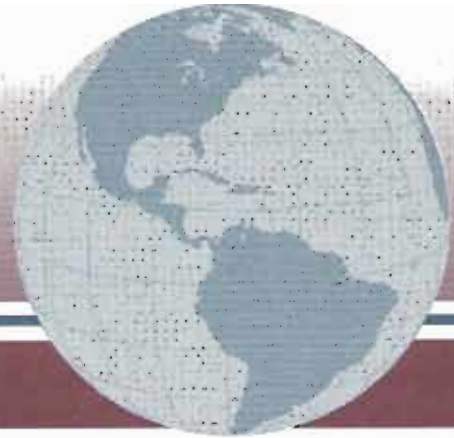


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*Tabernacle Construction
Comali, Honduras*

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers in Christ,

January 15, 2002

Happy New Year from all of the Good Samaritan family. We had a busy but wonderful Christmas, not only with all the family of the mission, but with our physical family in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. It was good just to sit back and watch our grandchildren as they opened their Christmas presents. It was especially good to watch Ashley, who just turned 1 year old in November. She learned quickly how to tear off the wrapping paper.

What a wonderful time we had with the Elderly! Special offerings were received to make this Christmas a very special one for these precious people. For several, this will probably be the last they will spend here on this earth as so many of them are getting so feeble. They were given bags of fruit, including apples and grapes, which many had never eaten before because they are so expensive. They were also given a delicious Christmas meal and a sack full of gifts. *All of these gifts made this Christmas one they will never forget.*

All of our pastors brought their families in for a special meal and gifts were given to everyone. Bro. Neil Anderson, who was visiting from the United States, brought a message and all of us enjoyed the day...especially the children.

Also in December, our pastors and representatives from each church had a special service for the Tyson family – a service not only of recognition but one of remembrance. We remembered the early days when the Gospel was first brought to them in Nicaragua. Several pastor's sons came, bringing their children, and many tears were shed as the pastors told us of their spiritual condition before the Gospel was brought to their countries. Many were mean men like "gunslingers", with no respect for anyone. But when the Gospel came, their lives were changed. The son of Jose Zamara, who is now a missionary on the other side of Honduras, testified and thanked Brother Bob for bringing the Gospel to his dad in the early days in Nicaragua. The Gospel changed the lives of everyone in the family. He sang a beautiful song about the "missionary" and we all shed tears. ***"We don't want to wait until God calls Brother Bob home to give him flowers"***, said Brother Benigno Rodriguez. ***"We want to thank him now for obeying God and being faithful throughout these many years."*** Carmen Carcamo told about the Gospel being brought to him in the jungles of Wiwili, Nicaragua, and one by one they came forward...no one was in a hurry to leave.

Construction work continues. We must finish remodeling the boys' dormitory and building the new dining hall before the new school year begins on February 1st. Record enrollments are expected in the high school with many students coming from the large cities. This is another opportunity to preach the Gospel to the young people and have them return to their homes and towns as witnesses for Christ. We are adding two years of high school in La Trinidad, Nicaragua. We are also starting grade school (kindergarten through fourth grade) in the town of Condega, Nicaragua.

We really meant to slow down and "not do so much" but WHERE and HOW do we slow down. *The doors are opening everywhere. How can we say no when this may be the year our Lord returns and we need to get the Gospel to as many as we can.*

The tabernacle construction is moving fast as you can see by the picture. PLEASE DON'T FORGET US. Any offering, no matter how big or small, will be appreciated. Work is beginning on the inside. All of the love offerings we received while in the States that were put into this construction are almost gone. **We do not want to stop this construction.**

As we read all the pastors' letters and reports to give their report to you, our hearts were burdened because they have so many needs. Sometimes we think if the Lord would send us a million dollars, we could meet all these needs. But God in all probability is not going to send us a million dollars. He gets honor and glory out of His people reading about these needs and sending in their offerings, no matter how great or small. When these offerings are received here on the field, all honor and glory is given to Him – not to someone who sends a million dollars. **God Has The Perfect Plan And It Always Works.** This is the way He has always worked in our ministry. We begin a project and present the need to His people and they respond. Every Friday, we have enough to pay the bills for the week and the next week is the same. To every visitor who comes here, this work is a testimony of how God SUPPLIES the

needs. There are Good Samaritan church buildings and pastoriums we have never seen except by picture but the people back in the mountains and in these towns and cities are giving praise to God for HIS provisions. We don't have to see them... We do our part and then we trust HIM who is the Great Provider.

Samaritan Radio is now transmitting from "Casa Blanca", one of the highest mountains in Honduras. ***The outreach is unbelievable.*** The town of San Marcos is some eight hours away yet the reception here is like it is being broadcast in our living room. A precious letter was received a few days ago from a 19-year old young man, who just finished high school in a large city. **"I received Jesus Christ listening to Samaritan Radio"**...this was his testimony. That makes all the difficulties and heartaches that Steve has gone through trying to beat deadlines and face all kinds of obstacles ***"worth it all"***. New radio support is coming in – thank you from the bottom of our hearts. **If you or your church plan a new mission project this year, please consider Samaritan Radio for monthly support.**

Another ministry we would like to mention is our "Intern Students". These are Opportunity of a Lifetime students who come from villages where there are no high schools, and without extra help their schooling must end at 6th grade. They come to live in our dormitories and are under our care 24 hours a day. This calls for cooks, counselors, guards, 90 plates of food a month, and everything that goes into "raising" a teenager. Many of our sponsors who help one of these young people doubled their sponsorship. Many could not and so we began a fund called Scholarship Fund to help us with these extra expenses. We are expecting record enrollments this year. Many new ones are coming in also. ***You cannot imagine how hard it is for me to turn away one of these young people whose one desire in life is to study. In fact, I have not turned anyone away and that is why I am asking for your help.*** Many of you have told me personally that you would like to help a young person but you might not be able to on a monthly basis or a set amount. This is your opportunity. Any offering at any time, large or small – once a year or once a month – would be such a blessing to help us take care of these young people. If you could visit here and see these young people, hear them sing, hear them give testimonies of what Jesus Christ has done in their lives, see them march down the aisles at graduation as they embark on a career with Jesus in their hearts ----It's worth it all! You are investing in the life of a young person who is worthy of support, and when they are saved and win others to the Lord, you have a part. **Donations should be marked "Scholarship Fund". God will repay you.**

May God give everyone of you a wonderful New Year. This may be the year He comes for us...May God find every one of us busy in His service.

Bob and Joan Tyson



Re-modeling boys' dormitory



The farm that was bought several years ago not only is where the tabernacle is being constructed but this land gives us all the sand, rocks and gravel we need for all the constructions.



Breaking up the large rocks



**New Dining Hall Construction
(since this picture, walls are going up)**



**Making up
bags of fruit
for the elderly**



**Elderly
receiving
Christmas bags**



**Christmas sacks
for
Opportunity
Children**



In Southern Honduras, there has been a great drought...there was no harvest this year. If you ask how do they live, they will answer "only by God's mercy". We are the Good Samaritans. How can we say "Go and be you filled"?

The ladies at the church in Pillados received a bag of food.



"Sister Joan, there are communities near Duyure where people are starving". Mario Sanchez, left, and Pastor Santiago Colindres received a great Christmas present – a truckload of food bags to take to these starving people. Bro. Mario told of the happiness this food brought. They not only gave food; they had an opportunity to preach the love of Christ.



Christmas was a time of giving here in Honduras – giving food to hungry people and letting them know that Jesus loves them.

Thank you for giving that we may pass this blessing along to others!



**Feed the Hungry
Kitchens**

Morolica, Honduras
This is the town that
Hurricane Mitch
completely destroyed.



**New Kitchen
Tapaire, Honduras**

(feeding 100 children
each day)



**New Lunchroom Under
Construction in
Divisadero, Honduras**

Made possible by
Bro. Ken and Sis. Pat
Hensley

Shown here is Bro. Ken
with Pastor Roman
Antonio Martinez



**Pastor Carmen
Carcamo speaking at a
service honoring Bro.
Bob and Sis. Joan
Tyson**



Graduation Services

**La Trinidad,
Nicaragua**

Kindergarten



Graduation Services

**La Trinidad,
Nicaragua**

6th Grade

**(In 2002, 7th and 8th grades
are going to be added to
this school.)**

**Bro. Santos Casco
and Pastor Aristedes
Matey baptizing in
Ocotal, Nicaragua**



Pillados, Honduras

**Bro. Mike Nowack
visiting from Victory
Baptist Church in St.
Louis, MO Baptizing
Believers**

**Grace Baptist Church
Nacaome, Honduras
(near El Salvador border)
Construction was recently
completed.**

Pastor Jorge Rizo





Condega, Nicaragua Bible Institute

When Bible students move to Honduras, this will be used for grade school.



Construction of New Church Building in Porterillos, Nicaragua

Rather than loan the things of God, such as guitar, lantern, etc., to religious groups to worship their idols, this church moved out of their building and started meeting under trees. They had no clear title to the land and other religious groups were claiming the land. Now look what God is giving them and on land given to them by a Christian in the church.



Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Samaritan Radio covers the entire city from this mountain with the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

1090 AM



Good Samaritan High School Graduation

A Bible and diploma is given to each graduate.



Bro. Neil Anderson, visiting pastor, brought a message from God's Word to hundreds in attendance.



Grammar School Graduation

An opportune time for preaching the Gospel to the parents and families



*Bob Tyson and grandson, Philip, Jr.
Thank you for praying for Bob's health.
Except for a bout with bronchitis, he is feeling much better.*

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