

As we all kick off a new year, we want to start by thanking you for your faithful support, both in prayers and financial giving. We would also like to ask you to remember us on a monthly basis in your giving. We are so thankful for our successful year-end fund raising, but we depend on the monthly support that many of you have been sending. For those of you who haven't, we would like to invite you to join our team of faithful supporters, who see the value of their investment in what the Lord is doing here in western Honduras! May He bless you richly in 2013!

Blessings,
Phil and Donna Waldron

Success Beyond Our Expectations



Looks like we are going to exceed our goal for \$60,000

As we are writing this newsletter we are still in the New Year's Day holiday and haven't yet been able to assess the final donations for the year towards our year-end, matching fund drive. However, just before Christmas the tally was only a little below the goal of \$60,000.

We have said it before many times, but it bears repeating here once again. If it were not for this outpouring of generosity we would not be able to sustain the good works that God has led us to here in the western highlands of Honduras.

We are confident that by the end of January when we write our February newsletter we will be sharing with you our joy that once again God has seen fit to bless us through the generosity of our many supporters.

If you haven't yet been able to make a donation towards this "double your money opportunity" please consider rushing a check into the mail and earmarking it "year end fundraiser" before the end of January. All funds received in the next couple of weeks that are earmarked in this way qualify for the matching grant up to \$60,000.

2.5 Ton 6 X 6 Truck and 24 Passenger Bus



As our outreach in the region expands our needs for logistical support grow as well. Thanks to a whole team of different people, from Alabama to Texas, we now have another Ex-military truck with four-wheel drive making it possible to reach remote villages. And we have a 24-passenger bus that allows us to operate more efficiently with smaller groups.

We owe a special thanks to Daniel Knight and a group of guys from the Longview church for the bus. And we owe a debt to the Mayfair church in Huntsville, Alabama for storing our truck in their parking lot for almost a year before Terry Edney and Grant Mars paid to have it hauled to Longview, TX. Then Adam Spencer, Paul Saccacio and Clint Owens drove both vehicles all the way to Houston where our Honduran transportation company picked them up and brought them to the Guatemalan border. All of these men and others volunteered their time and their money to help us. May God bless each and every one of them for their generosity and kindness.

Scott Galloway and Upward Basketball



Scott Galloway, a professional coach and sports trainer from Atlanta, Georgia came with a crew of three men to hold another UPWARD Basketball camp for our public school kids from poor neighborhoods. His crew consisted of Bobby McVey from Atlanta, who is our volunteer graphics designer for all of Mission UpReach's publications, Al Bingham, an Actuarial scientist, also from Atlanta and Ray Hamm, a retired high school basketball coach and teacher from Llano, Texas. We are extremely grateful to these four men for all that they did for the kids in our program.



The municipal gym was occupied with an international volleyball tournament so we had to rent an empty coffee warehouse to use for the week. No matter though, things went off without a hitch.



There were devotionals and public prayers along with coaching on the fundamentals of basketball. In addition, the kids got to spend a lot of time interacting with our DESEO staff and 8 interns who are graduates from last seasons UPWARD program.



We have a group of 15 kids in total, from the ages of 13 to 17, that are graduates from our DESEO and UPWARD programs, who have been selected for these Intern positions this year. The goal of this particular intern program is to give our DESEO team more time to disciple and minister to these 15 kids and help them learn how to mentor and disciple other kids at the same time.



Note From Donna



We pray that each of you enjoyed the holiday season. We were blessed to have our son, Harrison, home for a couple of weeks. It is always bittersweet when we have time with him and then have to let him go again. We missed being with Sarah and Caleb, but hope there will be another occasion soon when we can be with them.

As we begin 2013, we are looking forward to what God has in store. We anticipate another good year of short-term mission groups and have our first medical team coming in early February. If you or your church are interested in making a trip to western Honduras, please do not hesitate to contact me at waldrondonna@me.com for more information.

We already have several medical teams, a few construction teams, and numerous teams who are coming to work with our DESEO ministry. We would love for you to enjoy the blessings of serving along side us in 2013!

Sunday School Teachers Honored



Donna Waldron continues to lead the team of dedicated Sunday School teachers in the local church here in Santa Rosa. This is one of the most effective ministries that we participate in and support with the funds that our MUR donors give.

The average overall attendance here in the local church is between 155 and 165 total attendance however of that number, there are consistently between 55 and 70 children; practically half of our congregation is made up of children and young adolescents.