

# Tegu Talk

## & North Coast News

Newsletter of Jim and Teri Riley, missionaries, making disciples & planting churches in Honduras, Central America

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New Followers of Jesus  
baptized by Gabriel & Josh



# Seeking the Lost

## Beyond our Horizons

A young pastor planting a new church in the department of Yoro, and a member of Roca de Refugio working with families and children in villages about 30 minutes from the capital have something in common. They are some of several people who have taken our studies and ran with them.

We produce several different series of discovery Bible studies on laminated cards. They are designed to get small groups of people reading and talking about the Bible. Just last month we met with people from three very different churches that are interested in using our materials. We want to see a large harvest and that means recruiting seed sowers from many different places. These people take our studies beyond our oversight or control. However the seed they sow and the disciple they make grow the Kingdom of God.

## Christmas at Loma de Luz

The Loma de Luz Hospital gives a Christmas banquet to their employees every year. This is one of Rony Moncada's new responsibilities as hospital administrator. Cinthia, Rony's wife, enlisted Teri, Lucy and Oscar (hospital counselors) to help with the banquet this year. We Rileys helped with music, transportation, decorations and assembling the gift baskets. The message of Christ was preached, as some of the employees have yet to follow Jesus.



The following day was the church's Christmas program. Since the meeting hall for the hospital was all decorated, we were given permission to use the hall for the church's program and potluck dinner. The youth and children did a great job at their very first Christmas drama. It was quite a challenge since "off stage" was just a closet. Several laughed when Teri announced at the end, "Everyone can come out of the closet now."



## Caroling North & South

Christmas caroling each December 24th has become the annual tradition in both Roca de Refugio (Rock of Refuge) and Piedra Angular (Cornerstone Christian) churches. The Rileys were in Tegucigalpa and joined the group from Roca de Refugio. The Moncadas led the charge in the north coast again this year. Over 30 families and their neighbors enjoyed old and new songs about the birth of our Deliverer and King Jesus Christ. These joyful processions present a great contrast to the dead end party scene for the youth. Accompanied by guitars, sleigh bells and all kinds of percussion, we all enjoyed singing in the streets of Honduras about the birth of the One born to save us all.

## First "Fogatas" on the North Coast

Heroes from the books of Daniel and Esther trod a soccer field on a Saturday night late last year. Over 80 youth from the five communities that are near Hospital Loma de Luz, arrived on time to play games, practice and perform Bible dramas and make new friends. We actually lit a fogata, [campfire], on the beach but there was just too much mud and too many youth to make the trek feasible. We really were not prepared for the turn out to be so high. Rony/Cinthia, Heather, Joe/Cortney, Belinda, several missionary kids and a visiting missionary, Miguel worked hard along side the Rileys and a few church members to make the night special. The second Fogata, postponed three weeks because of the rains, will be kindled today. We have enlisted the help of more Loma de Luz missionary families and singles. Here is the twist, we Riley's won't be there, as we are in Tegus getting the mission house at the retreat center ready for our first team. The theme is "Against the Current". We hope to encourage the youth who come with the stories of Caleb and Rehab from the pages of Judges.





## RdR Celebrates 16 Years

Anniversaries are always a time of nostalgia for me, especially church anniversaries. Remembering church members who have been sent to other countries, remembering church members who now are walking those golden streets in heaven, and remembering the different places that Roca de Refugio has moved to over the years.

November 13th this second church plant celebrated its 16th anniversary. Church leaders worked very hard to make it a very special day for the church. A church across town was invited to share in the festivities. Special music from the visiting church, dramas and a delicious potluck dinner made for a memorable day. Jim preached. Jeni and Jimmy both played and sang in the church band.

Roca de Refugio has come a long way since that first meeting sixteen years ago in our living room. Our children have grown up in that church. Several friends have gotten married in the church. We have seen many struggling couples decide to stay together. It has been a delight to see so many people give their lives to the Lord. We have seen God's faithfulness, guidance, and love and are looking forward to the next sixteen years!

## Ladies Day Conference

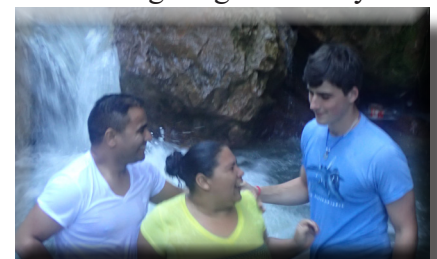
Five churches participated in the Women's City Wide Day Conference on January 21st. The first church plant, *Cuerpo de Cristo*, hosted around 100 women from all over Tegucigalpa. The theme, "At His Feet", ran throughout the main sessions, small group classes, workshops and game times. From 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each precious lady learned to find her identity and the solution to her problems at the feet of Jesus.



## 4 Baptisms in the Capital

*Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38*

On January 15th four people surrendered themselves to God for the forgiveness of their sins and receive the gift of God's Spirit into their lives. The leadership team has been giving Discovery Bible Studies in Jose Mejia, Lourdes and Yensy's homes on Wednesday night. When in Tegucigalpa our kids have enjoyed participating in those studies. Geovanny, at the time was engaged to Silma who has been attending *Roca de Refugio* since the church met in the building downtown around 2003. The two were married in February. These are the first fruit of 2017 but we pray for an even greater harvest as we continue to sow the seeds of God's Word.



# In the Heart of Honduras



*See you there and/or here!*

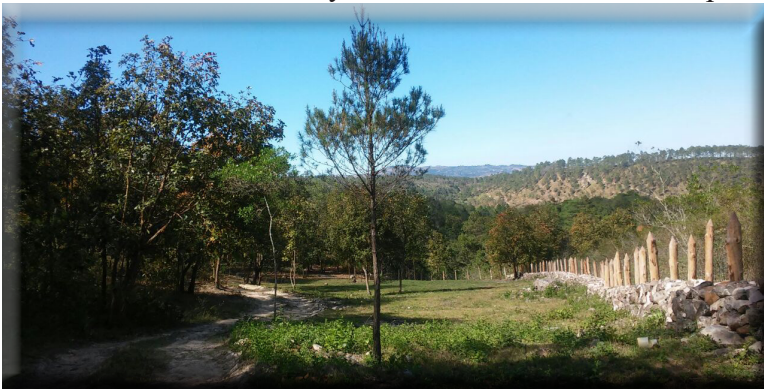
The Rileys will be going on furlough in the fall. We want to meet with as many churches and support team as possible. If you or your church would like a visit and presentation please contact us as soon as possible to work out a date.



As the *Las Crucitas* Retreat Center/mission house is becoming operational, our ability to host teams has returned. If you feel God nudging you to come give us a hand we would love to plan a trip for your group. We would love to have you come minister along side us and our church.

Visiting teams enjoy a challenging cross cultural missions experience as they participate in ministry with Honduran Christians, make new friends, visit Honduran homes, participate in discovery Bible studies, share the difference Christ makes in their lives, and do some sort of physical labor or construction project.

We still have room for teams in April May and June and the first week of July for 2017, and 2018 is wide open.



## **Praise & Prayer checklist:**

### *Praise the Lord with us for:*

- His grace that is greater than all our sin!
- Four more baptisms in Tegucigalpa!
- The women's day conference in the capital!
- God's provision in 2016.
- CRC hosts its first team next week!
- We are all healthy and excited about 2017.

### *Please pray with us for:*

- Teri's dad, Jim Anthony, will have open heart triple or quadruple bypass surgery in the coming days.
- God's wisdom when planning and building.
- The marriages in our team both on the north coast and in the capital.
- Jeni and Josh as they will be leaving in July to study in the States.
- More men to come to and grow in Christ.
- Disciples who make more disciples.
- The short term teams planning for 2017 & 2018.
- Our furlough beginning at the end of July.

## **Support Team**

Checks for the work can be made out to Nortonville Christian Church with Honduras Mission in the memo and sent to:

**Nortonville Christian Church**

**PO Box 347**

**Nortonville, Kansas 66060**

We pray that you all have a wonderful 2017! We look forward to seeing many of you this year, Lord willing. It is hard to believe it has been four years already since our last furlough. Thanks so much for your continued prayer support and financial support. We love you all in Christ!

*Jim & Teri Riley*