

Tegu Talk

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

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*Section of the 150 foot waterfall
on El Ingles Creek near CRC*



Sports Camp in Nearby Mountain Village

July 16-19, El Isopo, Honduras

Rony and Cinthia Moncada have made a great impression on their new neighbors. With their help we made plans to take the South Carolina team to the mountain village close to their house. The team came on a Monday. On Tuesday they found themselves deep in the Honduran mountains going door to door with us in small teams inviting families to send their kids to meet us on Wednesday on the community soccer field. The next three days were filled with soccer and American football drills and scrimmages, along with songs, testimonies and devotionals. The event ran similar to a VBS but took place on a huge soccer field instead of inside a building. It was so much fun playing with the children and talking to their families. We are excited to see what God does with the Discovery Bible studies that Rony and Cinthia hold each week with some of these families.

Hike to CRC Campfire

July 20, CRC, Las Crucitas, Tegus

It takes about two hours to hike over the mountain from the Moncada's home to CRC (Crucitas Retreat Center) where we live and work. On Saturday, July 20th, the youth from Rock of Refuge church in Tegucigalpa hiked over the mountain to enjoy an evening campfire activity. We continued the sports theme as the summer Olympics were in full swing.



Rony Moncada on the trail to CRC



Michele's Family listens as Teri and grandfather Manuel read from God's word at her baptism.

A House of Peace & Tortillas

El Isopo, Honduras

After canvassing our section of the sprawling farms of the Isopo village, we stopped at a house to ask if a team had passed. I offered to buy some of the tortillas they were busy cooking to sell, thinking it would be good to let our guests try the hot tortillas with some local cheese if I could find some. A lady there said, yes, a team should be just ahead at the top of the ridge. When I thanked her and tried to pay for the tortillas, she would not hear of it. In our brief encounter, she also told me that three families, totaling 14 people, lived in that particular cluster of houses.

When I finally found Rony, Cinthia laughed as her husband and I each were carrying a bag of tortillas, (Rony had even found some cheese already). It turns out that not only had we come up with the same plan to share some tortillas with the team, but neither of us had managed to pay for our tortillas. The Moncadas have started three discovery disciple making studies in homes on the mountain and hope to start one soon in that house of hospitality. Pray for all these families that the gospel might take root in hearts and that new disciples would make more disciples of Jesus.

Womens Tea and Pajama Party

August 9 & 10 El Isopo, Honduras

The women from Rock of Refuge all met at Rony and Cinthia's house for a PJ party on Friday, August 9th. It also was Yessenia's bridal shower as she and Larry were married that day (Honduras requires a civil wedding before the church wedding). On Saturday we prepared for the women's tea for the Isopo community. We divided into 2 teams, a decorating team and a cooking team. All enjoyed a sweet afternoon at the community center. Kayt, from Kansas, gave a wonderful devotion and the RdR ladies did a great job of serving the women in the area.



2 new brides

D1 newly engaged

Making Disciples



Women's Conference 2024
August 30-September 1, Las Moras, Honduras

Three Teams from the USA
Honduras, Summer, 2024

The "Release" Conference was a great success! All praise to our King Jesus Who is very capable of taking care of all that we release to Him. 186 women, teens and girls met on the mountain in Zambrano, Honduras. 4 different churches helped with the meals. 2 young women decided to follow Christ and one decided to return to Him. Workshops and sessions were taught by the US women's team. All was led by the three Central American leaders again this year, Ana (women), Julia (girls) and Cinthia (teens). Thank you all who gave and prayed for this event. God answered!

We hosted three teams this summer. Most recently at the end of August, 10 women from all over the United States came and helped Teri with this year's women's conference. She couldn't have done it without them.

At the beginning of August, a church near Wichita, Kansas helped Jim with the annual men's camp, teaching the main sessions. Kayt (the only lady on the team) spoke at the women's tea and also taught the Sunday school teachers in the Tegucigalpa church. They also helped us get our upstairs lighting installed.

Back in July, a team from South Carolina came for a week to visit. Not only did they put on a sports camp as an access ministry to the mountain village in Isopo but they also joined us in our Hike and campfire activity.

What a blessing all three teams were! If you and your church group would like to come down in 2025, email us. We would love to help your church put their many God-given talents to work for the Kingdom here in Honduras.

Men's Camp
August 9-11 CRC, Las Crucitas, Tegucigalpa

Hiking, games, a challenge course, worship, Scripture memory work and repelling a waterfall are all mainstays in our annual men's camp. A team from Kansas helped make this camp extra special by teaching six sessions around the theme "Fathered by God" based on the book by John Eldrege. The participation of men and pastors from four new churches added to the adventure and helped us to more than double last year's attendance.



In Honduras

New Chapel Under the Live Oaks

CRC Las Crucitas, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

After months of building up the site with retaining walls, and tons of fill, and after hand pouring all the footings, we are finally seeing the 14 brick columns slowly rising up from the ground for what will be approximately a 45 x 68 foot open air chapel. The arches that connect the tops of the columns and will hold up the roof will be topped on two sides with large concrete and brick water channels.

First 2 of the 14 arches that will encompass the open air chapel

The future worship, teaching and fellowship center of the CRC is nestled in the forest next to our recreation field and across the lane from the shower house. It will serve as a place to get out of the sun or rain and as a giant water collector, capable of catching and storing thousands of gallons of water for campers, staff and teams.

We currently have several neighbors working on the project and hope to have the chapel ready for inauguration in December.

The Road Ahead

September - December: Chapel Construction

October 19-20: ICCG Kids Camp @ CRC

November: Construction Team from SC, USA

December: Conference Team from OK, USA

December: Pastor's Family Retreat

December 21: Jeni & Manuel's Wedding



Sindy Baptizes her neighbor Valerie at CRC

✓ Prayer Checklist

Pray with us for:

- Construction in the rainy season, that we would have safety as we get further off the ground.
- Groups of disciples as they grow & make disciples.
- The Moncadas that God would continue to supply their needs & grow their support team.
- The new work in the Isopo mountain village.
- For Valerie & Michelle who were baptized recently & the groups that meet in their homes.
- Our daughter Jeni & Manuel & their wedding.

Praise God with us that:

- Several disciples have started groups in homes with the purpose of making more disciples.
- The blessed men's camp & women's conference.
- The rain has been mostly at night this last month, helping us stay on schedule with the construction.
- Our daughter Jesi, Matt & their girls are moving from Fayetteville, Arkansas to Missouri.
- Our son, Josh, and his wife Mera's paper work is moving forward and she now has her first US job.
- Our son, Jimmy a Junior at Ozark Christian College is serving in their worship ministry called Frontline.

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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Thanks for reading and for praying for us. If you would like to visit with us in person on our next trip to the US, or if you are considering a mission trip to Honduras, let us know. Our contact information is on the front page.

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