

What an incredible start God has given us to our year-end, capital funds campaign. We are more than halfway to our goal with pledges that exceed just over \$220,000. Please read through our newsletter this month and "drink in" the reasons that we believe God has called us to be living and working in the western highlands of Honduras.

Five and a half years ago when we were considering a return to the mission field, Dr. Dan Coker, who has been a great friend and mentor to us over the years directed our attention towards Honduras. Phil asked him, "if you were twenty years younger where would you go to do the greatest good for the Kingdom in the next twenty years?". Dr. Coker, without hesitation, said "Honduras". We came to live here four and a half years ago after working for almost an entire year in making preparations.

The results that God is blessing us with in terms of new churches planted and the number of lives being transformed seems to say that Dr. Coker was right and that Mission UpReach is right where God wants us to be to make a difference in the Kingdom work of bringing men and women into a saving relationship with Jesus and teaching them how to live in community in the church.

Please be praying for God to continue to rain down his blessings on our efforts for His Kingdom in this part of the world. And consider giving to this worthy cause. We will do our best to steward your gift the way you and God would have us to.

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We here at Mission UpReach live and work in the western part of Honduras where 1.7 million people live. The average daily wage is less than \$2.00 U.S. per day. The economic hardships make for a challenging life. The people are economically poor but even more challenging is the extent of spiritual poverty that exists. Look at these statistics:

1. HIV is the second leading cause of death,

*(\$220,000 Year End  
Pledges Continued)*



The King James Version translates Colossians 3:2 as "Set your affection on things above, not on things of the earth." Here in western Honduras where life is often a day to day struggle just to feed one's family and just to maintain a future orientation of hope; these words of Jesus resound with great impact.

Heaven is our home, according to scriptures,

*A Note from Donna*

As I write this article, Phil and I are attending the 50th annual Pan American Lectures in Guatemala. What a spiritual feast it has been. Being able to sit at the feet of great heroes of the faith who have dedicated their lives to the mission of the church is such a blessing.

It encourages me to meet and know families who have given 15 years or more to foreign missions. Sometimes being away from our adult children brings sadness and makes me wonder if I

after injuries due to violence.

2. 27% of households are headed by single mothers.

3. Thirty percent of Central America's children are born to mothers under 19 years of age, and these births are concentrated in women 15 to 17 years of age. In the rural zones and among indigenous women, maternity occurs at even younger ages from 10 to 17.

4. The consequences of the lack of family structure in Honduras include child abuse. This abuse, especially sexual abuse, is the most common problem...Men who are not related to the children in the home feel free to use them sexually. Women are hesitant to file police reports to protect their children for fear of reprisals from the men, especially physical violence (now estimated to be common in more than 30% of all homes) and abandonment. Serial "marriages" are common with three or four men coming into the home over the years and fathering their "own" children. This leaves the other children at great risk.

5. 79% of the population lives in poverty in spite of the fact that billions of dollars in aid from countries around the world along with aid from hundreds of religious organizations pours into Honduras every year.

The answer to what ails the Honduran society is more than just money. Money is an essential part

that is why Jesus said in Matthew 6:20, "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven". Are you doing that? Are you laying up treasures in heaven or have you placed more emphasis on laying up treasures for a "rainy day" or for an exotic vacation that you have always dreamed about?

Team Mission UpReach is laboring here to build what we hope is a network of Honduran churches that are led by faithful Honduran men and women that have their focus set on heaven as their real home. We pray that these churches, led by these men and women, will break out into a revival like our Restoration Movement that swept across the frontier of the US during the 1800's. That way what the prophet Isaiah wrote so many centuries ago will become a reality for the 1.7 million people that live in the western highlands of Honduras.

Isaiah 9:2

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light and on those living in the land of the shadow of death on them a light has dawned."

Western Honduras needs the light of hope that can only come from Christ's church working from within each and every community to transform individual lives that in turn transform other lives that in turn transform entire communities.

am really up for the challenge. With our parents aging and experiencing health issues, it seems even more challenging.

I do not doubt we are right where God would have us to be right now and I know He will sustain us and give us the opportunities to serve and be with our family. I also believe, by faith, that He will reward us and provide for us both now and in the future. Having said that, we ask that you pray for us that our hearts will remain true to the mission, that we will not grow weary, and that our children and parents will be understanding of our limitations.

We sincerely cannot think of a better life than the one we have here serving those in need and bringing freedom to the captive. Thank you for partnering with us and for your continued support. May God bless you during this month of Thanksgiving!

### *Land Purchase Part of the Year End Fundraising*



Mission UpReach has signed a contract to purchase 28+ acres of land near the mountain community of San Manuel de Colohete, Lempira. The property is located at

of what is needed to help Honduran's help themselves. But billions and billions of foreign aid are presently flowing into Honduras year after year while the lives of the people are not improved by any appreciable measure.

The problem is not just the physical poverty that makes life difficult here. It is spiritual poverty that darkens the lives and the hopes of Honduran people.

When this happens these people no longer "walk in darkness". That's why Mission UpReach has the vision of "One church in each village in this generation".

Our annual fund is very important to our ability to fulfill our mission. While we have many faithful monthly donors the truth is that the churches that Mission UpReach plants, the individual lives that are being transformed and the communities that are for the first time seeing the "dawn of light" are all part of ministries that are funded in no small part by annual contributions to our year-end fund.

Without these annual funds the monthly cost of our mission operations would exceed our income. Would you please accept our invitation to prayerfully consider giving to this year end effort?

At what level could you give to help us establish more churches in this region? Major gifts for this effort start at \$1,250 and go up to \$8,000 and lead gifts start at \$10,000 and go up to \$60,000.

Please prayerfully consider a generous donation to this year-end effort. God has blessed us thus far with more than 50% already pledged.

5,000 feet above sea level in the valley behind the mountain Celaque, the tallest mountain in Honduras at 9,420 feet above sea level.

Dozens of communities exist in this remote area that do not have a single church of Christ in them. The region is extremely remote and access to many of the villages is only possible via horseback or by foot.

Mission UpReach has contracted to purchase the land in order to construct a platform-tent, rustic camp that can be used primarily as a forward camp for evangelistic campaigns and short-term medical missions.

In addition, this camp will serve as a church retreat facility and a base of operations to extend our church planting efforts throughout this remote region.

