

January 23, 2016

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We pray that you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that God has blessed you during this special season.

It has been very busy here in San Marcos de Colon since our last newsletter. In the last week of November, we celebrated our graduations in our Bible School, Kindergarten, Elementary School, and High School.



8 young pastors graduated from our Bible School along with 2 other pastors ordained. There were about 1400 people at this graduation that came from the different churches of GSBM



85 6th graders finished one more step in their education and are heading to high school!



64 adorable kindergarteners looked just like angels in their white cap and gowns!



104 students graduated from high school! They definitely did not look like kids anymore. These young men and women will go either into college or to find jobs using what they have learned in our school, but the most important thing is that they will take what they have learned about Jesus' love. Bro. Bob always said that our students are like our missionaries that are sent out. They will be in our prayers as they find what God's purpose is for their lives!

Once our graduations were over, it was time to start Christmas! Our offices went to work filling Christmas orders. Since there were so many kids to give Christmas gifts to from their sponsors, we had groups of them to come in on Fridays when the orders were filled. The kids would get a chance to open up their gifts to see what they had received and then we took their pictures to send to their sponsors. We loved seeing their reactions as they opened their gifts!

We also had a Christmas party with our employees. We baked several turkeys, dressing, sweet potato casserole, and much, much more. There were almost 100 people in our front yard and we had a very special time and a lot of fun!

Thanks to the generous donors for our Children's Christmas fund, we bought thousands of toys for the kids in the village churches here in Honduras that don't have sponsors and sent \$6000 to our pastors in Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Mexico for the poor children in their areas. Then on Christmas Day, we had a Christmas party in one of our very poor churches taking toys, candy and cake, then continued on to the city hospital to give out toys and candy to the sick children. There was no better way to spend Christmas Day. We forget sometimes how much more joy we have when we see joy in someone else, especially a child who would never get anything for Christmas and doesn't even know what it means. We made sure that every child knew what that day represented and why we were there.

After Christmas and New Year's was over, we went back to the States for some scans. However, the results were not what we had hoped for. The spot on my spleen was better but I had a couple of more spots to show up and it also showed liquid in my lungs and the liquid has some cancer cells in it. They were clear that this was not lung cancer but it does explain why I have trouble breathing sometimes. In spite of this, my cancer doctor and lung specialist encouraged me to come back to Honduras. They said that this would not grow fast at all and that I would be fine down here as long as I didn't have too much trouble breathing. God has placed the best doctors in my path. My oncologist has told me several times that he would never keep me from doing the Lord's work. He emailed me the other day and said that he has some treatment options for me that wouldn't affect my body so much and would allow me to keep traveling to Honduras. I will return to the states maybe

in March when things are not so busy here. Cancer or no cancer, I am going to serve the Lord in the place that I love. And He has helped me because I have done GREAT since I got back. I am eating better than I ever have, I am resting more now because I know that I do get tired if I overdo it. I am thankful for good people that are taking care of me here. Most of all, I am HAPPY because HE is allowing me to be involved in HIS work everyday. I AM ABLE TO WITNESS TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR PARENTS, TELLING THEM OF HIS MARVELOUS WORKS AND HIS LOVE FOR THEM. That is better for my soul than a chemo pill.

The past couple of weeks, we've had 32 Glen Haven Team Impact men here to do construction work, repairs and maintenance. While some were helping to work on the kindergarten building, others were building a division in our boys dorm kitchen to make more bedrooms for the boys. They have installed air conditioners, fixed toilets, installed gutters, painted the whole boys dorm, and so much more. They have been such a blessing to us for the past several years that they've been coming. They also gave out 200 food bags to a very poor village up in the mountains. We are very thankful with Glen Haven Baptist and Team Impact for coming to bless our people and help us with the maintenance of our buildings that God has blessed us with. We are grateful for every group that God is sending here to bless and help us. AND HOW THANKFUL WE ARE FOR EVERY SPECIAL OFFERING THAT WE RECEIVE WITH THANKSGIVING TO GOD AND TO YOU. TO ME, IT IS ONE MIRACLE AFTER ANOTHER WHEN GOD TOUCHES HEARTS TO HELP WITH HIS WORK. THERE IS NO LIMIT TO WHAT GOD WILL DO HERE IN ALL THE CHURCHES, THE SCHOOLS, FEED THE HUNGRY, RADIO STATIONS AND JUST PERSONAL LOVE AND WITNESSING TO THESE PEOPLE HERE IN CENTRAL AMERICA. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS.

Again, we find ourselves in a another busy season as our schools will be starting in the first couple weeks of February. This means many students are coming to register and many without sponsors. Stephany and I are taking time to talk to many kids who had given problems last year. We wanted them to understand that our school isn't just concerned with their academic studies but also their spiritual lives. Their parents were grateful for us taking the time to talk with their teenagers personally and we saw tears rolling down the cheeks of these young people.

At present we are finishing construction of a church building in Nicaragua, a new pastorium at Victory Baptist in Yalaguina, Nic., and a new church building raised up by one of our Bible School students here in Honduras. TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

We want to thank everyone who has helped us with our kindergarten building. The foundation is in, columns are being put up, and the walls will start to come up very soon! We still don't have all the funds necessary but we are working week by week and are trusting in God that He will provide the funds that we need. We will be borrowing classrooms from the Elementary school until the building is finished so our enrollment will have to be limited until the building is finished.

We also thank everyone who has helped us with more rooms for our boys dorm. Last year, we had over 100 boys so we had to put some out at the tabernacle. However, this year, we want to keep all our boys in the same building so we can have a better control of them and they all can be on the same side of the street. Thanks to Team Impact, we have a division in our kitchen and space for more beds.

We want to ask you for your prayers. This year, we have felt led by God to get more involved with our schools to help our students spiritually. Yesterday we had a meeting with our teachers and showed them the movie "War Room". Everyone was touched by this and left with a new commitment to do everything they could to share the Gospel with our students and also see them grow spiritually in the Lord. IT WAS A BLESSING TO SEE TEACHERS GOING FROM ROOM TO ROOM IN THE SCHOOL TO PRAY AFTER THE MEETING. We plan on having more activities with our students and try to set up projects so they can get more involved and have the opportunity to put their faith into action! So we ask for your prayers so we can work with them this year. The enemy is fighting hard for our young people and have won on many occasions, but we need to fight harder to win them for Christ.

Thank you so much for your dedicated prayers and support. You all are a part of this work just as we are because you are helping us to keep the operations of GSBM going and we are thankful for that. Also thank you for praying for me and please continue to do so. As long as I am able, I will keep serving in God's work. This is not just the mission field to me, it is my home.

May God bless you all is my prayer.

In Christ,

Sister Joan Tyson and Family

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| Honduras (Nov - Dec) |
| Saved - 65 |
| Baptized - 38 |
| Nicaragua (June, Sept, Nov - Dec) |
| Saved - 300 |
| Baptized - 59 |



Check out the progress on our kindergarten building!! The foundation is in and soon the walls will be up. Thank you so much who have helped with this project. We still need funds to complete it but we are working day by day, trusting in God that He will provide the funds we need. If God touches your heart to help us with this building, we will be so thankful.