



# GOOD SAMARITAN BAPTIST MISSION

“A Mission with Compassion”

*“Thank you for giving to the Lord...I am a life that was changed!”*



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## *Dear Friends!*

*We have awesome news! Our Elderly Feeding Center has been reopened! After being closed for 2 1/2 years, the precious senior citizens have filled the feeding center again. This feeding center does not just provide food, it provides fellowship, devotions, prayer and opportunities to receive Christ. This center is a testimony that you are never too late to find Christ. Thank you to all that make this feeding center possible!*

*Recently, we had a group from Lighthouse Bible Church in Simi Valley, CA. We're now reaching the West Coast! The team along with their pastor, Ben Ice, served the people from Honduras with the love of Christ and we loved getting to know them. They decided to partner with one of our churches by financially supporting the national pastor of this church, Ivan Baquedano. Someone recently donated funds to give him a motorcycle. Before getting the motorcycle, he would walk 3 hours during the dry season and 6 hours during the rainy season just to get to his church each week to preach. That's faithfulness and love for God and His people. The pastor was so happy and encouraged to have Pastor Ben preach at his church. After the service, the team helped pass out plates of food to the children in the feeding center and then we hiked down to the river for some baptisms. Pastor Ben baptized 9 people. It was very hot, very remote, but so much joy in that place because the Gospel is changing lives.*

*Like them, there are so many other teams that are visiting with hearts to serve. We have the great blessing to host them and help them accomplish what God has laid on their hearts...and we are thrilled when God also touches their hearts to become involved with the ministries of Good Samaritan!*







# THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ACTION

Another team that visited this year is Strong Rock Christian School from Locust Grove, Ga. Their mission was to have a Spiritual Emphasis week with the Good Samaritan High School students. This is something they do at Strong Rock each year. Let me tell you...God completely blew our minds that week. For three days, we had games, prizes, worship and different speakers. From day 1, the Holy Spirit started touching hearts and students would come forward to make things right with the Lord. On the last day, close to 200 students from 7th grade all the way up to seniors came forward, some for salvation and others for rededication. A few even asked for the microphone and started asking for forgiveness from friends and teachers. Others encouraged their friends and classmates that had not come forward to seek the Lord. It blew our minds because that is not typical to see in teenagers. Only the

Holy Spirit could have done what He did at the school that week!

We're so thankful to the Lord to let us witness His Hand at work and we can't wait to see what He will do next.

Please read the next few pages about finished projects that we've been able to accomplish with your help and other needs and projects that you can help with financially and through your prayers. Thank you so much for your faithfulness and support so Good Samaritan can continue to serve the people of Central America.

Serving Him Together,  
Arold and Stephany Mejia





▼ 3 new churches built in Guadalupe and Los Castaños, Honduras and in Puerta de Golpe, Nicaragua!



**THANK YOU  
FOR MAKING  
THIS  
POSSIBLE!**



◀ We shared about Puerta de Golpe. These people have been eating tortillas and salt because of lack of crops for the past 2 years. Thankfully, God touched many hearts to provide food for them and He led a generous couple to fund a feeding center so the children can have a hot plate of food every day!

**Praise the Lord with us for providing for these projects that we shared in our last newsletter. With your support, many lives are being impacted!**



◀ These are 2 of 4 dedicated pastors who received motorcycles through our "Missionary Motorcycle Project"! They help our national pastors get to and from remote villages to share the Gospel. ▶





# CURRENT PROJECTS



## Comayagua, Honduras Church Project

Pastor Edys Espinal and his congregation are currently meeting in a member's garage in the former capital of Honduras. The new international airport was built in this city so we are expecting to see more development. The Roman Catholic Church has a strong grip in this area so we know there is a great need for the Gospel. As a church, their outreach in the city can be more effective and they will have more room to grow with land and a church building. We have a church in the US that is

willing to raise the funds for the building and we have someone who has promised \$10,000 for the land. However, land there is very expensive, but that is no limit for God. We need another \$20,000 for the land and then we can start construction. Comayagua is a very important and strategic city and we want to be obedient and make sure we are investing in God's work there.

### Cusmapa, Nicaragua Church Project



This church in Nicaragua desperately needs a new building. The current building is made out of adobe and is in very bad shape. Rainy season is a threat to buildings like this because they are basically made out of mud. This congregation needs \$20,000 to build a new church building.

### Light of the Jungle, Nicaragua, Church Project



One of our oldest churches, started in 1975, is in need of a new church building. If you have ever read Joan Tyson's book, you'll read about how this church began. Currently, the building is made of wooden planks and the pastor tells us that the wood is rotting, making it unsafe for them to worship there. It will cost \$20,000 to build a new church building. When you think about this church, think about people in the middle of the Nicaraguan jungle praising the Lord! They need a new church building!

### New Windows for Church in Costa Rica



Bro. Paulino Benavidez is our missionary/pastor in Costa Rica and has been serving there for 30+ years. Their church is in need of new windows. They have raised enough to replace 7 but are still in need for the remaining 5 windows. With \$1000, they can replace the windows of the church.



# GOOD SAMARITAN RADIO

## NETWORK



You never know what the Lord may have in store for you when you go on a mission trip. My trip to Honduras in March was no exception. This was a very special trip in that God allowed me to meet some extraordinary people. One of those people was Roque Núñez in La Ceiba. But before I tell you his story, let me remind you of what we have been praying for at Samaritan Radio Network. God has blessed us with new equipment and towers that are taking the Gospel clearer and farther than we ever have before. Yet we have struggled with deciding on what to do with our AM station in La Ceiba and have mentioned it in our past newsletters. Traveling to La Ceiba was one of the main reasons for our trip in March.

Arold and I arrived in La Ceiba late in the evening. Bro. Juan Padilla, our radio director, asked us to go with him to visit his friend Roque Núñez. When we arrived at Roque's house, there were no lights on. Bro. Juan knocked a couple of times and then let himself in. He went to the back room for a few minutes and then asked us to come back as well. Bro. Roque was in his bed and as we came in, he propped up on his elbows to greet us. A wheelchair sat in the corner of a very neat and well-kept

room. A small fan blew toward him in the dark, dank room.



Bro. Juan asked Roque to share his testimony with us. Bro. Roque said that 12 years ago he was living a life that was wrecked with sin. He drank all the time and was just wasting his life. One evening when he was coming out of a bar, a fight broke out. Gunshots were fired, and he was hit twice, leaving him a paraplegic with many health problems. Not long after the shooting, he found Samaritan Radio on his AM radio. He started to listen regularly and came to faith in Christ because of the preaching, programs, and music. He looked at Arold and me and said, "These have been the happiest 12 years of my life, because God had mercy on

me and did not let me die in my sins and go to Hell." I am not sure that I have ever heard anyone express a more sincere gratitude for their salvation. He then went on to tell us how much the radio meant to him and many people in the La Ceiba area and that it was like his church family. We talked for another 20 minutes or so, and I realized he had asked multiple times for us to please get the radio back on the air because people needed to hear the Gospel. Not one time in our conversation did he ask for anything for himself. What a testimony of someone who has learned not only to be content, but even in his condition, he esteems others better than himself, truly putting the needs of others before his.

I never want to use someone's plight to ask for help, but Bro. Roque begged us to tell everyone we possible could that "We need Samaritan Radio back on the air in La Ceiba." We do believe just as the Lord has supplied our needs for our four FM stations, He will answer the prayers of Bro. Roque and many others that have been praying for this station to return to the airwaves as well. If you want to be a part of this worthy project you can give to SRN La Ceiba.



# UPDATES

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# RADIO

# PROJECTS

- Moving the 88.7 FM on Mount Casa Blanca in Danli, Honduras.
- Computer for radio broadcasting and a new software program. Our current computer and software is failing so this is a critical concern at this point. The estimated cost is \$3,700 plus.
- Creation of new programming
- Adding radio staff
- Purchase of new transmitter for San Marcos Station

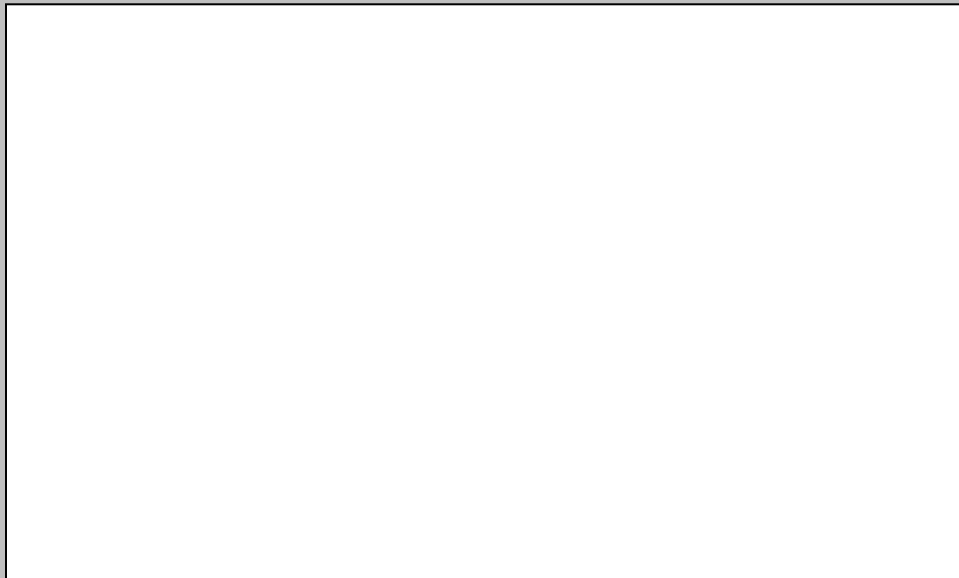
## NATIONAL PASTORS



We'd like to ask you to help us pray for our national pastors in Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Mexico. These men have sacrificed so much for the Gospel and they have an unwavering spirit to tell everyone they can about Jesus. However, they are also husbands, and fathers, and some grandfathers. We don't want them to have to worry about how to sustain their families. Many of them pastor churches that are unable to completely take care of them and many do other work on the side to provide for their families. We don't want them or their families to suffer. If you feel led in any way to help us support these national pastors, please let us know and we can give you more info. If you would rather support or give a one time donation to our Pastors Fund, this will help us meet the need for their support when we are lacking and any other needs that arise.







# MAKE AN IMPACT THROUGH...

## PRAYERS



The best thing you can do for us is keep us in your prayers. It's the most important thing to help us continue serving the Lord and following His guidance in the ministries of Good Samaritan.

## SUPPORTING A PASTOR



Help us support these men of God as they preach His Word and share His love. Monthly support will help them provide for their families as they live out their calling for the Lord.

## SPONSORING A CHILD



Change someone's life by sponsoring a child for \$35 a month. We have witnessed countless children who grew up to be successful, Christian men and women...all because someone gave them an Opportunity of a Lifetime.

## COMING ON A MISSION TRIP



Come experience God's work and missions for yourself! Bring your family, friends, or your church and serve the people in Honduras and Nicaragua. You will see the difference the Gospel has made in a completely different culture.