

# *Good Samaritan Baptist Missions*

## **Ministering In Central America**

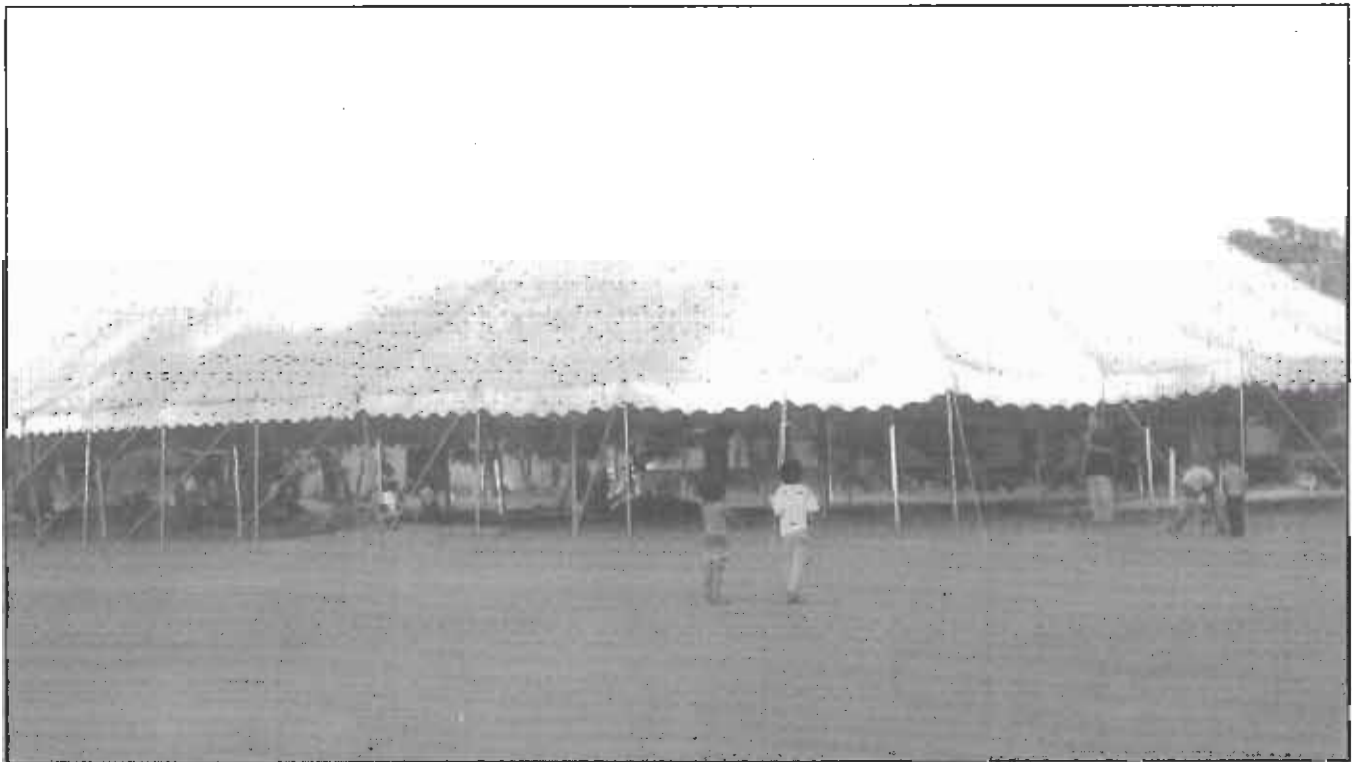
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*Tent Meeting  
El Puente, Honduras*

April 22, 2002

Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

Once again, it's our blessing to report to you from the mission field in Central America - mainly Honduras and Nicaragua, but with national missionaries in Costa Rica and Mexico. Due to increase in postage, cost of printing, etc., we are combining our regular newsletter with the national pastors' newsletter, and trust that you will take time to read every word to see what God is doing through Good Samaritan Baptist Missions.

***Tent meetings, people saved and baptized, constructions, new school year, and groups coming to visit us...these are just some of the things we have to report.*** We had five groups back to back - taking one group to the airport and picking up another - but we've had the privilege of meeting some of the finest Christians that we've ever met - especially the young people. ***It was an inspiration to us to see these young people walk in the dust and hot sun, giving out food bags to the suffering people.*** What better way to exemplify the life of our Lord Jesus than by giving a bag of food in His name to people who have not even lit the fire to cook a meal because there was not one grain of food in the house...children hungry and here comes a group of people who gives them food, and tells them that Jesus loves them and is sending them the food. ***Mario, our bus driver, told us that people everywhere are now calling the Good Samaritan Mission bus "THE BUS OF BLESSINGS".***

Many of the projects we talked about in our last newsletter have now been finished. The new dining hall, kitchen, and the boys' dormitory is beautiful. The remodeling of the dormitory was finished just in time for the arrival of all the boys the Lord sent to us this year - many are coming for the first time. As we now live next door to the boys' dorm, one of our greatest blessings is attending their weekly prayer meetings and hearing God's Word preached by some of our own students. On one particular night, some 10 came forward for salvation. The "Opportunity" students help the "Paying" students (those whom their Honduran parents pay) look up scriptures because many of these new students had never read God's Word. They didn't even know where the book of Genesis was in the Bible but many have been saved since school started in February. ***What a mission field God has sent our way with all these young people.*** For the first time since our schools began, we have had to turn away students with the promise they can come next year. *Our classrooms are full.* We have two and three sections for each grade...in the sixth grade we have 110 students.

Over 100 walked the "old sawdust trail" in the two tent meetings that were held in San Lorenzo and El Puente and received Christ as Savior. The services were filled every night. ***What a blessing this tent is.*** All of our pastors, far and near, cooperated in these meetings. It took our minds back to the days in Nicaragua when we took the tent from village to village; seeing people saved and churches raised up.

***Comali Tabernacle Construction...***The floor is two-thirds of the way being laid and next the windows will be installed. We have seen these and they are beautiful, colored windows. We have been given the following budget for these windows:

31 at \$65.00 each	=	\$2015.00
12 at \$100.00 each	=	\$1200.00
8 at \$55.00 each	=	<u>\$440.00</u>
TOTAL	=	\$3655.00

One of our visitors to Honduras gave us a good idea...***What if 51 people furnished a window for this tabernacle? We are putting this need before you.*** Maybe someone could buy more than one. *If more than 51 people respond, we have so many more needs - such as pulpit, benches or chairs, etc., etc.* We have always put the need before God's people and you have responded. When this tabernacle is completed it will be a building that will bring honor and glory to our Lord. Sitting there on the Pan American highway, with a cross at the top that lights up at night, it

has attracted the attention of many people. They stop to ask what this building is - even our builder says he knows of no other building designed like this in all Honduras. **Our God Deserves the Best...This Place Is His.** Years ago when our son, Philip, bought this land, he called it "Land for Jesus". Well, it has turned out to be just that. When the tabernacle is finished, we will begin construction on the rooms for the Bible Institute. This year, we have over 50 preachers studying in Nicaragua and Honduras. Next year, the Lord willing, they will study together at the Tabernacle on the Land for Jesus.

We have other constructions going on all over Honduras and Nicaragua. *We thank the Lord for people who want to share their material blessings so that people can have a building in which to worship our Lord.*

People continue to receive the Lord through the Radio Ministry. Only eternity will reveal the people who have received the Lord through this ministry. Fifteen calls have been received from Costa Rica saying they heard Samaritan Radio - we really don't know how far this radio is reaching now with the increase in power.

The newspapers have been filled with appeals for help from the Governments for the starving people in Central America due to the drought. There has been no rain since last November, and even before that, there was not much rain. The Good Samaritan Baptist Missions is doing everything we can to feed the children through our many lunchrooms scattered throughout Honduras and Nicaragua. Next month, the Lord willing, we will be opening a new feeding center in the town of Concepción de Maria...Thank you wonderful people for supporting this ministry.

Last Sunday, there were over 50 of our elderly in Sunday School and at the end of the service they presented the pastor with \$12.00 to go on the construction of the pastorium that the church in San Marcos is building. I thought of the widow's mite - she gave all she had and the Lord saw this...These old people had been saving their money and they proudly brought it to the church so they could have a part in the pastor having a house to live in. ***May God Help Us to Give out of Our Necessity and Not Out of Our Abundance.***

May God bless everyone of you. If we had all the time and space in the world, we still couldn't say thank you enough. We love everyone of you.

In Christ,  
***Bob and Joan Tyson***



***Good Samaritan High School***



**Brother Bob led  
"Hallelujah, Praise ye the  
Lord" in the tent meeting  
in El Puente, which  
brought back so many  
precious memories of the  
hundreds who walked  
the "old sawdust trail" in  
the beginning of the work  
in Nicaragua.**



**Bro. Jorge Rizo, who  
has been a pastor with  
Good Samaritan  
Baptist Missions for  
over 30 years,  
brought a message  
under the tent.**



**The tent was full  
every night.  
More than 100 were  
saved in two meetings.**

**The new dining hall for the intern boys sits alongside the dormitory, which has been completely remodeled. This new dining hall will also be used for prayer meetings, study hall, etc.**



**The tabernacle can be seen from afar off - especially at night when the cross on the steeple lights up. Construction will soon begin on classrooms and living quarters for the Bible Institute that will be a part of this tabernacle.**



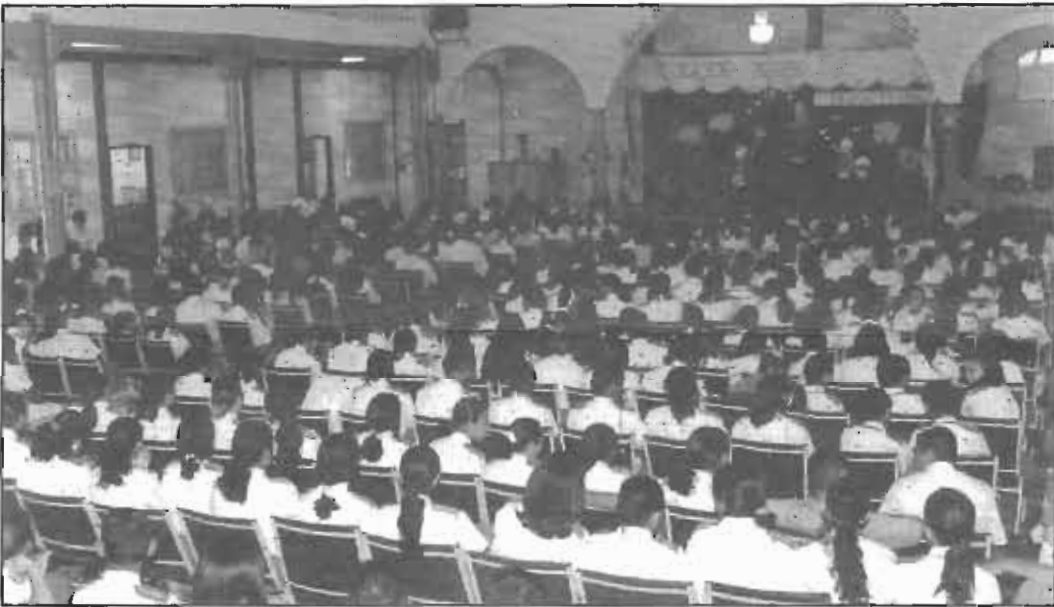
**Across the highway from the tabernacle is the boys' dorm, rooms for visitors and the Tyson home. Here, new bathrooms are being built for the intern boys.**





**Pastor Miguel Rivera**

**Remember the 17 year old young boy who was Bob's first Bible School student studying on our front porch in Nicaragua in 1969? This is Miguel, 33 years later, speaking in a special Father's Day service at the high school. Although Miguel is not with our mission, he is a faithful pastor in a Baptist church in Managua, Nicaragua. His son studies in our Christian school.**



**Many fathers were present for this special occasion and heard a message from God's Word.**



**Bro. Bob received a gift from the students.**

**You can see "A New Generation" of young people whom God has sent to us to care for, to nourish, and to show them a better way of life. Hundreds have received the Lord as Savior and are now working all over Honduras and Nicaragua showing others that Christ makes a difference.**

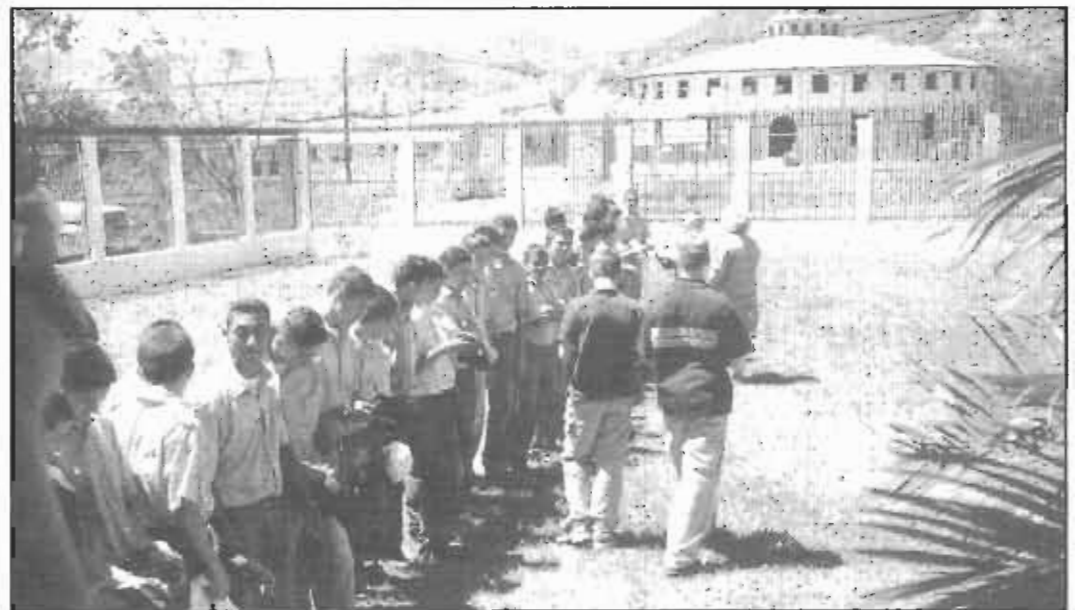


**Above - These intern girls on the porch of the dormitory welcomed a group of visitors.**

**Here the boys on the porch of their dormitory in Comali, welcomed the visitors with a song. Several of these young boys are already preaching.**



**Here all the boys received a cap from the Glen Haven group. They look forward to the groups because usually they receive something - bats, gloves, soccer ball - this is a special treat for these young boys.**





## **Our Precious Elderly**

**They say a picture is worth a thousand words. If these pictures bless you, can you imagine what being in their presence does?**



**Ninety elderly people, who at the sunset of their lives, have at last found the ONE who can bring them true happiness.**



**Above, they're holding or reading God's Word. Many can't read but they have grandchildren who can.**

**Here the Tyson grandchildren are giving out gifts to them.**



## Baptisms

Seven new converts gave testimonies before their baptism in Duyure, Honduras.



Bro. Ralph Easterwood, Pastor of Glen Haven Baptist Church in Decatur, GA, baptized some new believers.



National Pastor Roberto Espinoza

He baptized in the Maranatha Baptist Church in Choluteca, Honduras.





**Twenty-one souls were baptized by Pastor Luis Pastrana in El Triunfo, Honduras.**



**Pastor Oscar Vallejo, who is also a builder, gave his testimony of his new life in Christ. He lost his job because of his conversion to Christ but not only has God given him a church to pastor but many churches to build for the honor and glory of the Lord.**



**Children received Vacation Bible School certificates in the Philadelphia Baptist Church in Costa Rica, where Brother Graciano Urbina is pastor.**

**Pastor Jose Santos  
and family  
Living Waters Baptist  
Church in Duyusupo**

**Repairs totaling  
\$1500.00 are needed  
for the childrens'  
kitchen here.**



**This man is over 101  
years old. He is a  
member of the elderly  
kitchen and he received  
a watch from Bro.  
Ralph Easterwood.  
Later when we asked  
why he wasn't wearing  
it, he said, "I locked it  
up because someone  
might steal it."**



**Brother Bob's health is  
still not 100% but we  
thank the Lord he's still  
able to visualize the  
constructions before  
they are ever built. He  
is able to pass these on  
to Manuelito, our  
builder. Life on the  
farm in Comali is much  
better for him.**



## **“Groups”**

**The Lord has sent us group after group -and they become our representatives in the United States. They see not only what God has done but all the many doors that are open for us to do more.**

### **Come To See Us**



**Above, you'll have a Christian bus driver who is also one of our radio preachers, Mario Sanchez, who will drive for you everyday.**

**To the right is a group from Glen Haven Baptist Church.**



**You'll visit the Good Samaritan Mission Center and Radio in Nicaragua and see where it all began.**



# Honduras

**Manuel Chavarria, El Corpus**

Saved 11    Baptized 6

We've received the wonderful news that the Lord is giving us a new temple in this place.

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**Santiago Colindres, Duyure**

Saved 18

A group of men from the church built a small house for a poor family who had no place to live. Many cooperated in this and we all felt good in our hearts. We had a wedding in the church with some 600 people in and around the church. This was a great testimony in this town. Also we had the Feast of the First Fruits in December and every member brought to the church an offering of what God had given him. There were testimonies of what God had done for every member and then a supper - the presence of the Lord was felt.

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**Oscar Vallejo, El Puente**

Saved 9

Many lost people are visiting the church.

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**Luis Alonzo Pastrana, Azacualpa**

Saved 9    Baptized 2

I have been carrying rocks in my truck for the foundation of our third church. A lot of men are saved here and they are all helping and working. We've had people saved and baptized. We've also had weddings.

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**Benigno Rodriguez, Yusguare**

Saved 35    Baptized 5

I preached in the tent meeting and thirty were saved. Also I baptized three in Las Pitas and two in Los Tablones.

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**Federico Canales Osorto, Danli**

Saved 22

We held a campaign in a new area where the Gospel had never been preached. Fifteen souls were saved. Soon there will be marriages and baptisms in this place.

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**Ronald Antonio Martinez, Choluteca**

Saved 22

A new mission camp has been raised up with two saved. Four were saved this month in the church and two were reconciled. I was invited to preach in a restaurant and I preach twice in the prison.

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**Carlos Ordoñez, El Triunfo**

Saved 9

We have an average of 200 children in Sunday School.

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**Jose Donald Aguilera, Tapaire**

Saved 11

In Tapaire, God has saved souls...three adults and eight children.

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**Jose Carmen Carcamo, Choluteca**

Saved 28    Baptized 6

The police gave us permission to block the main street in one of the neighborhoods in San Jeronimo. Even though some of the people got mad because the road was blocked, some 200 heard the Gospel. Two received Christ. Twenty were saved in an evangelistic campaign; three have been saved in the church and six baptized. I preached in Managua, Nicaragua in my homeland.

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**Victor Maldonado, San Lorenzo**

Saved 85

Some 70 people were saved in the tent meeting. Now we have a great work today taking care of these babies in Christ. Many of these came on buses and trucks from other churches of our mission. Therefore all the pastors have work to do.

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**Rommel Gomez, El Naranjal**

Saved 6

Four very religious men came to the feet of Jesus.

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**Roman Antonio Martinez, Divisadero**

Saved 7

Seven have been saved and two couples were married. A young man from our church will study in the Bible Institute this year.

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**Pedro Estrada, San Francisco**

Saved 3

We thank the Lord for our new kitchen to feed the children and Bro. Neal Anderson who is helping us to build this new kitchen.

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**Jose Rene Linarez, Filadelfia Baptist, El Carmen**

Saved 4

On May 4, I will be getting married. My fiancée's name is Ondina. We have been dating for two years.

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**Jose Santos Sanchez, Duyusupo**

We have two great needs. One is in our Feed the Hungry Kitchen. We have 42 children and 8 elderly eating here daily and the kitchen is old and in great need of repairs. *We have a budget of \$1500.00, which will put a floor in and fix the walls.*

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**Marvin Renan Ortiz, Las Pitas**

Baptized 3

The Bible Institute has begun again and I'm in second year.

### **Jose Manuel Ramirez, Nueva Morolica**

God is blessing in the construction of our new church. Thirty-five of our pastors held our monthly meeting here in Morolica with a great service at night. Not one more person could fit into the children's lunchroom where the meeting was held.

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<b>Jose Zamora, El Progreso</b>	<b>Saved 33</b>	
In two campaigns, 33 souls were saved. In our mission, several will soon be baptized.		
<b>Juan Ramon Maradiaga, La Concepción de Maria</b>	<b>Saved 18</b>	<b>Baptized 4</b>
<b>Edwin Edgardo Miranda, Choluteca</b>	<b>Saved 2</b>	<b>Baptized 8</b>
<b>Roberto Espinoza, Marcovia</b>	<b>Saved 16</b>	
<b>Juan Ramon Aguirre, San Marcos de Colón</b>	<b>Saved 2</b>	
<b>Jorge Rizo, Nacaome</b>	<b>Saved 3</b>	
<b>Pompilio Escalante, El Paraiso</b>	<b>Saved 4</b>	
<b>Bellarmino Rios Mendoza, Pillados</b>	<b>Saved 2</b>	
<b>Jose Efraim Sandoval, Jacaleapa, El Paraiso</b>	<b>Saved 2</b>	
<b>Denys Alexis Vallejo, El Jicarito</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
<b>Totals for Honduras</b>	<b>Saved 362</b>	<b>Baptized 34</b>

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## *Nicaragua*

### **Lucio Silva Garcia, Yali**

**Saved 44**

God has given me the opportunity to work in a new place called Yali, 40 kilometers from Condega. Two families were saved in January. Five teenagers and one adult were saved in February and two adults in March.

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### **Santos Casco, National Director, Condega**

**Saved 5**

In January, I preached 32 times on radio and seven times in different places. I also had the wedding of a young lady who has been in our Sunday School since she was a little girl. We've also started an elementary school through 4th grade in Condega. This has taken a lot of time. I've been supervising the constructions but had to stop in Managua because of lack of funds. In February, my work was the same except I preached in 12 different villages. The church here in Condega has two new missions. I'm helping in these.

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### **Favio Videa, Esteli**

**Saved 19**

We've had evangelistic meetings, personal evangelism, campaigns and the Lord's Supper. Our Sunday School is growing and people are receiving the Lord. Nine adults and ten children have been saved during the first three months of the year.

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### **Carlos Hernandez, Somoto**

**Saved 50**

**Baptized 3**

One of our missions was organized as a church with 51 members. A new mission has been raised up as a result of the campaign we had with 58 saved.

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### **Luis Gutierrez, El Triunfo**

**Saved 24**

**Baptized 5**

I preached to more than 200 lost people in a funeral service.

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### **Sergio Lopez Joya, Rio Abajo**

**Saved 3**

We had a special thanksgiving service for our church building, which is one year old.

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### **Aristides Matey, Palacaguina**

**Saved 16**

**Baptized 11**

We've been working in an area called La Cruz for seven months and have had good growth...twenty-six adults saved and 20 children. We've begun construction on our church building in another mission.

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### **Mario Videa, Matagalpa**

**Saved 11**

It's been great satisfaction to see the enthusiasm of the church. We have been taking the Gospel to every neighborhood seeking the lost. Eleven adults have been saved.

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### **Guillermo Acuna Tercera, Esteli**

**Saved 1**

**Baptized 2**

Thank the Lord for providing us with a pastorium and although we don't have a floor and several other things, we are able to live in it. *We need approximately \$1000.00 to completely finish everything.*

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### **Eduardo Antonio Reyes, La Trinidad**

**Saved 6**

On Easter Sunday, our church had a retreat and four preachers from the church preached on the seven sayings of Jesus on the cross. Two were saved in the service.

<b>Jose Esteban Acuna, Ocotal</b>	<b>Saved 15</b>	<b>Baptized 11</b>
We have five works with preachers from the main church pastoring each one. We have Sunday Schools in different places. We're building a church building in one of the missions. We've celebrated baptisms, weddings and campaigns.		
<b>Pablo Castellon Cruz, La Palagua</b>	<b>Saved 10</b>	
In January the members brought in beans they had harvested to be sold and put into the treasury. Also the ladies sold their fruits, etc., and brought in \$40.00. Eight adults and two children have been saved.		
<b>Juan Jose Gonzales, Potrerio</b>	<b>Saved 2</b>	
Seven babies were dedicated to the Lord.		
<b>Moises Rodriguez, Tranqueras</b>		
A great physical blessing is that God has blessed me with a bicycle. A spiritual blessing is to see how God is working in the lives of the brethren in relation to their consecrating their lives to Him.		
<b>Miguel Jiminez, Aguas Calientes</b>	<b>Saved 10</b>	<b>Baptized 2</b>
<b>Eufemio Orozco, Managua</b>	<b>Saved 5</b>	<b>Baptized 5</b>
<b>Reynoldo Jose Perez, Santa Ana, Ocotal</b>	<b>Saved 7</b>	
<b>Santiago Sequeira, Las Sabanas</b>	<b>Saved 22</b>	
<b>Patricio Joya Gonzales, San Lucas</b>	<b>Saved 8</b>	
<b>Julio Herrera, La Mesa</b>	<b>Saved 2</b>	
<b>Freddy Lopez, Ocotal</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
<b>Jose Ramon Matey, El Pedernal</b>	<b>Saved 2</b>	
<b>Santos Matey, Malpaisillo</b>	<b>Saved 1</b>	
<b>Monico Alvarado, Leon</b>	<b>Saved 2</b>	
<b>Luis Enrique Ramirez Cruz, Pueblo Nuevo</b>	<b>Saved 8</b>	
<b>Gerardo Gonzales, Quilali</b>	<b>Saved 4</b>	
<b>Luis Lopez, Wiwili</b>	<b>Saved 13</b>	
<b>Luis Ernesto Montalvan Cruz, Platanares</b>	<b>Saved 2</b>	
<b>Totals for Nicaragua</b>	<b>Saved 294</b>	<b>Baptized 39</b>

## *Costa Rica*

<b>Paulino Benavidez Morales, Santa Cruz, Guanacaste</b>	<b>Saved 107</b>	<b>Baptized 10</b>
During the month of December, there were 20 saved, six reconciled and four baptisms in our five churches. In January and February, there were a total of 58 saved and six baptized. Thirty-six of these were in the church of Filadelfia, pastored by Bro. Graciano Urbina Rodriguez, during the Vacation Bible School. I had the blessing of working in an evangelistic crusade in Olancho, Honduras and 29 souls were saved.		
<b>Totals for Costa Rica</b>	<b>Saved 107</b>	<b>Baptized 10</b>

## *Mexico*

<b>Vidal Videia, San Luis Potosi</b>	<b>Saved 4</b>	
In the campaign of Santa Maria, three were saved. Two were saved in the anniversary service of our mission church in El Progreso.		
<b>Totals for Mexico</b>	<b>Saved 4</b>	

<b>Total Salvations</b>	<b>767</b>
<b>Total Baptisms</b>	<b>83</b>



*Joan Tyson with her granddaughters  
Ashley and Stephany*

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