



**2010: The Year in Review**  
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As 2010 draws to a close, we send you greetings for the holiday season and for a happy, healthy, and spiritually prosperous New Year. We hope this report finds you doing well in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Sitting back and taking a long look is helpful. At the end of the year, we often look backward, attempting to understand what God has done and reviewing the many ways God has blessed us with open doors and opportunities to serve. That is the purpose of this final report for 2010. Our first report in 2011 will preview some of the exciting things on the horizon.



As most of our spiritual family—brothers and sisters in Christ, friends, coworkers, and supporters—know, 2010 has been a pivotal year in our lives. In late summer, we concluded our full-time local church ministry and began the shift from local church ministry to a broader ministry of service and missions in a variety of locations. *[At left is our new web logo which is included on many of our web pages. The logo was designed by Susan Williams and reflects other artwork included on the website.]*

During 2010, Bob spoke at numerous special events, workshops and missions emphasis Sundays. These involved several Oklahoma congregations (including a visit to the Iglesia de Cristo at Park Plaza in Tulsa for their fourth anniversary), leadership and mission events in Michigan, and a gospel meeting in Arkansas. Bob preached for the Holmes



Road church in Lansing, Michigan on six weekends

as we assisted them with interim ministry planning. Bob also continued his work as chairman of the board of Baxter Institute and was on campus in Honduras three times during the year. In May we made a mission trip to Honduras to teach at Seminario Baxter (*picture, above right*) and also had the privilege of preaching at Iglesia de Cristo—Kennedy in Tegucigalpa (*picture, left*). Bob spoke at the Pan-American Lectureship in November, sharing a textual



study of the book of Galatians as a missionary manual. Finally, Bob returned to Honduras in December for the annual board meeting and Baxter graduation.

Sitting and writing about those events, we note that they do not look like much on paper. Coupled with eight months of local ministry during the first part of the year, they grow in size. And when we remember how tired we were during some parts of the last four months of the year, they seem even larger. The story is larger than a series of bullet points, but the following summary statements provide an overview of what we are doing.

- We are strengthening churches in the US and across Latin America through a ministry of teaching and preaching. We are personally participating in mission work by preaching and teaching in schools, churches, and various other places in Latin America.
- We are increasing awareness of missions among the churches, and strengthening the mission outreach of the church, especially regarding Latin America.
- In our work at Baxter Institute, we prepare effective ministers and missionaries for evangelism and church planting. (One 2010 Baxter graduate was personally responsible for teaching and converting to Christ over 200 during his four years at Baxter).
- In the work at the JMA (Baxter) Clinic, we provide health care and nutritional needs. The 2011 projections are for 16000 patient contacts and regular assistance to 100 families who struggle with malnutrition for their children.
- We are strengthening churches in the US and across Latin America with seminars focused on Bible study, leadership, ministry, small groups, and missions.
- We help churches in special ministry settings, especially those needing interim ministry.
- We continue an active writing ministry, including our website where resources for ministry and missions are made available.

Our involvement in mission work requires three or four foreign mission trips each year. Funds we receive are used exclusively as working funds for these trips and to help with needs in Latin America. Every contributor receives a regular financial accounting, overseen by the Main and Oklahoma Church of Christ in McAlester, OK. [Tax-deductible contributions may be made out to the church and sent to 1108 Ono Ct, McAlester, OK 74501.]

Que Dios les bendiga,

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*[overview of the city of Tegucigalpa, which is situated in a valley]*