministry of *Cafe La Roca* by donating toward the cost of someone's meal next week. People are encouraged to sit with different people each Sunday to get to know one another. There are four teams of ladies that share their culinary creativity and thrift with all of us each week. We are thankful for this chance to fellowship and witness the church growing closer in community through these simple meals together.

New CRC Chapel Update

Las Crucitas Retreat Center, outside of Tegucigalpa

The chapel has risen and taken shape to the point that folks who see it are getting excited. Unfortunately, because of unforeseen expenses and the size of the project, we ran out of brick and funds about the same time last month. We went ahead and ordered the last 3000 brick in October but it has been raining too much for our brick makers to finish them yet. We took advantage of the time to start work on the huge cistern that will hold all the rain that falls on the chapel's eventual roof. We have all 14 columns finished and 13 of the 14 arches done, as well as one of the two concrete channels that will catch the rain. As soon as the brick are ready, we can proceed with the second "aqueduct." These east and west channels contain a beam that will hold the bottom edges of the arched roof. Once the metal roof is on we can finish the last arch and cap the front and back of the open air multi-purpose auditorium. We plan to finish the floor last so as not to damage it with all the other construction. This project is on hold for the holidays and we are praying for more funding to restart construction in order to get the roof on before the next rainy season that starts in May.

Rony leads Neighborhood Youth

Reaching the Neighbor Kids

Las Crucitas Retreat Center, outside of Tegucigalpa

With the help of a few neighbors and our teammates, Rony and Cinthia Moncada, we started a Monday night program for the youth from the *Crucitas* village and the *Promesas de Padre* community. We divide them into groups by age and between girls and boys. We have between 25 and 50 come on a given night. Most of these kids don't go to church at all so it is a big opportunity to introduce them to Jesus and the word of God.

Making Disciples



89 attend CRC for Kids Camp

October 2-5 Las Crucitas Retreat Center near Tegus

Our First Church plant returned to CRC to hold their Kids Camp. In October, 62 children and 27 adults rolled into our seven acre main campus. We bought 28 small mattresses to add to our existing beds. By the grace of God, the flexibility of the kids and creativity of the leaders, they all fit in the main house and we didn't run out of water or overflow the septic system. They had a ball and learned much. One of my highlights was taking about 30 city kids and teachers on a nature hike. I was able to show them several common native trees, four mountains and how a truck farmer had transformed the unruly mountain into a beautiful and abundant source of food for the city and income for his family.



Pastors Family Camp

December 2-5 Cerro Azul, Honduras

The first week of December, Jim and Teri helped with the pastor family camp called *Enthusiasm* along with Joy and Mark Hoff, who work in *San Pedro Sula*. Michael Zlomke of First Church, Owasso, flew down to be the main speaker of that camp. The Rileys were in charge of the pastors' children's program. They brought four youth from the Rock of Refuge church to help run the intense memory work program for the kids. They taught Josh McDowell's material that teaches how to make right decisions based on the character of God. During the workshop times, Jim taught the pastors and wives about enthusiastically raising kids. Rony and Cinthia divided the adults and taught on how to improve their relationships as couples.



US Team Blesses Our November

November 5-12, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

They came; they saw; they encouraged us! Sean and John returned a second time for a week of hard work, ministry and fellowship. They were part of a team of 11 that helped us mix and hoist concrete for the new chapel, painted a dorm room, did some landscaping and dug an area for the cistern. When they had a moment to clean up, they lead a leadership seminar and visited homes in *Tegus*, *Crucitas* and *Izopo*.

Teams are important to our ministry as they bring us encouragement and help us connect with our supporters in more concrete ways (no pun intended). In addition, teams help our young congregations to know they are part of a larger body of believers that transcends culture and social status. Teams can do a lot of work in a short amount of time and some of that work is building bridges of friendship.



Women's SPS Day Conference

Cofradia, Cortez near San Pedro Sula, Honduras

Teri spoke at the yearly women's day conference near *San Pedro Sula* on October 26th. Her topic was Sarah, Abraham's wife. Teri dressed as pregnant Sarah and spoke about trusting God even when we don't understand the "why." The other three leaders of the three day women's conference also spoke. Two of them (Cinthia and Julia) visited other pastors wives with Teri to encourage them to attend the preconference in February. They also evaluated the August conference to discuss what things were done well and need to be repeated as well as areas that need more attention.

In Honduras

Jennifer & Manuel "Tie the Knot"
December 21, CRC Las Crucitas, Tegucigalpa

Our second daughter, Jeni, married Manuel (who we have known since he was 14 years old) on Saturday, December 21st. A beautiful, cool morning with quite a bit of wind, made for a wonderful outdoor wedding. It was the first event in the new chapel here at the CRC (Las Crucitas Retreat Center). Our entire family was able to come. We are happy to report that Josh AND Meraris were able to come to the wedding as her paperwork arrived! Thank you for praying!



The Happy Couple After the Civil Wedding in Historic Village of Santa Lucia on Friday Dec. 20



✓ Prayer Checklist

Pray with us for:

- A harvest of souls for Jesus in 2025.
- The disciples involved in life of Christ classes this year.
- The youth & children studies in the *Crucitas* area.
- The Moncadas as they work alongside us & beyond.
- More disciples to draw close to Jesus & share Him.
- Our daughter Jeni & Manuel's new marriage.
- Our other adult children as they do life far from here.

Praise God with us that:

- Our parents & children were able to attend the wedding.
- Larry & Yessenia finished the 24 Discovery Bible Studies with a family that is eager to share with others.
- We managed to transform the construction site that will be the eventual Chapel in time for the wedding.
- God providing copious amounts of free pine needles to give the floor a special touch without us having to cut a single tree!
- Good weather for the wedding.
- Our daughter-in-law Meraris was able to travel for Jeni's wedding & a delayed visit with her family.

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
PO Box 347
Nortonville, Kansas 66060

Happy New Year. We hope you and yours can draw even closer to Jesus this year. We would love to hear from you. So drop us an e-mail, send us a text or give us call. Our contact information is on the front page. May God richly bless you!

Jim & Teri Riley

The Road Ahead

- Enero 8-11 - National Youth Camp**
- Enero 14 - Life of Christ Classes Begin**
- Enero 25 - Host Women's Day Conference**
- February 20-22 - Women's Leaders Retreat**
- April 16-19 - HD Disciple Makers Conference**
- April 25-27 - The Well US Women's Conference**