



Honduras UMVIM
Newsletter
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Dear Friends,

This newsletter is coming to you late but the busy summer did not permit me the time before we left Honduras to go to the United States for our time of itineration.

Loretta and I were extremely busy with UMVIM teams in July and August. On May 30 a TACA airbus crashed at the Tegucigalpa airport completely changing our transportation schedule for June and July. Our first team for the summer was scheduled to arrive the next day. The president of Honduras immediately closed the airport and vowed that it would not re-open. As a result, every team had to be re-scheduled to arrive and depart in San Pedro Sula (4 hours from Tegucigalpa—one way). The teams were very flexible in their willingness to change their travel plans and schedules for their mission week.

This resulted in long days of travel for us and the teams but our greatest concern was for our safety. However, God was good and we experienced no incidents during those trips back and forth to San Pedro Sula.

One of the joys of the summer was the visit of our 6 year old grandson, Pedro. He stayed with us for a month and we thoroughly enjoyed each day with him. He loved riding in the van with the teams (with his head out of the window). He loved playing with the children of Honduras and he got to receive his first Communion at Ciudad Espana.



In August, the airport re-opened and Loretta and I took our first team to Potrerillos (near Siguatepeque). It was a combination medical/construction team and we spent the entire week with them. What a beautiful spot near a small coffee processing plant, waterfalls, and the ever-present mountains.

Two days after saying goodbye to the Potrerillos team, Loretta and I left Honduras to begin 6 weeks of itineration. We flew first to New York City for a Global Missions Conference at Stony Point, N.Y. The timing of the conference was perfect because we were very tired and were able to relax for 3 days in a beautiful, wooded retreat setting to worship God and be spiritually fed and rejuvenated.



Upon our departure from Stony Point, we flew to Atlanta, Ga. for our Wellness appointments at the Emory University Medical Clinic. This is a wonderful benefit the United Methodist Church provides for all its missionaries at the end of each 3 year period. I am happy to report that we both passed our physicals with “flying colors”.

After our medical appointments were concluded, we rented a car and began traveling to supporting churches and potential supporting churches to report about our ministry in Honduras and to educate people about the United Methodist Mission Church in Honduras. We visited churches in Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida.



In the midst of our travels we flew to St. Louis, Mo. for the annual Honduras Summit. There were approximately 90 participants from all over the U.S. as well as personnel from the General Board of Global Ministries in New York. We had an exciting time with many of our friends that we see on mission teams each year in Honduras.

One important development occurred when Rev. Patrick Friday presented the new “In Mission Together” program. The major thrust is that churches in the U.S. will be able to partner with the 14 congregations of the Honduras Mission to give support throughout the year. At the end of his presentation, Rev. Friday invited churches represented at the Summit to make a preliminary commitment to one of the Honduras churches. Amazingly, 11 of the 14 congregations received this commitment. We know that God is going to provide support to all 14 churches. We praise Him for His activity at the Summit.



Loretta and I completed our itineration period by returning to our home in Clearwater, Fl. Our Sunday School class at our home church of Skycrest UMC, honored us with a “potluck dinner” and we got to share about Honduras afterward. The next day (Sunday) we shared at both worship services.

Now we are back at our home in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. We are energized and looking forward to the next 3 years of our ministry as UMVIM coordinators. We have over 40 teams on the calendar for 2009. There will be exciting new projects for our teams at San Jose de la Vega, Quisqualagua, and Potrerillos as well as continuing work at the other sites. There will also be new ministries at the sites where construction has been completed.

We are thankful to God for His many blessings as well as His presence and protection during our itineration travels. We are always aware and appreciative to each of you for your prayers, words of encouragement, and support throughout the year.

If your church would like to enter into a Covenant Relationship with us, you can receive more information by visiting www.advancinghope.org. Go to the link for Covenant Relationships. My *Advance* number is 15064Z.

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