



# HONDURAS

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## EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

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Good Morning from the mountaintop at Finca Mira Mundo

The team from West View Baptist Church from Paragould, Arkansas left bright and early, it was still dark, on Wednesday morning. They normally come from Wednesday to Wednesday. As the van left, we started the cleaning process. However, on Sunday morning, believe it or not, we have actually taken a day to rest, recover from 5 teams and do nothing before we get ready for our last team before we return to the states. The teams have been great but when teams are here for me my morning starts at 4:30 am. Our friend, Lloyd, invited us to go up to his coffee farm to get away. We did absolutely nothing, we did start a puzzle but decided that it was too much work for the day. It was great to just sit and look at the beautiful creation from the mountain top and view all that the Lord put together.



The West View Teams—they had 2 teams in one. Their group was a total of 5. A couple of the guys, along with Steve spent the week at The Training Center doing repairs and completing projects we have not had time to do. Edgardo was with them for a couple days. The other 3 in the group visited in communities and in the schools. Emilio, Edgardo, for 2 days, and I went with this group. It really worked well for the 2 teams. Takes a little more planning and more time to get everything ready with supplies and materials, but it worked well.

Thursday morning, we headed to the community of Mira Mundo. We're doing something a little different today and also tomorrow. School is closed for the week, equivalent to our Spring Break. The kids in Mira Mundo attend the school in El Conal. This is also one of the communities that have started having a youth program and a children's program in the church. Our goal was to give them a "model" as to how they might do a teaching session for the youth and children. As we knew we would, we also had adults that attended the session. Flor is the children's leader, Lionel, the youth leader, they both were there. The team from West View was ready. They had prepared singing, Bible Stories, coloring sheets and games for the kids—the adults joined in. They had prepared songs and sang in Spanish along with the folks at the session. They chose the story of Noah to share with the group. They used a flannel board to share with the kids, adding the appropriate pieces to the flannel board to complete the story of Noah. They talked about the obedience of Noah and the promises of the Lord. The children and the adults love to color. Time for games and fun. They adapted the game of Hot Potato to a review of the story. When you got the hot potato, you needed to answer correctly the question about the story of Noah to stay in the game plus a reward of a sucker. The leaders in the children's activities get so use to thinking they have to have all the "stuff" that folks bring down in order for them to teach the





children. After each activity, I reviewed with Flor all the “things” that she has available in the community to do the same lesson, games, and songs that the team just completed. She then started adding to our conversation things that she could do with what she has. It was a good day. Pray for Flor and Lionel as they begin to share and teach the kids in Mira Mundo. Oh yeah—neither one of them read. No problem, one of the older kids read for them and we were able to give them an MP3 solar charged player with the Bible loaded in Spanish that the previous team had left.

While we were in Mira Mundo, Steve, Edgardo and a couple of guys were working at The Training Center. We have outgrown the space we were using for the Bible Studies, so we have moved to a larger room that needed some cleaning and repairs. One of the previous groups did the cleaning. We needed a window replaced, a drain covered for safety purposes, handrails installed, and a post and roof repaired on one of the buildings at the back. The guys got to work tearing out the old window, building a new metal frame, no more termites here. They made quick repairs on the roof, got the window frame built and were almost ready for installation with a little tweaking and adding screens.



On Friday, we headed to the community of las Medias. This community does not have a school and like Mira Mundo they attend school in las Medias 1. Our plan was again to model teaching for the newly youth and children’s leaders. Maria Santos is the children’s leader and Reyes is the youth leader. Again, neither are able to read. They rely on the older kids to read for them. We also gave them an MP3 player with a Spanish version of the Bible on it and rechargeable with solar power. Maria Santos was present today, but Reyes was working today. She will share with him the things she learned. The group did the same story, songs, games, coloring as they did in Mira Mundo. After each one, I talked with Maria Santos ways she and Reyes could incorporate what was done into a teaching method and that all the stuff was not as important as sharing God’s word with the kids. The group shared the story of Noah. Again, some of the adults participated in some of the games. To get to the church in Medias is a good little walk down a steep hill, the problem is you have to climb back up the steep hill.







While we were at Medias, the guys at The Training Center were working hard. They got the large window in, handrails installed and most of the windows in the caretakers' house repaired and new screens applied to the windows. It was a great day in Medias as well as at The Training Center.



Saturday morning, we headed to The Training Center for the monthly Bible study with the leaders. We have started having something planned for the children as well. Today we had 18 children that accompanied their parents. It makes it easier for the adults to listen when they are not worried about their children, plus the kids have a good time learning about Jesus. Pastor Marc led the study of 1 Corinthians chapter 12. Edgardo shared with the group that he would not be as visible for a short time. He explained there was some family issues and requested they pray for him, his family, his parents and siblings. There was much sharing among the group. Orbin led the group in prayer for Edgardo and his situation. I have decided if there is a time that I need fervent prayer warriors, I know who I'm calling on. This group of believers pray, and they pray hard for each other. Most of them have had problems that they have needed prayer, and they know prayer works.







Sunday morning, we headed back to Mira Mundo for worship. Pastor Marc led the worship. It is always great to worship in this community. Mercedes led the opening, Adolpho and Faustina led the prayer time and Fausto from Otuta led the music. They also asked Orbin from Mira Flores to lead in prayer. We are so proud of him and the young man he has become. His grandmother would be so proud of him. This gringo grandmother sure is. He has such a sweet, gentle spirit about him and he loves the Lord. During the teaching time, Flor took the little ones with her to children's church to hear about Jesus. As the service ended, the children returned to share with us what they had learned. It was a good day worshiping the Lord. Continue to pray for Juana as she is recuperating from cataract surgery, for Mercedes the worship leader for Fausto and Adolpho as they lead the music and Flor as she teaches the children.



Monday morning we're heading to a completely new community. Edgardo says he has never been there. We're going to the community of El Rabinal. The elevation for this community is 4,175 feet. This is a community we tried to visit a couple weeks ago but missed roads and missed communication, we were not able to get there. Emilio and folks from the church he attends have visited one time. There are 80 children in school and 14 in the kindergarten. Since the group from the states only have 3 folks, we invited folks from Pena de Horeb Church to visit the community with us. There are 5 from here in Copan plus the 3 from Arkansas. The group from the church are mainly youth and a couple of them speak English. They are a part of the group that visited a couple weeks ago. When they visited with the children, they shared the story of Noah. Today the group will share the story of David and Goliath. After the performance from the team, the kids will never forget the story of David and Goliath. They involved the students in the story. Emilio told the story. A David was chosen from the students—a very small student. We had cheering from the Israelites and cheering from the Philistines as we divided the students into two groups. The children enjoyed singing and actually knew all the songs, they colored, and they played. After a full morning, we were packing to say goodbye and Nicoll the director told us that the ladies in the community decided they needed to prepare lunch for the group. We were served fried



chicken, rice, slaw and tortillas. Nicoll told us that we are the first team to come and share with them. We are planning to bring the medical team here in a couple of weeks. There was one little boy that made my day. He came up after the story and told me that there was actually someone in the story that was larger and more powerful than Goliath. When I asked him who that was, he very confidently told me it was God. We also met one of the men in the community who also appreciated our coming. And as usual, we explained about the monthly Bible Studies and invited him to attend. He said he would be interested in starting a Bible study in his home with his family. He told us if we walked across the mountain for 3 hours, you would be in Santa Rosa de Copan. It takes us 3 hours to drive to this town in our vehicles. Pray for this community as we begin to build relationships with the folks that live here, pray that they will have open hearts to hear the gospel, pray that we will be able to identify a Bible study leader and eventually start a regular study here.



The guys working at The Training center are finishing up projects. They identified one more that they think they can complete. The windows at The Learning Center have no screens, just bars. When the wind blows the leaves and other trash as well as critters come, it's an open invitation to come in. Steve and the guys found a very heavy, with small openings and a dark green screen that will blend in with the surroundings. They started the process of putting the screen on. It looks great. You really can't even see the screen. They completed one side of the building, the side where all the leaves blow in. Unfortunately, they ran out of screen and the hardware store had no more. They have ordered more, and it will be in next week. Hopefully, it will get installed before we head home.



Tuesday, the last day visiting the communities, we headed to Barbasco Copan. This is a community that we are building relationships with. We've had several teams visit and we are always greeted with excitement from the teachers and students. We have had one gentleman, Antonio, attending the Bible studies since we started visiting. They have a new teacher in the school, Ervin. He attends Pena de Horeb church with Emilio. Since our last visit, Delcia, the other teacher has had a beautiful baby boy. The group was ready to share with the students. David, the guy who was Goliath yesterday was not able to be with us today. Never fear, our substitute Goliath did a wonderful job—thanks Mark. The kids were involved with the story. Again, don't think they will forget the story of David and Goliath. Pray for this community as we continue to build a relationship with the teachers, students and people of the community.



On Wednesday, bright and early, the team headed back to the states. It was a great week with the team. Lots of completed projects at The Training Center, the love of Jesus shared in the schools and in the community, and continued relationship building in new communities. Thanks, West View for serving alongside us.

When we went to dinner on Saturday evening, we had a wonderful surprise. One of the interpreters we had the privilege of working with several years ago visited with us. He was constantly with us during the summer. Some of you may remember Oscar—he attended and graduated from Mayatan Bilingual school. He has since done a 2-year internship through Auburn. Interning on a 5,000-acre farm. He is back in the Copan area and working with his dad and his uncle on their cattle farm. It was great to visit him and catch up.



Wednesday morning, we went with Pastor Kenny and folks from his church to deliver food for the feeding program. There were 2 groups, one taking food to the Santa Rita schools and the other group to the schools around Copan. A total of 9 schools received food to continue to provide at least one meal per day for the students in the community. There is a total of 19 schools that receive food for their students. We have found that if the kids are fed, they learn better, parents will send them to school so they will have one meal a day, and the communities reap the benefits of having better educated folks in their communities. Thanks to all that have made this feeding program possible either through your prayers, your financial assistance or you coming to work with us.

We are preparing for our last team before we head back to the states on August 7. It will be a short time before our return. We'll head back to Copan on August 30 for the last teams of the year. The team that is coming is a medical team from FBC in Mooresville. Medical teams always take a little more preparation than other teams. This group has been serving alongside us for many years. We're so grateful for their continued commitment to come with physical and spiritual healing for the folks we serve. Pray for them as the complete everything that needs to be done, no problems with travel and opportunities to share the gospel as they travel. Pray for the communities that they will provide medical and spiritual care for. (San Francisco, El Rabinal, El Conal, Barbasco Cabanas, and Aldea Nueva).

Thank you for your continued prayers for the mission and the teams that come to serve with us. Pray as to how you might become more involved with HEA, whether it is for you to come and serve with us or financially support the mission.

Continued prayer request:

Please continue to pray for the country of Honduras and the upcoming elections. The results could depend on whether Christian organizations would still be allowed to come and share the gospel. I have never heard Edgardo and Emilio more concerned even to the point of moving to another country. So, I'm asking all of our prayer warriors to make this a constant prayer that the Lord would allow the person He wants to lead the country.

Continue to pray for Edgardo and his family as continue to face uncertain times.

Continue to pray for our friend Lloyd as he struggles with health issues. His lab numbers are not what the doctor wants them to be. He has had a bout of stomach issues, not sure if it is treatment related or a "bug" he can't get rid of.

Thank you for your prayers

Steve & Audrey



