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## Mission Newsletter

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### August 1, 2010 Update

#### Report on our May trip to Honduras

Our May trip to Honduras was filled with activities—some anticipated and others unplanned. I had the unexpected pleasure to speak at the Mother's Day program and luncheon hosted by the JMA clinic. I encouraged the mothers in our nutrition program to realize that the most important gift they can give their children is spiritual awareness and stability. While the nutrition program helps meet physical needs for families and undernourished children, our focus is always on the spiritual needs that are eternal. After my devotional thoughts and during the luncheon conversation, many of the mothers expressed appreciation for the things I shared. The evangelism and outreach program at the clinic has been reorganized, and as a result many Bible studies are occurring with clinic patients and clients.

The primary purpose of the trip was to teach a class at the annual Baxter Seminar. I taught for about four hours on only one day of the seminar. My assigned topic was, "The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Growth of the Early Church." I chose to approach the topic through the book of Acts, surveying all of the passages that deal with the work of the Holy Spirit.

Each year Seminario gives the opportunity to renew friendships with past graduates and to meet new friends and students. I spoke at the graduates' luncheon and enjoyed hearing updates about the good works in which our graduates are involved all across Latin America. Most of those who attend Seminario are from Central America, and I was encouraged by the work being done in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala, and across Honduras. The receptivity of Latin America is seen in the results of the June campaign by Baxter students in Choluteca—50 baptisms and 21 restorations.

It seems that an unavoidable part of most of my trips to Honduras is meetings. I was involved in meetings about the Pan-American Lectureship which will be held in Honduras this year, graduation details and arrangements, new mission projects, future mission trips, and the possibility of some combined and integrated efforts in Latin America in the future.

During the trip, I was blessed to be able to preach at Los Pinos and also at the Kennedy congregation. Both sermons were designed to help the local church understand its identity and

mission, and to renew efforts to be God's presence in their communities. (More details of the trip are available on the website: <a href="www.bobyoungresources.com">www.bobyoungresources.com</a>. Check out the menu bar on the upper right to link to mission reports and travelogues.)

#### **Upcoming Ministry Plans**

Jan and I will spend most of August in Michigan assisting the **Holmes Road church in Lansing** with an interim ministry need. We worked with this church for a little over 11 years in the 1970s and 1980s and look forward to being with them and assisting them during this interim period. We will be at Holmes Road for four Sundays, returning to Oklahoma in time to preach on the last Sunday of August. This sermon will technically mark the end of my full-time ministry role at the **Main and Oklahoma church** although we will continue to work with this good church in a part-time role. While we will continue to help with education, small group, and mission efforts locally, this transition means that our ministry focus will become broader with more opportunities for involvement in other congregations, domestic missions, and international missions.

Our fall schedule includes two special series in churches in Oklahoma and Arkansas, several mission and ministry meetings, and at least three trips to Honduras. The Peru trip which I had mentioned in past reports has been delayed until 2011.

#### Thank You for your Prayers and Support!



We received special gifts from the Edmond church of Christ and from the Main and Oklahoma church for our May trip. We are thankful for the continued help of the North Side church in Mena, Arkansas. If you would like to be involved in our work or are seeking a specific work you can connect with, please let us know. A little goes a long way. We provide regular financial reports to all who ask.

We are always thankful for the prayers and support of our friends and readers, and for your love for missions. We are grateful for the opportunity God has given us to be

involved in the spread of the kingdom in Latin America.

Tax deductible contributions may be made payable to *Main and Oklahoma Church of Christ*, marked "Bob and Jan Missions" and sent to **1108 Ono Ct, McAlester, OK 74501**.

Que Dios le bendiga (may God bless you), Bob and Jan Young

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Picture descriptions: the picture on this page is an overview of Tegucigalpa, capital city of Honduras, home of Baxter Institute. [I apologize that there are not more pictures in this report—I hope you are encouraged by the detailed reports. I promise more pictures next time.]