



Honduras 2016 - Mission Report

This is a mission report and a giant "Thank You!" to all who prayed for us as we traveled to Honduras, March 14 - 20, 2016, on a spiritual adventure to follow the Lord's leading about establishing an orphanage and kid's ministry in the village of Concepcion del Sur, in conjunction with three kid's events in three different villages, sharing the Gospel and loving on the kids.

OVERVIEW

[1] There were five of us on the team, four from Fort Smith, AR and our leader in the field, a missionary to Honduras, who was our driver, translator, and led the children's ministry events.

[2] We stayed two days and two nights with a Honduran family, in their home, experiencing the local culture and hospitality in ways short term mission teams seldom do. But this is also the family with the vision and desire to start the orphanage so we needed to get to know them, their vision, and their hearts. We held children's event #1 at their home on the patio.

[3] We traveled the next day with three members of that family to visit another family three hours away who, supported by the mission sending agency XMA, have established a school and mission sending ministry. They also have found a desirable spiritual covering and legal, administrative way to establish a Honduran version of a 501c3, to protect stewards who want to sow into the ministry there, but want to do due diligence in ensuring the funds invested would serve kingdom purposes for foreseeable generations. Bringing these two families together was a divine appointment and the information they shared was key to the proposed mission going forward. May their future relationships with each other be fruitful in every way possible. Amen. We held children's event #2 near their home in the village school.

[4] The following day, we said our goodbyes and prayed with the Munoz family in their home holding hands before Mr. Munoz led us 30 minutes up further into the mountains to see their church which is under construction, oddly enough with some help by an Asian mission-sending church in our city of Fort Smith! We visited with neighbors, and heard the project report from some of the members. We prayed with some who greeted us and had needs. And we prayed for the church before leaving Concepcion for San Pedro Sula and a night of rest and reflection. Besides the beautiful mountain scenery all about us, we were also treated to a refreshing visit to a 100' waterfall near the Munoz home, and lunch beside a very large, blue, fresh-water lake with a mountain backdrop for a killer view an hour along our way.

[5] The next day was a long, 4-hour drive on our recreation day as we visited the famous Mayan ruins of Copan, birthplace of the famous Mayan calendar, and got in position for our last kid's event scheduled for the following day. We also visited a church along the way in a village served by a long swinging bridge, and learned more about what the Spirit of the Lord is doing with the church and people of Honduras. The hotel was charming and nice. Ken had told us that even though it cost only \$15/night, it had WIFI and hot water. It had WIFI. :)

[6] The next day after devotions and breakfast, our team took a 30 minute horse-back ride to a high Mayan village where we saw something akin to a North American Indian village and held kid's event #3 before visiting with some of the village people, playing with kids, walking down their steep paths, and riding our horses back to the hotel to drive 4 hours back to San Pedro Sula.

[7] Sunday morning we arose early, had breakfast with missionary Ken and his beautiful family, and headed for the airport after a group prayer. All travel coming and going was uneventful, if very early and very late at times. :) Customs was a breeze, because we had "letters" saying our bags contained items for churches, children, and the poor. Indeed we were carried along by the Spirit the whole time and I think we all had a sense of it, albeit there was also spiritual warfare sometimes near and about. Spiritual opposition, and a successful mission, is why we are indeed grateful for your prayers on our behalf, and behalf of the people and the kingdom in Honduras. Thank you!! From the bottom of our hearts!! His peace be yours in abundance. Amen.

SPECIFICS

[1] We witnessed thirty-three children ask Jesus into their hearts in three events, and beside the lake.

- [2] One young boy who was selling his wares and stopped at our lunch table by the lake, struck up a conversation, one thing led to another, and he prayed to accept Jesus into his heart. :) Beautiful, peaceful, sincere, and amazing!
- [3] Some gifts and support were sown into peoples lives along the way, both to kingdom ministers and to the poor.
- [4] Many prayers were prayed during and apart from the ministry times by team members as led by the Spirit to various individuals with needs. Sheila with the women and child in the slums, and Amy in the Mayan women's home come to mind.
- [5] All hurdles were cleared to continue on with the project, going slowly and paying attention to the relationships involved.
- [6] Plans and drawings for the proposed orphanage were viewed and shared for further collaboration.
- [7] Three of our five person team experienced Honduras for the first time, getting to sense the Lord's heart for the church, the people, and the culture.
- [8] Two of our team experienced short term foreign missions for the first time.
- [9] We all witnessed the Spirit work through each other. :)
- [10] We made new kingdom, Honduran friends of the Munoz family, the Hernandez family, and the Harrell family.
- [11] A "Proclaimer" solar audio Bible in Spanish was sown into the church at San Jose de Pane, to be carried by local missionaries and pastors into the neighboring mountains where many of the people can't read.
- [12] Twelve large boxes of clothes, shoes, Bibles, food, drink, Gospel bracelets, and Faith Bears, were distributed due to our team going.
- [13] We received a great deal in love, hospitality, and invaluable information from the church leaders at San Jose de Pane, and were able to encourage them personally and in their ministry with some support as well.
- [14] Witnessed there: One of the greatest witnesses of the Lord's presence and reality is His same presence with His people across the globe and cultures. Instant friendships, around the One, and around the Word. Amazing, beautiful.
- [15] Heard personal testimony of supernatural healing by a believer in Copan Ruins Village.
- [16] Tooth brushes and tooth paste and flashlights distributed to children and adults at the Mayan Village near Copan donated by a local dentist who just returned himself from Guatemala on a short term mission trip.
- [17] Our team prayed over a special little girl in a wheelchair in the Mayan village, who was born with a tumor on her spine, and had little use of her legs. She had such a sweet smile and deep, peaceful eyes.
- [18] A big box of tracts "The Gospel of John" in Spanish were left at our San Pedro hotel to an eager reception staff who exclaimed, "Our customer's love these." "We'll keep putting them out nicely arranged on the front desk till they

are gone." I guess that wouldn't have happened without our going? :) In other words, the Spirit was doing more than we'll ever know on this side, with our obedience, our going, and in answer to your prayers! :)

[19] Dwayne sat by a young woman on the flight down who with her husband and adopted teen age son on his first mission trip were going from their house church in San Antonio TX to serve and upstart orphanage in LaCeiba.

Information and contact information was exchanged. Too much a coincidence!

[20] We met a Canadian at a coffee shop from Vancouver who with his wife had been there two years distributing food to the poor from an international agency. We shared our spiritual back grounds and journeys that led us to Honduras, and our amazement that God seemed to be seeding so many people and support to Honduras. Again, His heart and hand seems to be turned to Honduras, and Central America.

[21] The Canadian was actually at the bank in that shopping place to withdraw some money to take a little fourteen year old Honduran girl from their house church to the hospital because she had broken her arm playing at school and couldn't afford medical care.

[22] We heard from Ken about a wealthy family from Detroit, I believe, who come to him bringing their own kids, and some from their community each year with thousands of children's shoes, making a line of chairs in different villages, washing each child's feet, and praying for them, before putting clean socks and new shoes on them, many of whom have no shoes at all.

[23] Our horse-back trail guide, Oskar, asked the team if we might have a Bible for him. Steve and Sheila were able to hand him a nice, leather-bound Bible in Spanish. On the spot. :)

[24] Steve, I believe as did the rest of our team, spoke a word of encouragement and prophecy over a young teen who stepped out of the crowd of children at the Mayan village to read for the other children from the Bible. We all remarked that he spoke a Mayan dialect, Spanish, and English "better than we do." :) That he would be used by the Lord to share the good news of Jesus, preaching and teaching the Gospel, a leader among his people. Lord, bless Milton. May it be so.

[25] And yes, with all the successes, and there are more, we also had the enemy come against some of us personally and threaten unity on our team. But I was and am so proud of each one on our team for fighting in their own realm not to let him win, and to continue to fight the good fight of faith. Against considerable odds, I'd say, we won.

[26] Each of us knows how intense the attacks were, and how without the Spirit helping us, we wouldn't have prevailed. He saved the day and the mission. It's beautiful and miraculous in our sight, and He continues to bring to us strength, purification, and healing from it. Amazing! The LORD our God is Mighty! He answers prayer. He cares about the mission, and He cares about His friends.

Again, we are grateful for your support more than we can say. And we'll all be equally amazed on the other side, when we really know what all He did in response to your prayers. :) If what I've recorded is the tip of the iceberg, and I believe it is, well then???

Shalom to you and yours, in His mighty Name,

Dwayne



A short video of our trip by Ken. Enjoy!