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People waiting in line for the Campus View Medical Brigade at Monte de la Virgen

Auburn Church of Christ Youth Group Visits Mission UpReach

Matt Tignor, the youth minister at the Auburn Church of Christ, Auburn, Alabama, came with a group of youth and worked on two different construction projects during early July. One project was a combined effort of Auburn Youth and the Grand Junction Church



of Christ from Grand Junction, Colorado. They worked on constructing roof trusses and then putting them up readying them for the sheet metal roofing that will cover the building. Part of the Auburn youth group though worked all week long on breaking up rock and dirt in the back of the building preparing it for the addition of a bathroom and classrooms at some point in the future.

In addition to construction work on the Contamal church building Matt and some of the others in his group labored and sweated at the mechanic's shop project that we have underway.

Campus View Medical Brigade

On Sunday, July 13, the first day the Campus View church of Christ from Athens, GA was here, we held an outdoor fellowship with the newly planted church in Santa Rosa de Copán. 120 attended and Phil Waldron and Juan Jose Urquia grilled 27 chickens to feed the group. While the chickens were cooking everyone enjoyed the outdoors, playing volleyball and baseball or just visiting for several hours. A bi-lingual worship ended the day with Phil preaching and Jon Stacy translating.

During their week here Campus View divided into a number of different groups and did VBS, Basketball camp for children, construction and a medical clinic. Those in the medical clinic climbed aboard our two 2.5 Ton, ex-military transports and rode two hours out to the remote village of Monte de la Virgen, Lempira. They served 700 people with doctor's consultations and medicines. They then rode two more hours back to Santa Rosa on the transports. During this time others in the CV group were holding VBS in the public schools with our DESEO team and then in the afternoons they held a basketball camp for a select group of kids from one of the schools. The rest of the group worked and sweated at our mechanic's shop construction project.



University Youth Group and Disciple Trips



During the third week of July the University Church of Christ in Denver, Colorado led by Josh Jones brought their youth group to Santa Rosa and worked in a number of areas. At the same time Jeff Smith, who is the campus minister at the Sunset Church of Christ, Lubbock, Texas brought a number of youth and parents through his Disciple Trips ministry. It was a week jammed packed with activity. The groups did work separately with each working in VBS presentations in the public schools with our DESEO team ministry. They also worked in construction with some from University and Disciple Trips working together on the construction project where we are building a mechanic's shop and parking area to take care of our growing fleet of vehicles. The other group, from Disciple Trips, worked on building classrooms out of metal studs and drywall at our newly rented location for the latest church plant in Santa Rosa de Copán, Barrio Belen.

In addition, to VBS and construction this week we held a youth rally on the public basketball courts in the center of Santa Rosa with over 150 youth attending. We played basketball, ate hotdogs and then the Disciple Trips group presented a drama which was pre-recorded in Spanish that had a Biblical message.

One afternoon the entire group visited the local hospital and passed out soup, bread and coffee to all of the family members and patients. Things work a little different here than in the US in this regard. Our hospital here in Santa Rosa is a regional hospital. People who need hospitalization come from hours away to be attended at this government run hospital. Family members that accompany them sleep in the halls and have to provide for themselves. Often these people are extremely poor and literally don't have the money to provide the medicines, food and other items that they need. This is very much a ministry that if you could experience it would remind you of what Jesus talked about in Matthew 25 "of when I was sick you visited me".

After passing out soup, bread and coffee the group broke up into smaller groups and went around and prayed with different patients. The group also sang to the Pediatric Ward. It was beautiful moment to witness the positive impact that these hymns had on the patients and their families. This was in spite of the fact that they didn't understand the words.



Adventure In Missions (AIM)

We here at Mission UpReach have been blessed to have 8 young people from the AIM program at Sunset Biblical Institute come and work with us here. They are Caleb Gossett, Derric Franklin, Rex Wilson, Matthew Bridges, Adam Lord, Kristen Adams, Marianne Moses, and Jami-Leigh Fanning. Each month during their time with us they will be contributing an article sharing their perspective on the work here. Here is their first article:

From the AIMers: The AIM team has been in Santa Rosa since May 12th. All eight of us have committed to 14 - 22 months of working with MUR. After a couple of months of preparation and working with the brigades, we are ready to begin with the other ministries.

Our work with the Brigades has involved many things: translating, construction, assisting with eyeglasses portion of the medical brigade, and working with VBS. The blessings of the Brigades is getting to know all the people we have been working with, and even seeing old friends. Other blessings are

seeing the smile on the face of a child and serving the people in the hospital. Now at the end of the Brigade season, we are tired, yet willing to work more.

August 9th begins the college ministry that we will be greatly involved in. Every Saturday we will be having a Bible study in English with people from ages 18-28 at a local coffee house in town. We had the great opportunity to record radio announcements and a few television commercials. We also have flyers hanging in various stores around the city. We are currently using these to try and grow the turnout of the studies.

We are super excited to get this part of our ministry going and would greatly appreciate your prayers as we near the beginning. Be praying that we will have a great turnout and that those who come will be brought to Christ. We would also appreciate prayers as we continue to get settled in to our new homes. Thank you all for your support, and keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

University Church Medical Brigade & Grand Junction Construction Brigade:

The University church of Christ in Denver, Colorado combined with thirteen people from the Grand Junction church of Christ returned again this year to hold another medical and eyeglasses clinic in Contamal, San Juan de Opoa where they attended to 930 people with doctor consultations. The Grand Junction group split into two groups with one working in the medical clinic and the other working on putting up roof trusses and sheet metal roofing on the church building in Contamal. These hard working folks left a huge impact on many lives through their hard work and great attitudes that reflected Jesus to those they touched.





Southside begins church building construction

It was a pleasure to host the Southside church from Shelbyville, TN during the last week of July. They divided up into two groups and worked construction on two different church building projects. One was the beginning on of footings and foundations for the church building at the Mejia Garcia church here in Santa Rosa. This is a project that we have been working towards for a number of years. Initially, the Campus View church of Christ helped us raise \$50,000 towards the purchase of the land that was combined with the proceeds of \$45,000 that came from the sale of a small building that the church owned. Together this \$95,000 was used to purchase the land and pay for closing costs. There is a temporary structure built on part of the property presently but thanks to the Southside church construction on the permanent building has begun. The project is a long term project due to limited funds combined with the fact that the type of construction is heavy commercial (poured in place concrete and concrete block) and is more costly than other types of construction.



Planned Giving Available

Remember that with Mission UpReach now having official IRS 501(c)(3) status you can leave a bequest in your will that will bless future generations with new church plants in western Honduras. All you need to do is include Mission UpReach, Inc. in your will stating what size of bequest you would like to make.

A Note from Donna:

As we send off our last group of the summer, it feels much like having run a marathon that one prepares for for months ahead of time. I think our team finished first in the marathon! There is no way to explain the success of this summer's short term missions' season except to say that God pulled together the ideal team, orchestrated the details, blessed us with health and energy, and brought the ideal people as short term missionaries. It is overwhelming to think about the numbers of lives that were touched by the service rendered and the long-term impact it will have in our small corner of the universe. I love watching our visitors come and fall in love with what God is doing here. The wonder in their eyes speaks to me and helps me see anew the great and awesome works of God. It is truly humbling to be a part of this great work, knowing without a doubt that what is happening here is not because of the great works of the people who are doing the work, but a reflection of God's promise to multiply and bless our feeble efforts. Without the prayers of faithful partners like you, we would likely burn out, get weary, and lose sight of this reality. We might even be tempted to take credit for what God is doing. So we ask you to continue your prayers and your financial support so that we can continue to be the conduit through which God brings blessings to those He has chosen to bless.

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