

Tegu Talk

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

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New Home Studies

Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Our team is excited about the people and homes that are now involved in the new *Evangelio a Domicilio* Discovery Bible Study lessons. We kicked off the first studies in homes at the end of December in both the Nueva Suyapa urban neighborhood and the two villages near CRC. This 15 session study of homes in the New Testament is great for believers new and old as well as seekers or those turned off by their experiences with churches in the past. As we rediscover how the gospel permeated and transformed the homes of the first generation of Christ followers, we see new possibilities for our own homes and communities.

Pray for us and our growing team of seed sowers as this study moves forward on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.



South Carolina Testimonies

What can a team of four Christ followers accomplish in a week given to God? More than we might imagine. The small team of men all from the same congregation in South Carolina checked off a bunch of our handyman tasks, but they also did a great job of sharing their lives, wisdom and testimonies with us and the Hondurans they met. In several homes they shared their stories with new believers and people who had not yet made the commitment to follow Jesus. They preached, gave a testimony and participated on a panel discussion for men at the church in Tegucigalpa.

They also encourage Teri and I greatly with their passion for their church back home. Through all their testimonies and regular conversations, it became apparent that these guys loved Jesus, their church back home, the lost, and serving others.

Shipwreck Campfire

CRC, Las Crucitas

On Saturday, October 28, youth and adults arrived for the shipwrecked campfire. All were divided into four teams and sent to their picnic kiosks for games and fun ice breaker activities. There was a name game, a drawing activity where the entire team had to draw different pictures with a pen wrapped with numerous pieces of yarn that each person used as a unit to draw on a large poster board. Other fun games and the obstacle course helped the youth get to know each other better. Dramas and worship, followed by Manuel's message, made for a terrific campfire.



**Douglas: Husband
Father, Boss; Reborn**

More Baptisms

Rio Sabucante, Honduras

In less than a year, Angelina and Douglas have become fixtures at Roca de Refugio. Angelina grew up in Church but after starting a family with Douglas they both stopped going to Church. In 2023 after receiving several discovery studies from our team and watching Christ transform some of their friends, first Angelina and now Douglas have been united with Christ in baptism.

The day we baptized Douglas we also rejoiced that Maria Melania one of the ladies who opened up her home five years ago also received Jesus as Savior and Lord. We did these baptisms at the beginning of the campfire activity in the river near our retreat center. At that campfire we talked about making Jesus (and the hope in the eternal life he offers) the anchor for our souls. Douglas and Maria helped set the tone for the whole evening.



**Maria: Mother,
Grandma;
Sister in Christ**



**"Maiky" & Naomi baptize
their Neighbor Victoria**



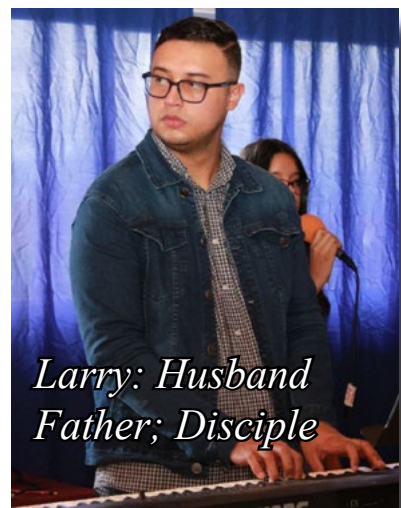
Pastors Wives in Guatemala *Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala*

Lucy, the worship leader for the September conference, is a Guatemalan who worked for years in Honduras. Her mission in Guatemala has churches in urban settings as well as in the mountains, where the people speak different dialects and wear traditional dress. Over Thanksgiving weekend, at Lucy's request, Teri journeyed with four leaders from the Honduran women's conference to the capital city of Guatemala to lead a pastors wives conference. They used the same theme of Fervent from Priscilla Shirer's book on fervent prayer, as they had in September. The Honduran leaders worked extra hard on their messages taking into account the presence of the ladies from the mountains. The team from Honduras taught main sessions and workshops, helped with games and worship times. Friday night's worship stations were a favorite part of the two day conference. While the pastors wives and women's ministry leaders drew closer to Jesus and their sisters of a different culture, the Honduran team experienced the joy of ministering directly to their Guatemalan counterparts.



Faithful, Available & Teachable *Roca de Refugio, Tegucigalpa*

While we have started groups in multiple houses, it is good to find folks who hunger for more of the word of God and more of Jesus. We have a solid group of six disciples who are excelling in the Life of Christ course and will start book three of six in February. In book three we will study the Galilean Ministry of Jesus. We have also started the next wave of students from the home Bible studies in this more advanced course.



*Larry: Husband
Father; Disciple*

Young Men's Retreat



CRC, Las Crucitas, Tegucigalpa

A group of guys gathered at our retreat center for our last men's camp of 2023. Rony and Chase drove nine hours with 8 young men from the Piedra Angular Church plant to join some of the young men from our camp for this 3 day 2 night camp. The memory work and messages were centered around the way God can restore us and give us a sound faith, mind, body and soul.



*Maiky: New
Preacher &
Experienced
Disciple Maker*



*Manuel:
Serving in Roca de
Refugio since 2004*

Pajama Party

Friday, October 27th, Rock of Refuge's women arrived at CRC in the afternoon to enjoy an evening of games and cooking. Titus 2 talks about the responsibility of the older women teaching the younger women. So that is what our womens' activities are all about. The youngest present was 9 years old, young Bridget, and the oldest was myself (haha!) The following day we decorated for the campfire event that occurred in the evening the 28th. It was suggested that we have a Pajama Party right before each campfire activity in 2024 so as to have help in prepping for each campfire. We hope to follow up on this great suggestion!

Big Family News



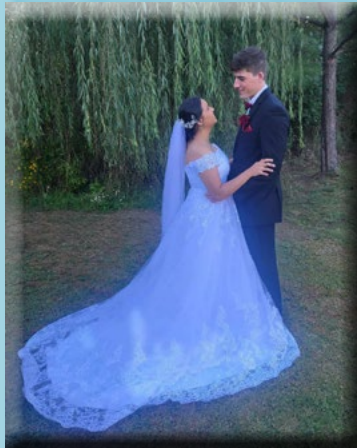
On the morning of January 5th, 2024, Jim and Teri became grandparents for the 3rd time. Joanna Nissi (aka JoJo) was born to our oldest daughter, Jesi, and her husband, Matt. Mother and daughter are doing great and appreciate all your prayers.

After almost three years of service as a registered nurse in the operating room in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Jeni our second born is moving to Honduras to use her skills to help the people of the country of her birth. We can't wait to have her back!

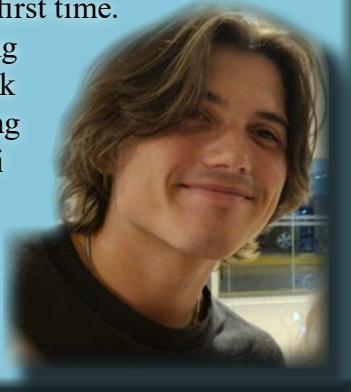


Jeni, AKA "Titi" with nieces Bri & Eli

On a warm day in September Josh and Meraris tied the knot in Teri's folk's backyard. We are so grateful that they are finally together. Josh continues to work and study. His arm has recovered to the point he just bench pressed over 300 pounds for the first time.



Jimmy will soon be starting his third semester at Ozark Christian College, and is working as a waiter at Olive Garden. Teri and I just helped him renew his US passport and he plans to use it to visit us in Honduras this summer and renew his Honduran passport.



✓ Prayer Checklist

Pray with us for:

- Jesi as she recovers from a C section & juggles kids.
- Favor with the Honduran nursing authorities for Jeni.
- Our disciples to grow & make more disciples.
- Our events in 2024 that God would prepare a harvest.

Praise God with us that:

- He cares for us all, & we can cast our cares on Him.
- Milestones in the lives of the "Riley Kids".
- The Good News about Jesus & the hope He brings.

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Pastors Family Camp



Campamento Extremo, Cerro Azul

Fourteen Honduran pastors and their families met near Lake Yojoa for a time of refreshment and renewal. Missionaries Mark and Joy Hoff who work out of San Pedro Sula organized and sponsored most of the event. Our team was in charge of the children ages three through 17. Teri and Nayeli took the younger children while Jim and Maiky worked with the youth. Our theme was based on a children's version of the allegory *Hinds Feet on High Places*. Memory verses included Habakkuk 3:19, James 1:2, and Ephesians 2:6.

Support Team

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

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May the King born in Bethlehem be your King in 2024. May He lead & provide for you throughout this coming year. Thank you for keeping us & the work in your prayers.

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