

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

First UMC of Oak Ridge, Tennessee Conducts Vision, VBS and Construction Mission in El Paraiso, June 2008

The 14 member team from First UMC of Oak Ridge, Tennessee was the first UMC team to be diverted into and out of San Pedro Sula following the May 30th TACA airline accident at Tegucigalpa.

The team conducted a Vision Clinic performing basic vision tests and dispensing over 300 pairs of glasses that had been donated by the Lions and Fairview UMC in Maryville, TN. Reading glasses, purchased by the team, were also part of the eyewear given to patients visiting the clinic. Local persons conducted intake functions documenting each patient.

Two daily sessions of Vacation Bible School was held in the completed part of the new church building and included singing, art work and stories centered on the theme of Jonah and the Whale.

Members of the construction crew constructed hand-built rebar cages and mixed concrete to be poured to form the floor of the second story of the church building. Part of the mission of First UMC is to include their pastoral intern in the mission thereby providing that valuable experience for future church leaders. Janet Edwards from Duke University was the intern on this trip to El Paraiso.

Santos Martin Sanchez, pastor of the El Paraiso congregation, hosted the team and helped coordinate the week's activities.

The trip to El Paraiso is one of six mission trips sponsored by FUMCOR in 2008, three foreign and three domestic



Time Honored Hand-mixing of Concrete



Hand-built Rebar Takes Teamwork



VBS in the New Church Building



Aiding in the Vision Clinic



Entertaining the Kids

Team Members included: Jonathan Bowers, Stephanie Bower, Allan Cabe, Lou Ann Cristy, Stephen Cristy, Abigail Ealey, Pastor Janet Edwards, Hilary Harris, Butch Howell, Jean Howell, Rachel Ryan, Team Leader Maxine Schultz, Brian Wilson, and Bob Wilson.



The FUMCOR Team Poses for Pictures