



Newsletter

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Boot Camp with Dr. Bob Young from Oklahoma

During June we hosted more than 120 people in visiting short term mission groups. A lot of good work was done by these groups and our Team Mission UpReach team members that work with the visiting groups. During the busyness of visiting groups though our church planting team, led by Aristides Sánchez, held another one-week long intensive Boot Camp. This particular week we were blessed to have a visiting lecturer in the form of Dr. Bob Young from Oklahoma. Bob is an accomplished scholar of the Bible including the Biblical languages. His Spanish is excellent as well. He was a great resource for our team as they went through the long days of teaching in our CREO facility.

New Ways that you can support our long term vision of One Church in Each Village in This Generation

Mission UpReach is now a recognized 501(c)(3) IRS tax exempt organization. This means that there are now numbers of new ways that you can help Mission UpReach achieve our vision. The 501(c)(3) structure under a Board of Directors led by Wayne Kellis as Chairman, (Wayne is an elder at the Campus View Church of Christ who has sponsored Mission UpReach from the outset), allows MUR to receive donations in some new ways. For instance:

Corporate Employee Matching Contributions: some corporations have an employee matching contribution to charitable organizations where the employee can direct his own contribution to a recognized 501(c)(3) and the corporation will match it.

Planned Giving: As a 501(c)(3) that has a Board of Directors Mission UpReach is in a position to receive "planned gifts". These are gifts that allow you to thoughtfully plan a gift to Mission UpReach,

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New Church Plant in Santa Rosa has five baptisms this month

The new church plant in Santa Rosa has been going well. The church was unanimous from the outset that this church should be an outreaching and evangelistic church and so even before we had a building to meet in and before we finalized many other details we interviewed and hired a young man as an evangelist. His name is Luis Fernando Martinez and he is married to Isis. They have one daughter Leah who is 3 years old.

Luis is supported out of the offerings from the young congregation. One of the principles that all of the people involved in this new church plant are committed to is that this new

church should be self supporting and sustainable. We believe it gives members in the local church a great deal of empowerment and ownership when they can see that their offerings are being converted into transformed lives in the surrounding community.

This month alone, the work of our evangelist, along with some others who are giving evangelistic studies as well, has resulted in 5 new Christians. We hope the coming months will lead to as many or perhaps even more people giving their lives to Christ and becoming members of the local church. Keep this new church in your prayers please.



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Inc. that creates a win-win situation for you and us. These gifts cost you nothing during your lifetime and take the form of Bequests, Gifts from your Retirement Plan, Gifts of Life Insurance, Gifts of Appreciated or Stock or Securities.

Bequests: You can name our organization in your Will or Living Trust. You can make your bequest unrestricted or direct it to a specific purpose. By including us in your bequest plans your assets remain in your control during your lifetime and you can always modify your bequest if your circumstances change.

Gifts from your Retirement Plan: You can name our organization, Mission UpReach, Inc., as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), or other qualified plan. To do this you just designate us to receive all or a portion of the balance of your plan through your plan administrator. The balance in your plan passes to us after your lifetime. By making this designation you will avoid the double taxation your retirement savings will incur if you designated your heir(s) as beneficiary(ies). Also, you can continue to take regular lifetime withdrawals,

and can revoke us a beneficiary if your family's needs change.

Gifts of Life Insurance: You can transfer ownership of a paid-up life insurance policy that you no longer need to our organization. By doing so you can receive an income tax-deduction for the cash surrender value of the policy, and have the satisfaction of making a significant gift to us without adversely affecting your cash flow.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities: You can transfer appreciated stocks or bonds that you have owned for more than one year to us. By doing this you will be entitled to an immediate income tax deduction for the fair market value of the securities on the date of the transfer no matter what you originally paid for them, and you will avoid capital gains tax on the securities you donate. In many cases, giving appreciated stock could be more beneficial to you than giving cash.

Contact Us: For more information please contact: Phil Waldron, 706-534-7060, Email: philwaldron@me.com. We look forward to working with you and your advisers to plan a gift that will benefit you and your family-as well as Mission UpReach.

Medical Brigades & Mission UpReach: Healing & hope



Burnt Hickory brigade in Lepaera

The **Burnt Hickory church of Christ** from Kennesaw, GA held a medical brigade in support of a new church planted by our brother René Rosa en Lepaera, Lempira. Lepaera is located about one hour away from Santa Rosa de Copán where we are located. They attended to over 900 patients in the clinic where each person received a consult with a Doctor and medicines as indicated. Many of the 900 also received eyeglasses as part of the clinic. We are grateful to the elders at Burnt Hickory and to Matthew Schick who coordinated and led the group for this invaluable service.

Columbiana, Ohio church of Christ holds medical clinic in Las Crucitas

One of the most successful church plants that Mission UpReach has had is located in a village only 30 minutes from Santa Rosa de Copán. This village, Las Crucitas, has small church that is completely self supporting and directed by men from within the congregation. Many

of these men who are leading the church are veterans of our Boot Camp Leadership Training series. There are more than a dozen of the men and women in this congregation that participate in our two-year Saturday Bible School that meets every Saturday morning for four hours over a two year period. It is an "on-fire" church and they are doing things in their community.

This past month a group from the **Columbiana Church of Christ**, led by Dick Mason, Steven Bennett and Kathy Bennett, held medical and eyeglasses clinic in the church building. Somewhere close to 900 people were attended to. It was a wonderful blessing for the community and it did a lot to open doors to families and neighbors in the community for our church members.

This group was joined by Dr. Scott Womble and his wife and two teenage children who are from Columbus, Georgia. They also were blessed to have as a Pharmacist Ashley Dunn of Lubbock, TX and her sister April Dunn as well as Liz Simpson, RN, from Detroit, MI.



Liz Simpson and friend from the Columbiana brigade



Dr. Scott Womble from Columbus, GA



Columbiana group leaving Las Crucitas

Snellville church of Christ holds multi-faceted mission trip

The Snellville Georgia church came at the beginning of the month with a large group and actually did three different group activities in three different locations. Part of the group worked on constructing a church building in the village of Contamal where MUR planted a new church last year while another part of the group held VBS with our DESEO team in public schools. They also held a medical clinic in San Juan Planes where we hope to start a new church later this year. It was a busy week and very productive in terms of results. We love the Snellville church and are grateful for their collaborating with us in all of these different efforts.



A Note from Donna:

As I write we are in the middle of our very busy brigade season. We have hosted four different groups and will host an additional six groups before the end of July. One of the greatest blessings we receive as missionaries is to see afresh what God is doing through the eyes and wonder of our visitors. We hear over and over, "wow, you guys sure have done a lot in five years". To which we respond, "God has done a lot and continues to do a lot, we just get to join Him". Sometimes our daily involvement causes us to become blind to the many ways God is working towards His purposes. Hearing our visitors awe and excitement reminds us that we are in the midst of something amazing and that we are privileged to be a part of it. Our prayer and task is to ensure that every dollar and every effort that is given goes towards the goal of planting one church in each village in this generation. That is no small task, but we feel honored to be the administrators of all that God brings our way. We are grateful to each of the individuals and churches that have sacrificed to bring a group of short term missionaries to work alongside us, your efforts will be rewarded and God is using them towards His purposes!



Park Plaza Church of Christ hosts multiple brigades

We were blessed with the leadership of Cindy Wilson and Kevin Ward in this latest trip by the Park Plaza church. They did VBS in the public schools with our DESEO team and then Kevin Ward directed a basketball camp on our public basketball courts in the center of town. Others labored in the hot sun erecting scaffolding and applying stucco to our newly constructed mechanic's shop building where we service all of our vehicles for the various ministries of MUR. Thank you Park Plaza. We appreciate your service.

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