

Mission UpReach

December 2014

For us the year 2014 is going out with a bang. Our new church plant in Santa Rosa is averaging 100+ in attendance. Our year end fundraiser campaign is right on track to meet our goal by December 31st. And 2015 looks very promising as far as what God seems to be putting in place for us to work on during the year.

In January we are having our very first Bible camp for kids. We have invited 60 children, almost all who are from public schools and participate in our DESEO Public School program to go on a four day Bible Camp/Retreat. We anticipate that they and by extension their families will be connected with Jesus and His church as a result. Please keep us in your prayers with this upcoming project.

If you haven't already donated to our year end campaign please consider doing so in order for us to make the most of the \$2 for every \$1 challenge fund offer.

Bendiciones,
Phil Waldron



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Regional Leader's Retreat with Dr. Howard Norton

Dr. Howard Norton led a group of church leaders from across the western region in a three day retreat this past month. What an incredible experience it was for our group of men, who are leading small congregations in our region, to be able to sit at the feet of Brother Norton who literally has a lifetime of experience to share. His practical approach to managing and resolving conflict within a congregation among brethren was an added bonus for our attendees.

Here are some comments made by our team about their personal experience in participating in the event:

Arístides Sánchez: *The event met my expectations. The part that really impacted me was the part where we talked about how to study the Bible with the intention of knowing me personally knowing God better instead of only preparing a lesson to give to someone else. It dawned on me that I first need to apply what I am studying to myself and after I have done that I should apply it to others. I was also impacted by our study of Paul's personal prayers that we encounter in Scripture. I am convinced that his prayers should serve as a model for us.*

Juan Carlos de Los Santos: *I understood, from my time at the retreat, exactly what God wants from me. Brother Norton is a great servant of God. I am still*

meditating on one passage from Jeremiah 12:1,2 that he shared with us during our time together.

Jeremías Santos: *Brother Norton's experience and his form of speaking with clarity and directness while giving the classes was a great blessing for my life.*



Year-End Fundraiser to Raise \$300,000 for 2015

NOW IF THE FOOT SHOULD SAY, BECAUSE I AM NOT A HAND, I DO NOT BELONG TO THE BODY," IT WOULD NOT FOR THAT REASON STOP BEING PART OF THE BODY.



We are thankful for feet...feet that carry the good news...feet that hold up the weary...feet that walk the narrow way.



Our year-end fundraiser was kicked off in the Fall by a small group of dedicated Mission UpReach supporters committing \$200,000 in matching funds for the campaign. We are well on our way to making the goal by year's end.

In this time of year as you begin to think about your year end giving to various causes we want to invite you to consider giving to the \$2 for every \$1 campaign that we have going on. The Challenge Fund will match your gift with \$2 for every \$1 that you give up to \$200,000.

Please give some prayerful thought to your participation in this fundraiser. We value your support. A gift from you means we receive up to 3 times the amount of your gift. There are two easy ways to give to this effort. You can go online at our website at www.missionupreach.com and donate via PayPal or you can send a check to our sponsoring church at: Mission UpReach, Campus View church of Christ, 196 Alps Road, Suite 2-395, Athens, GA 30606

You are an invaluable member of the work that goes on through Mission UpReach in Honduras. We can only confront the extreme needs that we are greeted with every day by knowing that you are working right along with us. Your prayers and gifts sustain this vital work on a daily basis. Please consider adding to your contribution by donating to our Year-End Fundraising Campaign.



I A small group of dedicated supporters has a commitment of \$200,000 to challenge funds in order to help us reach our goal. That means that for every dollar that you donate the challenge fund will match your \$1 with \$2. Please help us realize this goal and offer with your donation towards the \$300,000 goal for this year's campaign.

- Yes, I will help. Enclosed is my gift in the amount of \$_____ to please more churches.
- Yes, I will help on a monthly basis in the amount of \$_____ per month.
- Yes, I will help by making a campaign pledge. Enclosed is: \$_____ as partial fulfillment and \$_____ my full pledge amount.

Two easy ways to give...

Go to our website at www.missionupreach.com or call us at 706-533-1111. Mail this form with a check to: Mission UpReach



Boot Camp during vacation time

We held another Boot Camp the first week in December that included many young men who are studying and/or attending school during the school year (December and January are vacation months from school here). The group studied the New Testament books of James and 1 Peter. There were a total of 29 participants plus facilitators/instructors. Two of the 29 participants came from Lejamani in the Department of La Paz where we held our last evangelistic campaign to help plant a new church in that community.



For those of us here at Team Mission UpReach these two young men represent the ideal recruits for the Boot Camp Leadership Training Program. They are new Christians in a newly established congregation who are learning the basics of Bible study and Biblical doctrine combined with practical public speaking, preaching and worship leading skills. These young men along with another brother who has already graduated from our Boot Camp Series are the "ministry team" for the congregation in Lejamani. In spite of their youth they are working as self-supporting evangelists and ministers in their community while attending school. This is our goal...to produce 100's and eventually 1000's of young men and women who are Biblically trained and equipped in practical leadership skills so that they can lead the local church in their own community.



Emotional Intelligence Workshop

Tim Heath, an elder at the Burnt Hickory church of Christ, taught a one-day seminar for all of our Team Mission UpReach employees and full time volunteers that was well received. The topic was "Emotional Intelligence" and did a great deal, according to the feedback from the participants, to help them work on their relationship skills, conflict resolution skills and their team-building skills. We continue to provide these types of opportunities via inservice training (about four per year) for our team members in order to help us be more effective and more efficient as church planters, evangelists, and ministers. Thank you Tim Heath for your service in this area.





A Note from Donna:

As many of you know, Phil suffered this past month from a bout of Dengue Fever, a mosquito-borne virus. We had several days of deep concern as his platelet count dropped. Many, from different parts of the world, were praying, for which we are very grateful. It is very encouraging to us to know that we have prayer partners around the world. Thanks be to God, he is fully recovered and back in action. We were privileged to host a small group from the North Atlanta church, the congregation where Phil and I, along with our children, spent 17 years. We consider the North Atlanta church our family and have many fond memories of our time there. It was from there we first decided to respond to the call to go into foreign missions. It was such a pleasure for us to host some of the individuals who were a part of our early spiritual journey and who have continued to support us over the years. While they did marvelous things in the lives of the children they touched, they also encouraged us personally. It was an honor and pleasure to be able to share with them firsthand the many things God is doing here.

North Atlanta Sends Group for VBS, Basketball Camp & Mural Painting

It was a pleasure to host a group from the North Atlanta church. Bobby McVey, who does graphic design for Mission UpReach as a volunteer, put together this group who Phil and Donna Waldron have known for 30 years. It was wonderful to have fellowship with them while they served our community here in Santa Rosa with a VBS geared toward public school kids who participate in our DLSLO ministry.

In addition to the VBS, a subgroup of the larger group painted a mural and other graphics on the walls in our local church's Sunday school area. Scott Galloway (on staff at the NA church over their sports outreach ministry) held a basketball camp for 50 of our public school children from the DESEO program. It was a week packed full of activity and productivity and one we know will produce long-term results from the seeds that were planted.



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.

You Can Correspond Directly with us contacting us at:

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