

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

## Hillview UMC of Boise, Idaho “Levels the Playing Field” and Electrifies Talanga Parsonage, June 15-20, 2008

The seven-person mission team from Hillview UMC in Boise, Idaho traveled to Talanga on June 15, 2008 to conduct a construction mission and get to know the people of Talanga a little bit better. The team moved coarse, rocky dirt, known in Talanga as "material select", to level the ground for future planting of grass around the parsonage that is currently under construction.

Also undertaken was the installation of some of the wiring of the parsonage building.

Additionally, the team participated in the important people-to-people activities that have become a blessing to many mission teams. Getting to know the people of Talanga was clearly important to this team.

They had the opportunity to meet some of the Becas Scholarship recipients (See more on the “Ways to Help” tab of the Honduras UMC home page) and to discuss their schooling and some of their dreams and aspirations. They spent time with a mother of four children who was in the process of bettering the life of her family by returning to school. She is starting in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

The team heard the story of some men laborers and how the rising prices of food and gasoline are impacting them and their families.

They met two young men who are twins and who have chosen different life paths, one to marry and start a family and the other to go on to college after completing high school.

Team leader, Ron Halverson, acknowledged that they also “met Jesus in the smiles, faces, dreams, and hopes of all the wonderful people (they) encountered.” Relationships: part of “**loving one another!**”



Delivery of “material select” to level area around the parsonage



Kristen, Chris, and Claudia “leveling the playing field”



Dave Angell reviewing electrical concepts with Nahum and Carlos



Hosts, Pastor Luis Soto and his family



Becas Scholarship Recipients at Talanga



**The Hillview team included:  
Chris Angell,  
Dave Angell,  
Michael Angell,  
Claudia Flora,  
Kristen Guyon, Judy Halverson,  
and Ron Halverson.**



Some of the Hillview Team with interpreter, Carlos