



The Good News of Jesus is the hope of the world!

--Bob Young

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HOPE FOR HONDURAS

Honduras is one of the poorest nations in the world. The physical needs of the people are great; the challenges at times overwhelming. In the midst of such poverty and almost hopeless conditions, one cannot help but be impressed by the spirit of the Honduran people and their receptivity to the gospel.

The work of the Honduran Bible School (Escuela Biblia Honduras, or EBH) in Catacamas, Olancho, Honduras began almost 25 years ago with a dream brought to reality in part through the support of the church in Lansing, Michigan. (I remember our first "Missions Sunday" in 1980 during my ministry there.)

The goal for EBH was to train preachers, plant churches, and evangelize the rural mountainous area around Catacamas. A quarter of a century later, Catacamas is a beehive of activity among churches of Christ with medical care (Predisan), addiction rehabilitation, orphanages, an elementary school, and other continuing projects. Today there are over 40 congregations in the state of Olancho and the process of church planting and evangelizing continues.



Hurricane Mitch left much of Honduras in ruins. The outpouring of resources from the U.S. opened many doors. One preacher who did an excellent job of turning those resources into contacts for Christ and new churches is **Chendo Antunez**, preacher in Santa Maria del Real.

After Hurricane Mitch, I and a group of students from Ohio Valley College assisted with the construction of a more adequate **church building at Santa Maria**. Continuing efforts have resulted in churches in several small surrounding villages, including Jicaro Gordo, Arimis, La Mansion, and now San Isidro.



In 2004 I organized a small group of 13 from the church in McAlester, Oklahoma. We helped with various projects and evangelism in Santa Maria and Arimis. There were 8 baptisms during the week. In 2005, a follow-up trip had 42 workers involved in VBS, evangelism, pouring floors, and making blocks. A campaign in Santa Maria del Real along with other evangelistic efforts resulted in 42 baptisms. We also continued evangelism in Arimis. The church in Arimis had been meeting on the patio of one of the members, but **construction on a church building in Arimis** began earlier in 2006. The building is right across from the soccer fields with high visibility.

In July 2006 a mission team of about 25 will provide continuing support for these works. As I did last year, I will teach a seminar at EBH for preachers from the area. Approximately 50 preachers will attend, many traveling a day or two from the mountains to be present. My assigned topic is leadership development in the local church. We solicit your prayers and support. Funds are needed continuously for this good evangelistic work. I plan to have a full report on the results of this trip in the next issue.

Make contributions to **Edmond Church of Christ** and earmark **Bob Young—Honduras**. Mail to **Bob and Jan Young, 205 Ainsley Ct, Edmond, OK 73034**.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN LATIN AMERICA

Each December, we go to Honduras to help with the work of Association Amicus and to attend graduation at Baxter Institute. With almost 500 graduates and a continuing student count of 60-80, Baxter is training preachers for Latin America. Students come from all over Latin America with a dozen or more Latin American countries represented in the student body each year. We sometimes turn students away for lack of funds or room. Although the 2006 academic year began in Honduras in January, there are still a few students who do not have a sponsor. Perhaps this is something you or your church could help with. It costs \$450/month to support a single student, \$600/month to support a family. Any amount, either one-time or monthly, will be helpful.



Association Amicus also oversees the work of James Moody Adams Clinic. The work at the clinic provides medical and dental care for the poor while preaching the gospel. Each day begins with a devotional for the patients, and Baxter students teach Bible studies to interested patients. The clinic reaches out to families through its nutrition program. The cost for the nutrition program for a child and family is \$25/month. In addition to food and nutritional counseling, mothers receive vocational training to help them escape the cycle of poverty.



To help with this work, make contributions to **Westover Hills Church of Christ** and earmark for **Association Amicus**. If you want to support a specific aspect of the work, please note that—Institute, Clinic, nutrition program. You may mail to us at the address below or to **Westover Hills Church of Christ, 8332 Mesa Drive, Austin, TX 78759-8118**.

P.S. We are putting together a list of names of those who might like to participate in the December, 2006 trip. If you would like to receive more information, please write us at the address at the bottom of this page, or by email.

Welcome!

With this report we are increasing the circulation of our mission report and update. As a result, we have several new readers. Our intention is to increase awareness of the opportunities God is providing and to help all of us lift our eyes to the harvest. We are amazed at how God has worked in our lives and increased our involvement in missions over the past few years. We hope many others will see fields white unto harvest and also find opportunities for increased involvement in missions, perhaps even going on a mission trip. Because we cannot always go personally, we sometimes highlight special places, works, and needs where your contributions and prayers can make a difference.

We send reports to various friends and churches. If someone sees this report and wants to be added to the mailing list, we will gladly do that. If you don't want a couple of pages of reading material from time to time, we'll gladly take your name off.

The Lord continues to bless his people with tremendous opportunities! Souls are being saved, lives are being changed.

To contribute to any of these works, make contributions payable to **Edmond Church of Christ** and indicate the work you want to support. Please mail to **Bob and Jan Young, 205 Ainsley Ct, Edmond, OK 73034**. This helps us track contributions, write thank yous, provide periodic updates, and make certain your contributions are applied as you desire. You may communicate by email: bob.young@oc.edu or drbobyong@mmind.net.