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"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" II Timothy 2:2

December 18, 2000

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

At this writing, it's just 7 days until Christmas and 14 days before a new year begins. It seems only yesterday that we were all concerned about Y2K and the excitement of entering the new millennium. **How time is flying by!**

This is also a time of reflection ... Remembering how **GOOD and MERCIFUL** God has been to us this year ... **He has blessed the ministry of Good Samaritan Baptist Missions and He has provided every thing we have needed.** Time and again, He has reminded us that this is not one person, or one family's work ... **THIS IS GOD'S WORK AND HE PROVIDES FOR HIS OWN.**

We think about all the people we have seen saved by His marvelous grace this year... Lives that had no meaning are now filled with a living hope. **We think about the baptisms** we saw just a few weeks ago of 12 precious Elderly people who were saved in the kitchen where they hear about the Lord everyday and where they come to eat a good meal. One man was **90 years old and three others were in their eighties.** The others were sixty and above. Several of our Elderly went home to heaven this year; others are getting so feeble and we know they don't have too many days left, but God has given us the great privilege and blessing to see their lives changed from dire poverty and suffering to a life of joy and peace.

The Lord once again let us finish another school year with the largest graduation ever in grammar school - **80 children received their diploma from 6th grade**, which is a great accomplishment for the children of Honduras. **Fifty four young people graduated from High School.** Hundreds attended these graduations and heard God's Word preached by our good friend, Pastor Neil Eidson from Hillsville, Virginia.

Ten young men graduated from the Good Samaritan Bible Institute - four years of studying God's Word. All of these young men are already pastoring churches and missions.

This year we have seen the completion of many new church buildings and other constructions are underway ... Many new churches have been raised up this year. We will have the total in our next newsletter.

God also blessed the Tyson family with a beautiful granddaughter born on Thanksgiving Day. Her name is **Ashley Beth** - her parents are Steve and Scarleth Tyson. They will be returning to Honduras and the radio work on the 27th of December.

In closing, we want to say from the bottom of our hearts, **"thank you". Thank you for being our friends, for supporting the work of Good Samaritan Baptist Missions, and for praying for us.**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Bob and Joan Tyson

When someone asks, "What do you contribute to the great success of Good Samaritan Baptist Missions", we would have to give the verse on the front of this newsletter (II Tim 2:2). What faithful men taught Bob Tyson at Tennessee Temple Bible College, he tried to teach to others and now they have taught other faithful men and on and on it goes.



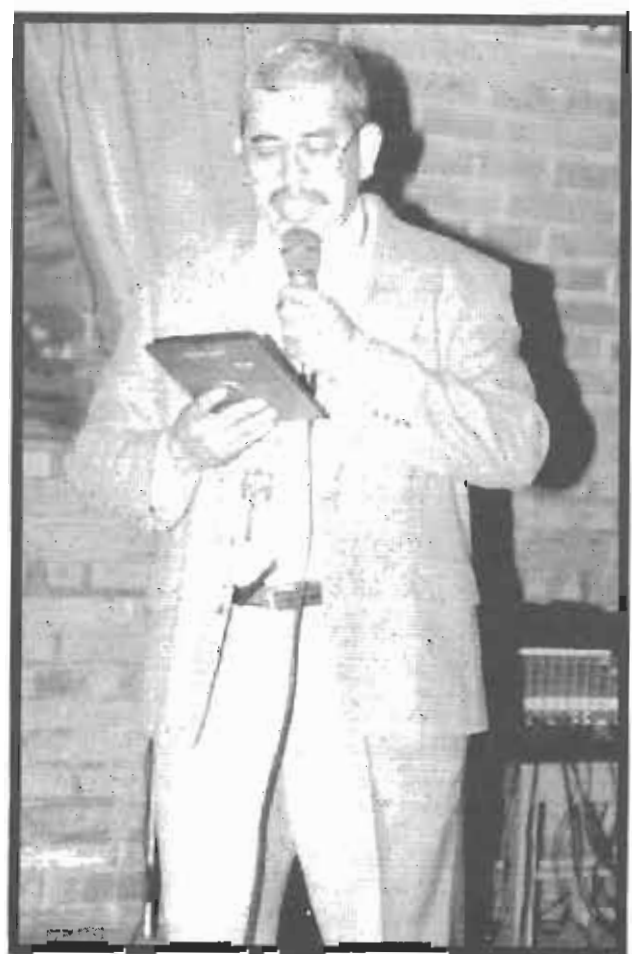
These are just a few of the men who have been teaching others down through the years.



Santiago Colindres
Antonio Inestroza



Ramon Aguirre
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Carmen Carcamo





Graduations

Good Samaritan Baptist Bible Institute

There are ten more graduating from the Bible Institute in Honduras. All of these men are already pastoring churches.

The New Hope Baptist Church in San Francisco, Honduras was completely filled with many standing outside. An estimated 700 were in attendance. Only members from the churches where the graduates are pastoring were able to come because of lack of space.

We have no place large enough for special occasions such as this - something we hope to change in the near future.





Bible Institute Graduation

Pastors and Teachers

Luis Pastrana, Carmen Carcamo
and Ramon Aguirre

Main Speaker

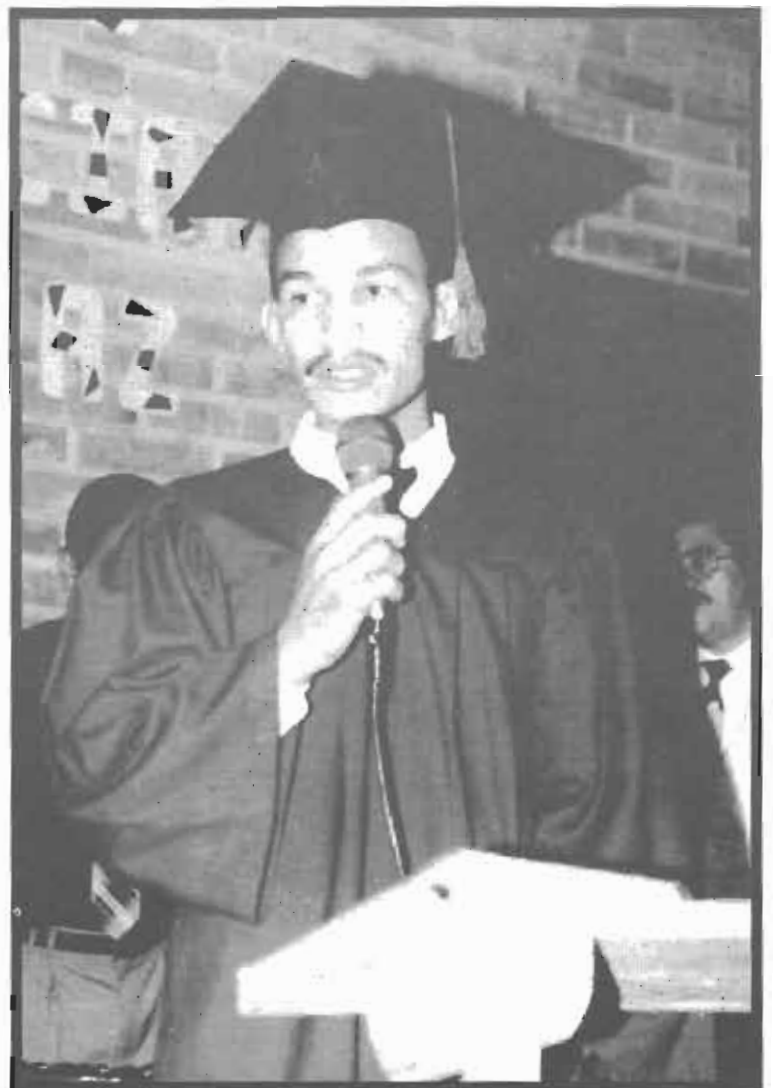
Pastor Neil Eidson
Victory Way Baptist Church
Hillsville, VA

Joan and Bob Tyson



Santiago Colindres

Pastor of the Duyure church and President of the
Good Samaritan Baptist Bible Institute



Pedro Antonio Estrada

Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in
San Francisco and valedictorian



Good Samaritan High School Graduation

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in San Marcos de Colon was completely filled for the graduation of 31 Bachelor in Computer and 23 Bi-lingual Secretary graduates.

Pastor Neil Eidson brought a challenging message from the Word of God. Every song and every speech brought honor and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ who made all this possible.

Many of our graduates already have promises of good jobs in many different cities in Honduras.





Ten years ago David and Barbara Thomas chose a little girl from the back country of Honduras to be their own special little girl.

Friday night, November 24th, was Ada's special night as her beloved sponsors came all the way to Honduras to walk down the aisle with her to receive her diploma in Bachelor of Computer.

Ada truly received an **Opportunity of a Lifetime**.



Gricelda Baez was a little refugee from Nicaragua living in Honduras during the war years. She was one of the first **Opportunity of a Lifetime** children.

Gricelda excelled in basketball leading the Good Samaritan Girls Team to win the Regional and State championships and place third in the Nationals. Supported for many years by Steve Tyson and the Pleasant Hill Senior Adult Class, Gricelda is now ready to begin her career in computer.





Christmas in Honduras

This is another very, very special time for hundreds of boys and girls who were once the **"forgotten"** ones.

They certainly aren't forgotten anymore. Because Jesus loves them so much He not only has given them parents in Honduras but special parents in the United States. Special parents who love them and tell them about Jesus and at this special time of the year send them gifts.



It all begins with the Mission stocking up with clothes, shoes, toys and food.



The Christmas list is sent to the sponsors **and then the fun begins!**

The large courtyard of the Mission is filled as food, clothes and toys are packed in Christmas sacks.

On designated days the children living in San Marcos are called to the Mission to receive their gifts and have their pictures made for their sponsors.

The street is filled with children and the excitement grows as their names are called over the loudspeakers.

A caravan of vehicles take workers and Christmas sacks into the villages where hundreds of anxious children are waiting... A very, very special time not only for the children but all those involved in this program.



Children's Christmas Sacks

Hundreds of Christmas sacks will be given out by our pastors to the poor children in the villages made possible by the many churches and individuals who have sent in special offerings for the poor children.





Grammar School Graduation

We thank God and we thank every sponsor for making the graduation of 80 sixth graders possible. It's an honor to graduate from sixth grade in Honduras. Most of these children would not have had this opportunity had it not been for a family, a church, or a Sunday School class in the United States, who, having never seen them, have loved them and given them their **Opportunity of a Lifetime.**

It was an honor for us to have Brother Paul Shepard, a businessman from North Carolina, with us for this special occasion.

Here we are singing our Christian Anthem "Amazing Grace".



As always, there was not enough room in our large, new school for everyone to have a seat.





Danli, Honduras

Danli is a city of over 100,000 people and we're thanking God for this beautiful new church building just completed. Sunday School rooms and a pastorium are under construction. All of this was made possible by two businessmen who dedicated their business to the Lord.

This church was raised up through the Radio Ministry. We have a repeater tower in this city and it has been said, *"Everyone listens to Samaritan Radio"*.

As people began to receive the Lord, a pastor was sent here. Many have been saved, and now they have a beautiful church in which to worship the Lord.

"Visitors Center" Comali, Honduras

Another project finished this year is the new center for visitors. Ten beautiful rooms, all with private baths and all the purified water one would need. This is also the location of our artesian well.





Merry Christmas from the office staff in the United States
Joan Bell, Rebecca Bell, Terri Hyatt and Becky Martin (not pictured)

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