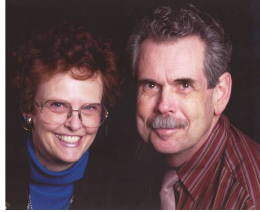


***“ESPERANZA ETERNA”***  
***Bringing Hope for Eternity to Latin America and Beyond***



## **Mission Newsletter**

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### **2011: A Busy Beginning**

Our December 2010 report summarized the past year and promised a preview of 2011 events in the next newsletter. We begin this report by mentioning some of the things that have already occurred this year and then preview upcoming plans.

The first Sunday of 2011 we attended the **area-wide worship service at the Southeast Oklahoma Expo Center** at McAlester. This combined effort of several area churches brings together Christians from many different congregations for worship and praise. We were able to visit with several folks we had not seen recently. **Don Cherry**, preacher at Poteau, Oklahoma delivered the lesson.

That same week, we attended a congregational breakfast with the **North Side church in Mena, Arkansas**, and Bob spoke at the leadership meeting which followed. We are helping this church think through various leadership and ministry dynamics. This church is one of our regular supporters.

The last two weeks of January we were back with the **Holmes Road church in Lansing, Michigan**, finalizing our interim ministry and assisting with the installation of the new minister. This visit presented several opportunities for evangelism with three baptisms. I had the privilege of baptizing **Corey McGhee**, an MSU student (pictured at right). This church has also assisted with our mission work.



In February I preached at the **Iglesia de Cristo—Park Plaza in Tulsa**, and at **Main and Oklahoma in McAlester**. I taught the Early Bird Bible class at the **Edmond church of Christ**, and met again with the church leadership at **North Side in Mena**. Along with these formal presentations, I met with mission committee chairs, spoke to those interested in missions, and told the story of Baxter.



### **Concluding a Significant Project**

As most of you know, an important part of our work centers around **Baxter Institute** and my service as chairman of the board. We reported on the president's house construction project last fall and are pleased to report that the project was fully funded and completed late last year. An interesting thing about construction in Honduras is that the building contractor does not do interior details such as lighting, woodwork, cabinetry, and closets. The board would like to provide new furnishings for the home. The finishing and furnishing projects are almost 40% funded, so there is a need for only a few more funds. ***If you would like***

***to assist with the finalization of this project (finishing or furnishings) contact me for more information.***

## **Mission and Ministry: Some of What Is Ahead**

In March we will be with the **Fort Gibson church of Christ**, providing support and information for a summer mission trip they have planned to Honduras. We worked with this church for eight delightful years, and it will be a unique privilege to preach, tell something of what is happening in Honduras, and to renew our relationship.

Also in March I will meet with Don Calhoun, director of **Quest for Truth (QFT)** evangelistic Bible study materials, to discuss a possible role as coordinator of Spanish outreach efforts. I translated the QFT materials into Spanish about two years ago, and am excited about the possibilities. Please pray about this opportunity.

We will return to **Holmes Road for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** the weekend of March 20. I will become temporary resident historian and have the opportunity to share on Sunday. We also hope to be at the Tulsa Workshop for at least one day.

The last week of March we leave for **Guatemala** where we have several activities planned. We will meet with the church in **San Lorenzo** where we assisted with a campaign two years ago. They have suffered great loss with the death of **Carl Heffington**, a U.S. citizen who lived in Guatemala for part of the year and provided support and encouragement. We also plan to spend time with **Raul Tercero** in the work at **Milpas Altas**. Along the way, we will sharpen linguistic skills, and I hope to meet with some North American missionaries who are working in the area. Before we return to the U.S. about mid-April, I will teach at the preacher training school in Guatemala City, speak at a weekend leadership seminar, and preach at **Los Pinares**.

May will likely include a trip to **Baxter** for Seminario; in June I am scheduled to be part of the **Main and Oklahoma** mission trip to Honduras. Other plans are being developed and are on the horizon, some yet to be finalized, but those will have to wait until the next report. Please pray about open doors.

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



*I would be honored to share the Baxter story with you or your congregation firsthand.* If you would like to participate in a 2011 mission trip, contact me as soon as possible—I will try to help you connect with a group. If you want to get involved in our mission work or are seeking a specific project you can help with, please contact us. It has become apparent recently that the cost of travel is increasing rapidly with rising fuel costs for the airlines and an effort on their part to increase revenues. We are thankful for your support, and pray that others will participate to make possible our ministry and mission effort. We appreciate your prayers and your love for missions. We are grateful for the opportunity

to be involved in the spread of the kingdom in Latin America.

Tax deductible contributions for this mission work 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**. We provide regular financial reports to all contributors and all who ask.

*Que Dios le bendiga (may God bless you),*

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*The picture above is an overview of Tegucigalpa, capital city of Honduras, home of Baxter Institute. I love this picture because it reminds me of the multitudes around the world who are without Jesus and without eternal hope.*