

Mission UpReach

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Powerful things are happening right before our eyes. In this report we have been able to share some news from some of the distant communities where a few of our Boot Camp participants are working. God is blessing their faithfulness and their hard work with a harvest of people turning their lives over to the Lord.

In Santa Rosa where our offices are located we have good news to report on our new church plant as well. Please join us in celebrating these blessings by reading this month's newsletter and then offering up a prayer of thanksgiving.

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Fall Festival Type Promotional Event Reaches 460 from Local Community



Last month we shared with you that our new church plant in Santa Rosa de Copán had finally located a facility in which to meet. This facility is an 8,500 square foot warehouse that our DESEO ministry is also using for its afternoon youth

basketball leagues. In addition, thanks to several groups that came and worked this summer, we have classrooms that will be used during the weekdays for an afternoon tutoring program. This facility is a great asset for to further link our public school DESEO/UPWARD ministry with our local church. Children here only go to school until 12:00 PM and they often spend the afternoons on the streets. We will be using our buses to pick many of these kids up from their school and busing them to our new facility (where the church also meets) so that they

can participate in afternoon tutoring classes and basketball league. In order to promote our "coming into the community" we held a Fall Festival/Open House type event, which didn't have anything to do really with what we would normally associate with the Fall season. Our event was entitled "The Grand Adventure Below the Sea". A team of ladies from the local church spent hours and hours developing the decorations for the huge warehouse space that has nothing but concrete block walls. The event was everything that we hoped it would be. At least 460 people from the community visited the event during the three hours that we had the building open and each one received a written invitation to return the following Sunday for the

inauguration ceremony of the new building as a meeting house for the church.



Mission UpReach, Inc. Board Meeting in Santa Rosa de Copán

In previous newsletters we have shared with our readers that we now have a 501(c)3 recognized by the IRS as tax deductible, non-profit public charity. This past month we held a Board meeting here in Santa Rosa with all of the Board members attending the three-day event. Moises Matos, was named a Board member as an Anchor Church Representative of the Snellville church of Christ. Moises is originally from the Dominican Republic and is now a Citizen of the United States. He is a manager for AT&T and lives in the greater Atlanta (Georgia) area. We welcome Moises for his Godly character and his bi-cultural perspective.



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Church Planting Team Leads Campaign in Lejamaní, La Paz

We took a group of selected men who have participated in our Boot Camp Leadership Training along with our 8 AIMers to this community in order to help plant a new church. The church in the city of La Paz, La Paz, where Brother Benicio Ramírez is an evangelist, asked for our help in planting a new church in the community of Lejamaní. Prior to our arriving the church from the city of La Paz had taught and baptized 6 individuals and another three were baptized during the campaign (bottom photo). We left the new church with 34 chairs to use in their meetings and will be following up with them in the coming weeks. This is the first time where we have successfully helped another congregation to plant a new church rather than MUR being the driving force behind the church plant. This is a major objective for us, i.e., to help other churches plant other churches. Please keep this new congregation in your prayers before our Lord.



Los AIMers- Sunset International Bible Institute REPORT:

By Kristin Adams



For the month of September, us AIMers have been busy. The boys went to their second "Boot Camp" and learned around the theme of "What does the Bible say?" while the girls worked alongside the DESEO team. When the

boys were done with "Boot Camp", we had about a week of our normal schedule, including Spanish class, Bible studies, and also working with DESEO and the Church Planting team. Us AIMers had the opportunity to go with the Church Planting team on a campaign to La Paz, which is about six hours away from Santa Rosa. We spent hours every day going out and door knocking, evangelizing to the people, which included, open Bible studies, invitations to the event during the evening and

also prayer. For us girls it was a bit challenging because the Church Planting team has never had girls go with them and things were limited for us when we went out door knocking. The men that were there, were very encouraging and would include us in the Bible studies by letting us read verses in Spanish and allowing to provide commentary if we had any. It was awesome to be able to be a part of something so big for that city. We were able to witness three people taking our Lord on in baptism. All of us learned a lot and are blessed to be able to go with the Church Planting team and help them shine our lights on the people in La Paz. We are now back and continuing our daily activities and the coffee shop ministry. Please keep praying for the people that we are studying with and that they become a Light in this dark world.



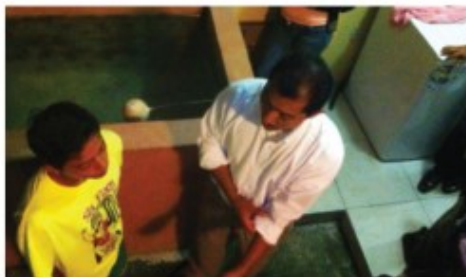
A Fruitful Month

Baptisms In New Church Plant in Santa Rosa

This month 5 new people gave their lives to Christ in the watery grave of baptism. What an exciting month it has been for all of us who are part of the new church plant. The birth of any new Christian produces rejoicing in Heaven and this month we are overjoyed to share with you that among the 5 baptized this month were the parents of one of our teenage girls, Sara Molina. Her father, Hector Molina and her mother Reina were baptized after studying with our evangelist, Luis Fernando, for several months. Sara is one of our girls who was converted via our UPWARD basketball ministry where we first met her. Later she began attending our youth group and youth retreats and was baptized. This is the first time that we have successfully converted the family of one of our DESEO/UPWARD participants so in a way Hector and Reina are "first fruits" of what we pray will be many more families being converted to Christ via their children's participation in our public school DESEO/UPWARD program.

Baptisms at Quiraguira and Masaguara, La Paz

At Mission UpReach we have been faithfully been training men in our Boot Camp Leadership Training Series to the point we have more than 180 men participate in at least the first module of the six module series. It has been difficult to quantify the results because the men who participate in the trainings come from across a large region which has very rugged terrain and limited communications at times. Recently however we have been getting reports from some of the men who have been trained in our series and in two locations just last week there were 13 people baptized. These two locations are in the department of La Paz.



Mechanics Brigade

This past month a group of five men who are all experienced mechanics came and worked on a number the vehicles in our growing fleet of vehicles. Phil Berry, who is on our Board at MUR, Inc., organized this trip and was accompanied by Mike Aldrich, and Russ Garner from West Broward Church of Christ along with Paul Stephenson and James Bibb from the Pine Tree Church of Christ. They put a new 6-speed transmission into one of our buses along with a new transmission in one pickup. And they put a new engine in one of our Suburbans along with doing many, many other smaller items. They literally worked from daylight until long after dark while they were here. We really appreciate the effort. It would be next to impossible for us to plant churches, train men as evangelists and raise up leaders from among the youth of our community if we



did not have a fleet of vehicles to assist us in the process. These men did a lot to help our team members be more effective in their ministry responsibilities.



Boot Camp Trains 29

Once more this month we held a Boot Camp in our Leadership Training Series that had 29 participants from all across the western region of Honduras. Among these were 4 men from new congregations that have never participated before. This illustrates that more and more new congregations are hearing about the benefits of having men trained in our program. We have a total of more than 40 different congregations sending men to be trained in this series, which focuses on developing self-supporting evangelists, preachers and church leaders.

UPWARD Closing Ceremony

While our Board members were in town for the Board meeting. Our DESEO team put on a closing ceremony for the last UPWARD basketball league for the year. It was quite an event with local school bands playing and a troop of folkloric dancers performing. In addition to the final games of the season with a devotional at half time our DESEO team recognized each child that participated in the season with a T-shirt and a certificate. It was an exciting conclusion to the season for the children and their parents and we were excited that our Board got to witness the event.



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 you can see we have had another busy and productive month here in western Honduras. As I contemplate all that is taking place, I am overwhelmed at how God has pulled together his "A" team and is allowing us to experience the joy of seeing a great harvest. Having our Board members visit and see first hand all that is going on and interact with our onsite team members was a highlight for us here in Honduras! It encouraged our team as well as the Board to be able to interact and plan for the future. Another delightful moment for me personally this month was seeing the parents of one of our teenagers accept Jesus as Lord and be baptized. Sara, the teenager, is a wonderful young lady and has been such a great example for her parents. They have seen not only her transformation, but they have also witnessed the love and acceptance that Sara has received from our church. These things testify to God's great love and compassion and sincerely draw others to Him. Knowing that now Sara can enjoy having her family walking alongside her on her faith journey is just wonderful. I hope these stories are an encouragement to you, our supporters, and that you will continue to pray for God's great harvest!

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