

# *Good Samaritan Baptist Missions*

## **Ministering In Central America**

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### *Baptism in Azacualpa, Honduras*

*Stephany Tyson, granddaughter of Bob and Joan Tyson &  
Rachel Smith, granddaughter of Pastor Ralph and Gwen Easterwood,  
along with 11 others from the Santa Mira Mission of Azacualpa,  
were baptized by Rev. Ralph Easterwood.*

November 1, 2002

Dear Beloved Friends and Co-Laborers,

October 4th through the 11th was a wonderful time for us as Brother Ralph and Sister Gwen Easterwood brought a group of fifteen to visit with us. It was very special for us because Brother Ralph baptized our granddaughter, Stephany, along with his own granddaughter, Rachel, in a river near Azacualpa, Honduras. Sister Sandy Payton, Music Director of Glen Haven Baptist, was in this group and how she blessed the people as she sang in many of the churches.

On October 21st, Pastor Randy Bell from Lupton Drive Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, along with his wife, Mary, and a precious group from the church came to visit. Brother Randy preached in several churches and baptized six in the river of Yusguare. One man and woman had been living together for 15 years. They had five children. They were gloriously saved, then got married and baptized on Sunday. We are so thankful to the Lord for all the wonderful people He sends to bless and encourage us. ***He knows our every need and we stand AMAZED at the way He works in our lives at just the right time.***

When the groups come in, it gives us an opportunity to travel with them and visit many of the churches that we don't have an opportunity to visit very often. The other day, while riding back on the bus from Ocotal, Nicaragua, I began to think about the churches we had just visited. The first one was a very pretty church - one that we had built back in 1973. Pastor Esteban Acuna has done such a wonderful job there. The church looked so pretty and they proudly showed us all the Sunday School rooms they had built. But then we went to the next one, the Second Baptist, in a poor, poor area of town. The people gathered in, although there was no service planned. The pastor was so happy - he didn't stop smiling the whole time we were there. The church was very clean and they had decorated the best they could, but as I looked around and saw just a few very, very old benches, and saw the people with joy in their hearts and smiles on their faces, ***I asked the Lord to make me more thankful.*** They weren't thinking about all the needs they have. Not one woman had on shoes - everyone wore flip-flops or was barefoot. The little children wore ragged clothes but they were happy in the Lord. ***I made myself a promise to try and help them get some benches so at least they can have a place to sit...They would need about 30 benches at \$40.00 each.*** The next place we went didn't even have a church. They were meeting in the house of one of the Christians. The pastor has moved here and with the help of a brother in the United States, he at least has a place to live, although it's not much, but he was so proud of it. The members had saved \$1000 and bought a piece of property. ***For \$10,000 they could have a church building.*** Sister Dorothy, one of the ladies from Lupton Drive Baptist Church, commented, "If only I had a million dollars", and I replied I felt the same way. We wouldn't have it long.

We'll show you in this letter some of the constructions going on. We don't have pictures of some; such as the church that the Floyd Road Baptist Church is helping to build in a place called Quilali, Nicaragua. During our visit to Nicaragua, the pastor pointed out that Quilali is 3 hours down the road from where we were. I wonder if I will ever be able to see it, but that won't matter. We will know those precious people have a place in which to worship and one day Brother Burman Cates and the wonderful people at Floyd Road will receive their reward.

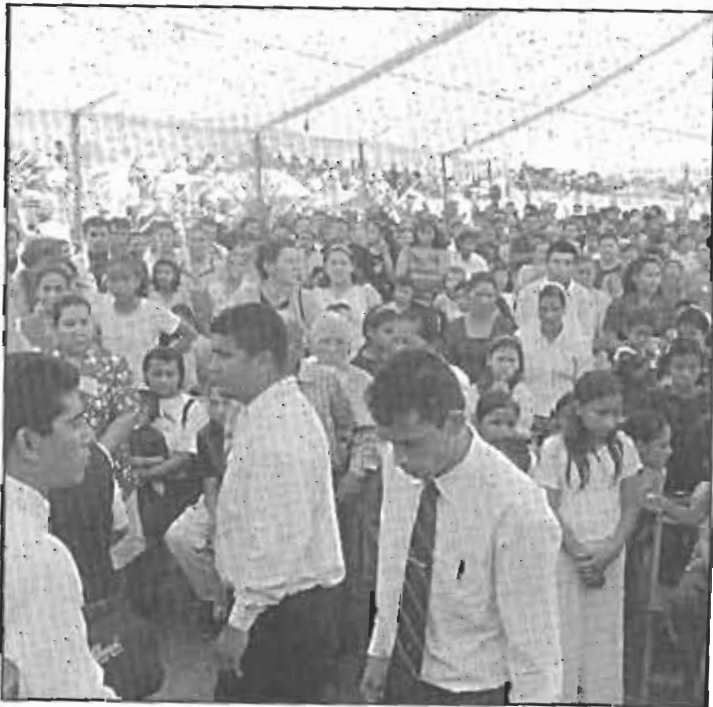
Thank you so much for your support to Good Samaritan Baptist Missions. Please never think we take this for granted. We thank our Lord and we thank you for being a part of this work.

Love in Christ,

***Bob and Joan Tyson***

***Bible Day March - Palacaquina, Nicaragua***

It takes four pictures to show the multitude of people who were under the tent  
and more on the outside -  
all thanking God for giving them His Holy Bible  
in the Spanish language 433 years ago.







**Thousands of  
people  
marched to the  
tent  
where service  
was held in  
Palacaquina,  
Nicaragua.**



**San Lorenzo,  
Honduras**

**Another multitude of  
people marched  
in celebration of the  
translation of  
God's Word  
in the Spanish Language  
433 years ago.**



## Baptisms

**Bro. Santos Casco  
baptized 14 in  
Pueblo Nuevo,  
Nicaragua**



**Bro. Jose Zamora  
from El Progreso,  
Honduras,  
baptized 6.**



**Bro. Benigno  
Rodriguez baptized  
3 in Choluteca,  
Honduras.**

## Baptisms

**Bro. Santos Casco  
baptized 6 in  
Tranqueras,  
Nicaragua.**



**Bro. Ramon Aguirre  
baptized 12 in  
San Marcos de Colón,  
Honduras.**



**Bro. Luis Pastrana baptized 7 in  
San Lorenzo, Honduras.**







## Baptisms

**Pastor Guy Altizer  
from Simpsonville, SC,  
baptized 6 in  
Duyure, Honduras.**



**Pastor Ralph  
Easterwood baptized 15  
in Azacualpa,  
Honduras.**



**Stephany Tyson  
gave her testimony  
before her baptism.**

*Victory Baptist Church  
Yalaguina, Nicaragua*

This is the second church built by Missionary Bob Tyson in the early 1970's. Now, over 30 years later, the little church building still stands; surviving the war and 10 years of communism. It stands by the side of the Pan American Highway. It was once a pretty little building but now it can't hold all the people who enter these doors to hear the Gospel. **For just \$15,000.00 we can build a new church here - using a lot of the material that is in the church.** *We pray God will speak to hearts to help these people.*





**New Church  
Construction in  
El Corpus, Honduras**

--Made possible by family and  
friends of Milton Beck

They are doing this in his  
memory. A new lunchroom is  
being built in back by  
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church  
in Hiram, Georgia, where Bro.  
Milton was a member until God  
called him home.



**Church Construction in  
Managua, Nicaragua**

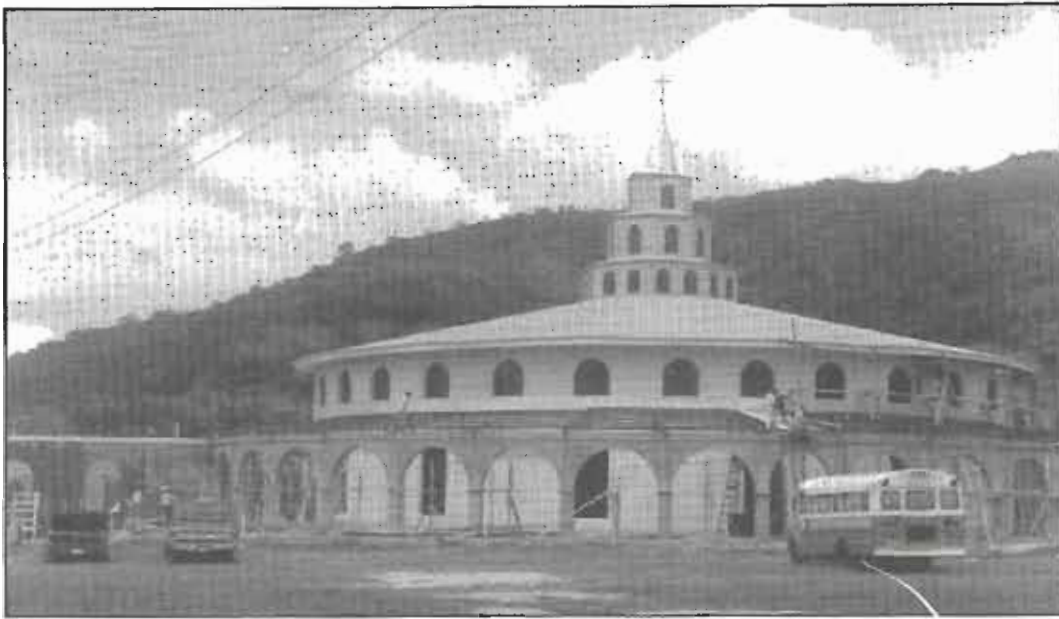
--Made possible by  
Daniel Drive Baptist in  
Stockbridge, Georgia



**Congregation in Light of  
the Jungle, Wiwili,  
Nicaragua  
Bro. Luis Lopez, Pastor**

These people will soon have a  
new church building made  
possible by Bro. Paul Shepard in  
Sylva, North Carolina.



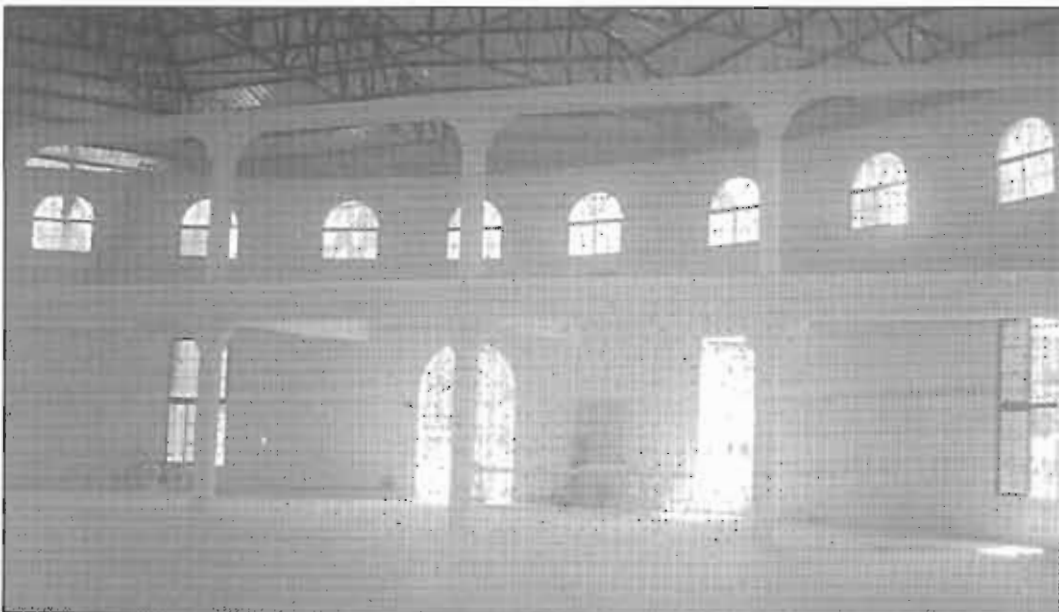


**Tabernacle  
Construction  
Comali, Honduras**

**These photos will give you a good view of the progress of the construction. The builders have promised to have this finished by March 2003, in time for the New Bible School Year.**



**We are so grateful to the Lord for Bro. Paul Shepard from Sylva, North Carolina, who is bringing his pastor and 6 men of the church to do all the wiring and plumbing.**

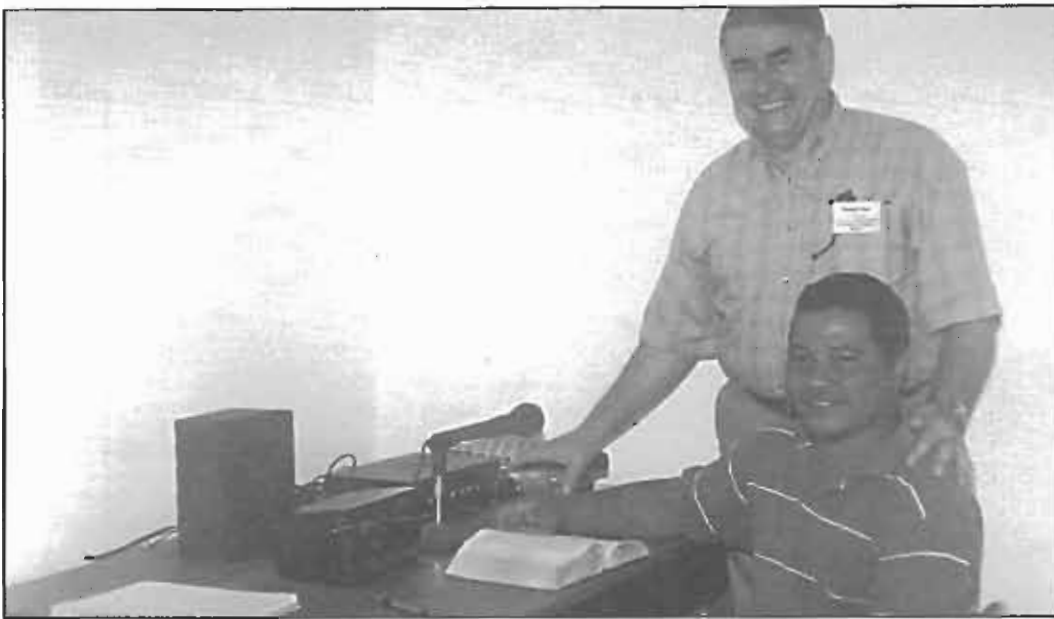


**This building will stand for many years to come as a testimony of another one of God's Miracles here in Honduras.**

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**Mario Sanchez, bus driver for groups and a radio preacher, is pictured here with Pastor Randy Bell from Lupton Drive Baptist in Chattanooga, Tennessee.**



**Members of Glen Haven Baptist Church bought these cows so our dormitory students would have fresh milk everyday.**



**Come to see us! You can stay in these nice rooms in Comali, Honduras. You can drink the water from the artesian well and enjoy the pure country air.**

## Pastors

*Honduras Pastors at Good Samaritan Mission Center  
in San Marcos de Colón, Honduras*



*Good Samaritan Pastors Retreat by the side of the ocean in Honduras*



# Honduras

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**Santiago Colindres, Duyure****Saved 24    Baptized 13**

A very 'religious' man in town received the Lord as Savior. Two more were saved in Carrisal, a new mission camp. With the help of the Lord, we're building a church here. We have 25 members and 60 children here.

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**Oscar Vallejo, El Puente****Saved 4    Baptized 8**

I preached in a new work called Cabezas and one person was saved. I thank the Lord that two of my daughters are Sunday School teachers.

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**Luis Alonzo Pastrana, Azacualpa****Saved 36    Baptized 6**

We're thanking the Lord for the help we received to finish the Sunday School rooms. We are discipling 13 new members in the church. Also I'm teaching in the Bible Institute.

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**Benigno Rodriguez, Yusguare****Saved 3**

We had a marvelous time with many of the pastors from Nicaragua in a retreat by the ocean. Fifty-two pastors were present and also our missionaries, Bro. Bob and Sis. Joan Tyson. In August, 12 pastors and several members of the church met on property near the army base to put a fence around it. Construction of a new church building has already begun here. I am teaching in the Bible Institute. For the first time I was asked to preach the funeral of an 18-year-old girl who committed suicide. This service was held in the house of the grandmother. The grandmother is a Catholic leader in the town. Many, many people heard the Gospel who had never been to church.

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**Federico Canales Osorto, Danli****Saved 5**

The pastors retreat with Honduras and Nicaragua pastors was a great blessing. We all remembered and dedicated our lives once again to the task of never leaving our function as missionaries until death separates us from this earth. We've just celebrated the 5th anniversary of the church. We had special activities all week. We're looking for land to begin a second church here in this city.

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**Carlos Ordoñez, El Triunfo****Saved 44    Baptized 7**

God blessed with a great number of souls saved in a 5-day campaign. This is a new area where there are more than 1000 inhabitants. We want to raise up a new church here. We have a great number of young people in the church.

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**Jose Donaldo Aguilera, Tapaire****Saved 5    Baptized 6**

Everyday I wake up with a burden in my heart for lost souls. We've had weddings and baptisms. It's wonderful to see how God is working in the lives of the people. *I'm praying for a motorcycle. Right now all the transportation I have is a bicycle and I live a long way from the city. Even though I am young, I have serious arthritis, which affects me greatly.*

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**Jose del Carmen Carcamo, Choluteca****Saved 10    Baptized 11**

On the 4th of August, four brothers were baptized. On the 19th a member of the church died. His wife and children were not saved but at the funeral eight received the Lord. I was called to the hospital to visit a man who was very ill. He received the Lord and died a little later. Others were saved in the church. Thank God for the ministry He has given me.

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**Rommel Gomez, El Naranjal****Saved 14**

My wife and I have passed through difficult moments as she had a miscarriage at six weeks of pregnancy. We've been working with the young people in the village and four have received the Lord.

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**Jose Santos Sanchez, Duyusupo****Saved 7**

All the pastors held their monthly meeting here in Duyusupo, which was a great blessing.

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**Marvin Renan Ortiz, Las Pitas del Corpus****Saved 2    Baptized 1**

I am going to a place called Las Vegas where we have a beautiful congregation. I am making good grades in the Bible Institute. The visit of North Americans giving out solar powered radios pre-tuned to Samaritan Radio was a great blessing for us. Our church is growing. We have 22 adults and 65 children.



<b>Pompilio Escalante, El Paraiso</b>	<b>Saved 29    Baptized 10</b>
The Lord blessed in a new area called Vallecillo. We're also preaching in another area called Dos Pinos.	
<b>Roman Antonio Martinez, Divisadero</b>	<b>Saved 5</b>
This is a sad time for me to watch my dad dying of lung cancer. The chemotherapy treatments are only making him weaker. The leaders of the church have done a wonderful job as I've had to be away several days with my dad in the hospital. I had an opportunity to preach the Gospel to a lot of lost people in the large city of San Pedro Sula.	
<b>Rene Gabriel Lagos, Los Planes</b>	<b>Saved 7    Baptized 1</b>
We have a new mission camp with ten members.	
<b>Pedro Estrada, San Francisco</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>
I ask for your prayers because I may be moving into a new area to raise up a new work. I need to be sure this is what God wants me to do. I preached when the medical brigade came to San Marcos and many people were saved.	
<b>Jose Manuel Ramirez, Nueva Morolica</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>
I have been preaching in the streets of the city. An elderly man was saved. Our village has declared a state of emergency because of food shortage but we thank the Lord for the Feed the Hungry Kitchen of our church that is giving food to many children. Many children who once could not walk because of malnutrition are now walking. My wife had surgery for gall stones. Thank the Lord she is improving.	
<b>Juan Ramon Maradiaga, La Concepción de Maria</b>	<b>Saved 21</b>
Day of the Pastor was celebrated in the church and I've never been shown so much love by all the members. I have been traveling with other pastors to a new area called Orocuina where we've been visiting door to door. In our church five were saved and one couple was married.	
<b>Roberto Espinoza, Marcovia</b>	<b>Saved 12</b>
<i>We are praying and working on a project to build four Sunday School rooms. The children have no place to meet except outside in the rain or sun. This project will cost \$5700.00.</i> In our mission six more were saved giving a total of 20 saved and 9 baptized.	
<b>Juan Ramon Aguirre, San Marcos de Colón</b>	<b>Saved 7    Baptized 12</b>
The third week of August was dedicated to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the church. From Monday to Thursday we prayed from 4:00 to 5:00 and Friday from 3:00am to 5:00am. The Gospel was preached every night and on Sunday 12 were baptized. I had the privilege to work with the medical brigade that was here for a week. One hundred and fifty people made professions of faith in Christ.	
<b>Jorge Rizo, Nacaome</b>	
We have leaders in the church who are now preaching in different areas of town. We are finishing the fence around the church. <i>Our next project is a pastorium and we're praying this will become a reality.</i> I am preaching over Samaritan Radio everyday.	
<b>Bellarmino Rios Mendoza, Pillados</b>	<b>Saved 5</b>
Thanks to the Lord the construction of our new lunchroom is completed. I've been preaching in a placed called La Cabeza where our mission is raising up a new work.	
<b>Jose Efraim Sandoval, Jacaleapa, El Paraiso</b>	<b>Saved 4</b>
This has been a sad time for us because a beloved brother who we loved so much. Bro. Doyle Gunter, went home to be with the Lord. We know he is with Christ for all eternity. Another family has been added to the church here to serve the Lord. We have 18 teenagers in Sunday School.	
<b>Julio Aguirre, Los Tablones</b>	<b>Saved 36</b>
We have begun a mission camp in Upper Tablones where 35 people have received the Lord. We have a beautiful church in Tablones that God has given us to worship Him.	
<b>Merlin Lopez Mendoza, Choluteca</b>	<b>Saved 7</b>
Next month we will baptize six and marry one couple. I received a bicycle from Calvary Baptist Church, which was a great blessing.	

<b>Ronald Antonio Martinez, Choluteca</b>	<b>Saved 5</b>	
Four were saved in a campaign in a new section of the city. I am teaching in the Bible Institute this year.		
<b>Heber Rios, Caire</b>	<b>Saved 2</b>	
Three people reconciled with the Lord. We are giving thanks for 50 bags of food and clothes that a group from the United States gave to the church. The economic situation is very hard here.		
<b>Manuel Chavarria, El Corpus</b>	<b>Saved 16</b>	<b>Baptized 5</b>
<b>Denys Alexis Vallejo, El Jicarito</b>	<b>Saved 6</b>	<b>Baptized 1</b>
<b>Jose Rene Linarez, Filadelfia Baptist, El Carmen</b>	<b>Saved 7</b>	<b>Baptized 6</b>
<b>Victor Maldonado, San Lorenzo</b>	<b>Saved 15</b>	<b>Baptized 9</b>
<b>Totals for Honduras</b>	<b>Saved 340</b>	<b>Baptized 96</b>

## Nicaragua

<b>Carlos Hernandez, Somoto</b>	<b>Saved 6</b>	
I visited San Lucas where we had the Lord's Supper and a wedding.		
<b>Luis Gutierrez, El Triunfo</b>	<b>Saved 12</b>	<b>Baptized 1</b>
God is so good to us. He has given us so many blessings. <i>We're working on many projects such as remodeling our church, which is a very old construction and very small. We are also building benches. Our members are cooperating in donating some things from their house or farms. We already have 2 baby bulls. If anyone of you would want to send us an offering, it would be very much appreciated.</i>		
<b>Aristides Matey, Palacaguina</b>	<b>Saved 11</b>	
Eleven souls were saved in the park of the town.		
<b>Eduardo Antonio Reyes, La Trinidad</b>		
The band of our Christian School played in the Bible Day March in Palacaguina.		
<b>Jose Esteban Aeuna, Ocotal</b>	<b>Saved 8</b>	
I preached to over 3,000 people the Day of the Bible in Quilali. We have five missions and each one has its own pastor.		
<b>Gerardo Gonzales, Quilali</b>	<b>Baptized 1</b>	
The greatest news we could receive is that our Lord Jesus has touched hearts to help us have a church and pastorium. We are praising Him for this great blessing.		
<b>Luis Lopez, Light of the Jungle</b>		
I fell and hurt my back, which has given me a lot of pain and problems. On the 23rd of September, all the members of the church rejoiced when the news was brought to us by Bro. Santos Casco and two more pastors that God had touched the heart of our dear Brother Paul Shepard to help us build a new church. Our church was destroyed in the war and the place we are meeting is too small. We are thanking God for His love and the love of the brethren in the United States.		
<b>Maximo Casco, San Juan de Rio Coco</b>		
All the pastors in the region are working to raise up a church in a town called Talpaneca. We have seven people attending. In San Juan, we're trying to work as we can on the construction of our church.		
<b>Margarito Ramirez Videa, Maleconeito, Wiwili</b>	<b>Saved 2</b>	
I'm pastoring a new work here in the jungles and life is very hard here. I walk many kilometers everyday visiting houses and witnessing but God never leaves us. You can't imagine how I felt to receive your missionary offering. This gives me encouragement to receive this support and I know I have people praying and concerned about this ministry here in the jungles.		

<b>Luis Enrique Ramirez Cruz, Pueblo Nuevo</b>	<b>Saved 5</b>	
We're working in the mission camps and the church. We had a campaign and five were reconciled and five were saved.		
<b>Guillermo Acuna Tercera, Esteli</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
We've been visiting house to house establishing a good relationship with the people.		
<b>Rafael Arteaga Zamora, Yalaquina</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
An elderly man, 70 years old, sent for me to come to his house. He wanted me to tell him about the Lord, which I did and he accepted God's great plan of salvation in his heart.		
<b>Juan Jose Gonzales, Potrerillo</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
<b>Freddy Lopez, Ocotal</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
<b>Mario Videa, Matagalpa</b>	<b>Saved 8</b>	
<b>Efraim Casco, Arco de Noe</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
<b>Hernan Blandon Casco, Susucayan</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
<b>Jesus Ramon Jarquin, Managua</b>	<b>Saved 4</b>	
<b>Patricio Joya, San Lucas</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
<b>Mario Videa, Matagalpa</b>	<b>Saved 8</b>	
<b>Luis Ernesto Montalvan Cruz, Los Platanales</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
<b>Juan Gaitan, Totogalpa</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
<b>Justo Rene Casco, Calpules</b>	<b>Saved 3</b>	
<b>Santiago Sequeira, Las Sabanas</b>	<b>Saved 5</b>	
<b>Efraim Baez, El Rodeo</b>	<b>Saved 8</b>	
<b>Santos Nicolas Gutierrez, La Plazuela</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
<b>Pablo Castellon Cruz, La Palagua</b>	<b>Saved 4</b>	
<b>Santos Casco, National Director, Condega</b>		<b>Baptized 20</b>
<b>Totals for Nicaragua</b>	<b>Saved 94</b>	<b>Baptized 22</b>

## *Mexico*

<b>Vidal Videa, San Luis Potosi</b>	<b>Saved 38</b>	<b>Baptized 3</b>
We celebrated the wedding of one of our pastors. We will be baptizing ten men in the jail next week. We installed a new pastor in the Jerusalem Mission. Three were saved in the mission of Principe de Paz. We've had to divide our family leaving our children in our house in San Luis because of schooling while my wife and I live and work in the new area of Moctezuma.		
<b>Totals for Mexico</b>	<b>Saved 38</b>	<b>Baptized 3</b>

## *Costa Rica*

<b>Paulino Benavidez Morales, Santa Cruz</b>	<b>Saved 10</b>	
<b>Edier Urbina Cruz, Santa Cruz</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
<b>Graciano Urbina Rodriguez, Guardia</b>	<b>Saved 74</b>	
We ran an evangelistic crusade and although the new converts are not in church, we are visiting and discipling them.		
<b>Totals for Costa Rica</b>	<b>Saved 85</b>	

**Total Salvations 557**  
**Total Baptisms 121**



# *Reports from Samaritan Radio*

## **Steve Tyson, Director**

Shouts of joy filled the studios of Samaritan Radio in Tegucigalpa when two pastors attending a convention in San Salvador, El Salvador, called from the Sheraton Hotel stating they were listening to Samaritan Radio in their rooms and what a blessing it was. We did not realize we were reaching this capital city. In January, one of our older pastors, Brother Carmen Carcamo, will be going to a city 90 kilometers from Tegucigalpa to start a new work because of the many requests we have received from people saved by listening to Samaritan Radio. In a few days, another pastor, Brother Pompilio Escalante, is going to another town called Vallecillo, east of the capital city, where a group of people are waiting for our mission to send them a preacher.

## **\*\*\*Another Miracle in Honduras\*\*\***

Yesterday, November 5th, the Honduras Government approved our request to increase the power from **700 to 5,000 watts of power** on one of the highest mountains in Honduras, called Casa Blanca. ***This is something no other radio station in Honduras has been able to attain.*** No radio station has more than 1,000 watts of power on this mountain. **We were told by many people IMPOSSIBLE but God has made it POSSIBLE.**

***\$20,000.00 is needed for this powerful station to be on the air!!***

Work has to begin immediately because they have only given three months for this to be completed or the permit will be taken away. We have the transmitter and much of the equipment but in the following letter from Steve Tyson, Director of Samaritan Radio, he will explain what is needed.

***JUST THINK: One million more souls will be able to hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ!***

Over 30 years ago, God burdened the heart of Bob Tyson and gave him a DEFINITE calling to the towns and villages that had no Gospel witness. Hundreds of towns and villages have had an opportunity to hear since that night 37 years ago - but it is impossible to physically go to every town and to every village, **but Samaritan Radio IS GOING and now is the OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME** - 5,000 watts of power on one of the highest mountains in Honduras - which would equal out to over 5, 000 watts measuring the watts times the height of the mountain.

***Won't you help us?***

***Read Steve's letter and feel his heart beat for this ministry.***

Tegucigalpa, MDC  
November 6, 2002

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On November 5th, I was informed our permit had been approved for our 88.5 FM station, which is located near the city of Danli, Honduras. **This long awaited 5,000 watts permit to up the power on this station had finally been approved.** This has been a tremendous battle with the government of Honduras for the past year because they realize the potential involved with this type of power on one of the highest mountains in all of the territorial parts of Honduras. Another advantage with this station is that it's near the Nicaraguan border, where we will cover over half of this country. We expect to reach around one million people with this station including the eastern and western parts of Honduras. **What a blessing this will be knowing that so many people will have the opportunity to hear the WORD OF GOD.**

A total of \$20,000.00 will be needed to buy coaxial lines, antennas and the payments of the engineer, lawyer, etc. We need your prayer and support for this project. The government of Honduras is giving only three months to finish this project. ***If it is not done by the first of February, we will lose our permit.***

Many times I think about the past and everything that God has done...IT IS AMAZING!!! Many times I've cried because I begin to remember the struggles and heartaches but through it all God has always provided. I've always had faith and peace of mind with everything that has been done in the radio ministry. Each project and every station that has been built has been a blessing to many people. I feel no different with Casa Blanca. ***Please keep this in your prayers. Remember we only have three months and we need to get started as quickly as possible.***

Thank you for all your love and support and may God bless you.

Your Brothers in Christ,  
***Steve, Scarleth and Ashley Tyson***



***Thank you for praying for Bro. Bob. He's not supposed to be driving but no one can keep him off his tractor.***

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