

“If you’re thinking about going to the mission field, never think it is going to be easy and all you set out to do just starts happening. It is one battle after another. But we have seen present day miracles, souls saved, lives changed, whole communities saved...!” My grandma spoke these words at a Mary Lynn Crider Ladies Retreat several years ago and it still holds true today. Whenever I feel the weight of the ministry on my shoulders, her words comfort me because I am reminded that my grandparents felt the same way at times, but the Lord promises that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. And we see miracles every day in the Lord’s work! That is why it is a joy to write you again to update you about what is happening through Good Samaritan in Central America!

In November, we had 281 students to graduate from Kindergarten all the way up to 12th grade. I don’t know if we’ve ever pointed this out to you, but along with their diplomas, our high school graduates also receive a Bible with their name engraved on it. It is a tradition we’ve held on to for years and it’s always meant a lot to me. We not only send them off with their education, which will help them go to college and get jobs, but we also send them off with God’s Word which will take them farther than any diploma could.



So many of you were so good to help us with our Children’s Christmas project! **I’d like to report that this Christmas, you helped us raise \$25,429.14 for Children’s Christmas!!** This provided toys for approximately 5000 children in Honduras, 4500 in Nicaragua, and many also in Mexico and Costa Rica. This also provided a Christmas party, meal and gifts for our Elderly Center. **Thank you so much for helping us with this special project every year!** Every toy or gift we give out is given in Jesus’ name because He is the reason we celebrate Christmas! Also, we want to give a HUGE thank you to those who sent Christmas for your sponsored children!!

Probably by the time this letter gets to you, I will have given birth to a beautiful little girl! We are currently in the US waiting any day for our baby to be born. I ask that you please pray for my husband, Arold, and me as we come into a brand new chapter in our lives! The ministry keeps us very busy so we will definitely have to adjust to a new normal with a baby but we are so excited to be starting our own little family!

As my grandma always said, you all are family for us. We all form part of the body of Christ, but you are also part of our Good Samaritan family. Thank you so much for your love, prayers and support and allowing us to serve the Lord through our ministries in Central America. As the Bible tells us, we are to lay up for ourselves treasures in Heaven, and every soul saved is another treasure we are taking with us to Heaven! That is why we do what we do and you are a part of that!

Total Salvations and Baptisms for 2018!

Honduras and Nicaragua – 1359 saved, 391 baptized

Love in Christ,
Arold and Stephany Mejia

Greatest Needs



It will soon be close to 30 years since we opened up our Christian schools. We have seen God change lives in our students and teachers throughout the years. There are so many graduates now that have made something of themselves with the education they received and the Biblical principles they were taught. So many of them are now lawyers, doctors, engineers, teachers, pastors and so much more. They have not only spread throughout the country, but throughout the world. When we come in touch with them, we are overjoyed to hear of their success, but what fills our hearts the most is when

we hear about their relationship with the Lord and how they are serving Him in their areas.

With that said, we'd like to introduce a new way to help fund our schools other than through the Opportunity of a Lifetime Program. **Through "Support our Schools" or "SOS", you can send a monthly donation or a one-time donation any time you'd like.** This would go straight to the operational costs of running our schools in Honduras and Nicaragua. ***If you've been looking for a way to help in the education of children in Central America without committing to a specific child through sponsorship, then this is how you can do it!*** I have mentioned before that we have seen expenses dramatically go up in the past 10 years and it has been very difficult to keep up with the constant raises in minimum wage, light bills, gas bills, food prices and many other things that affect the day-to-day operational costs. We love our school ministries because it has given us an opportunity to influence our students and their families in a very personal way. It has also provided jobs for over 100 teachers, enabling them to provide for their families. Therefore, if God were to touch your heart to help us through SOS, you have no idea how much a blessing that would be for our ministry. My grandparents always did things by faith and we are trusting that God will continue to provide for all of our ministries just like He always has!



Also, we have another project we'd like for you to help us pray about. Many years ago, a church was started in the mountain village of Vallecillo, Honduras which is about 2 hours north of the capital of Tegucigalpa. My grandma and I visited this church a long time ago. I remember us driving way into the mountains and finding a very remote village, but they had the sweetest church. The people had food ready for us, which is a sacrifice for them and were so excited that Sister Joan travelled all that way to see them. The pastor, Arsenio Cruz, is now in desperate need of a pastorium there. The house he is living in right now is falling in and is a

danger for him and his family. *It will cost approximately \$10,000 to build a pastorium.* Please help us pray that God will provide these funds so our pastor will have a safe place to live while he is serving the Lord in Vallecillo!