

Tegu Talk

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Construction continues on las Crucitas Retreat Center

Seeking the Lost



Central Seed Sowers' Update

Manuel, Gabriel Yaleni, Marcial and others continue the work in Francisco Morazan (Tegucigalpa's department or state). They are all doing a great job in our absence. God is supplying their every need. Souls continue to come to Christ and are baptized. Worship services and small groups continue throughout the week. We ask that you continue to pray for these seed sowers, that they would not be discouraged but would be refreshed daily in their quiet times with the Lord. Thanks for praying!

"Will You Take This Woman..."

Jim read these famous words to Jorge Manuel on July 29th. Jorge has helped build Rock of Refuge's sanctuary benches several years ago and many other carpenter projects in the church building. He has used his small pick up truck on many errands and outreach activities for the church. He has hosted a Bible study in his home and has attended many couples' activities. However, he still has not given his life to Christ... yet.

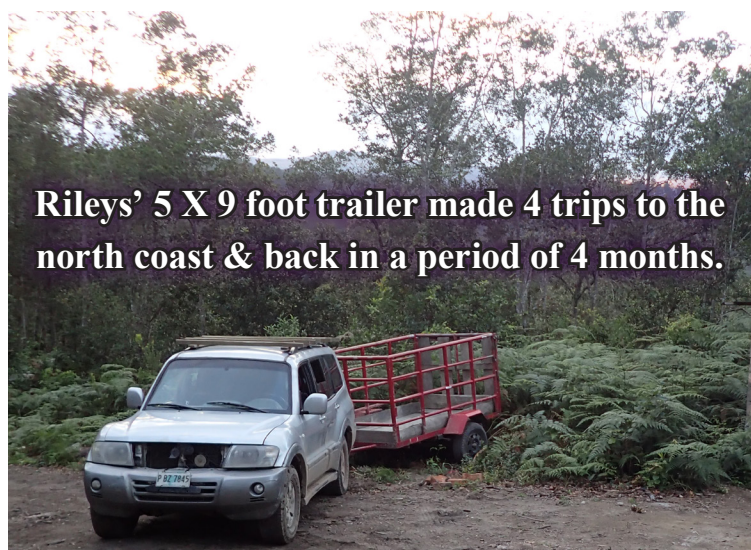
"Behind every great man is a great woman." This is the case for Jorge Manuel in his new bride, Amelia. They together have three adult children and one daughter from a previous marriage. They have lived together for over 30 years and enjoy nine grandkids. Since Amelia's conversion (from Mormonism to Christianity) and baptism in the Rock of Refuge church, she has prayed that Jorge would marry her. After a life-threatening illness, Amelia's prayers became even more fervent. Oh what a happy day it was that Saturday evening as she walked down the aisle to marry the man she had prayed about for so long. She has faith that God will answer her bigger prayer....Jorge's total surrender to Jesus. Will you join her as we pray for Jorge's salvation?

God Gives the Growth up North

In preparation for our furlough and departure from the north coast church plant, on June 24th, some 13 Christians met at the school/church to be equipped in becoming seed sowers using the Discovery Bible Studies. A workshop that lasted five hours, with a meal in between, on a Saturday afternoon is time well spent for the Kingdom. We thank God for these Christians that will continue the work in our absence.

A month later on July 23rd, this same church plant on the north coast, Cornerstone Christian Church, celebrated its second birthday. The time has shockingly flown for this growing church and God is blessing it. It was also our last Sunday there as we turned the leadership over to Rony, Cinthia, Belinda and Celfi to continue (all leaders from the Rock of Refuge church in Tegucigalpa). We know that God has big things in store for this church. Please pray for our "Timothy," Rony Moncada, as he searches for the future elders of this body of believers. We will continue to visit the church occasionally during the coming years, as the Lord wills.

Rileys' 5 X 9 foot trailer made 4 trips to the north coast & back in a period of 4 months.



The Riley's Move Back to Tegus

After two and a half years, we said goodbye to Balfate, Colon on the north coast of Honduras. At the end of July, we packed the last load of our belongings into our little red trailer and returned to the capital of Honduras, Tegucigalpa. It was so very hard to say goodbye to so many new friends. It was especially hard to leave Rony, Cinthia, Belinda, and Celfi, our teammates from the second church plant, Rock of Refuge Christian Church, all of whom God brought to the north coast to serve the Cornerstone Christian Church. We thank God for our time spent in the community of Hospital Loma de Luz (hill of light), and to be able to follow up on some of their amazing work.

God used our car accident on December 15, 2014, that the enemy intended for harm, "to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" Genesis 50:20.

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Victorious Ladies' Conference

Life is not easy for most Honduran women. Many don't know their dad. Some have suffered much at the hand of their husband. Poverty, abuse, and sin have caused many Honduran women to feel anything but victorious. In an effort to change all that, through Christ's willing sacrifice, we hosted the seventh annual women's conference on September 23rd through 25th. God brought two teams of Americans to help with this year's retreat. One team from Connecticut to handle the meals and one team from the Midwest to decorate and teach. Two women (Julisa from the Cornerstone church and Susan from the Rock of Refuge community) decided to follow Christ in baptism. All left, refreshed

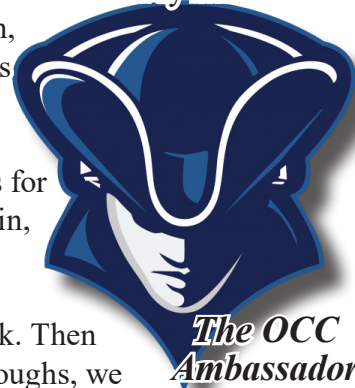


2 Baptisms at National Ladies Conference in September



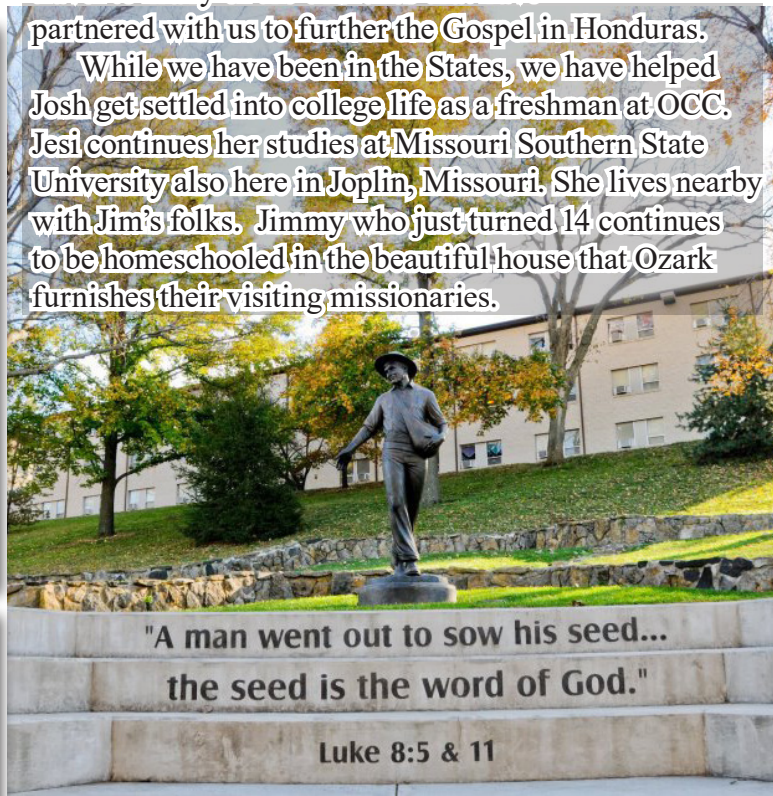
Riley's US Base Camp @ OCC

As many of you know, we have already finished two months of furlough, with two months left to go. This home assignment brought us a new experience. We are the Visiting Intercultural Professors for Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Missouri. In addition to each teaching a class, we live on the O.C.C. campus through the week. Then on the weekends, like most furloughs, we travel to many of the churches that have



partnered with us to further the Gospel in Honduras.

While we have been in the States, we have helped Josh get settled into college life as a freshman at OCC. Jesi continues her studies at Missouri Southern State University also here in Joplin, Missouri. She lives nearby with Jim's folks. Jimmy who just turned 14 continues to be homeschooled in the beautiful house that Ozark furnishes their visiting missionaries.



We don't get to see our daughter, Jeni, as much as we would like. This semester, she is living with my [Teri's] folks in Oklahoma, finishing an online degree from Lincoln Christian University and beginning a nursing degree at Carl Albert State College. It has been a full semester thus far and we are looking forward to what God has for us in this second half.

If we haven't gotten to see you yet and you would like to get together, drop us an e-mail. We would love to see you! We are planning on returning to Honduras at the end of the semester, right before Christmas.

“Not in Kansas Anymore :-)”

Upon arriving in the capital of Honduras, that thought may have been in the minds of the Olathe, Kansas team. This team of men from Olathe Christian got to work immediately on the Crucitas Retreat Center. They accomplished much in the week they were in Honduras. They continued the work on the deck that Northside Christian had started in spring break. They, along with Rock of Refuge Christians, also showed a movie in the small village of “Promises of the Father,” near the retreat center. We look forward to Olathe’s return in 2018. They will be able to see the progress of seeds sown in 2017. Thanks for coming, Olathe!

Praise & Prayer checklist:

Praise the Lord with us for:

- People who continue to give their lives to Christ.
- Our safe arrival to the US and travel to the churches.
- Jesi, Jeni and Josh who are doing well in college, adjusting to their new schedules in a different culture.
- Ozark Christian College and their hospitality.
- The opportunity to share with students here at OCC.
- God using the women’s conference once again to bless women from different churches in Honduras.
- Safe travels for the two US teams that assisted in the conference.
- The three church plants that are doing well.

Please pray with us for:

- The Christians in the three church plants that they will continue to share their faith with friends and family.
- God to grow the Christians in each church plant towards maturity in Him.
- The pain in Jim’s back to go away again.
- The seed sowers, that they will stay encouraged in our absence.
- The four Riley kids as they live and study in the USA.
- Jim, Teri & Jimmy as Jesi, Jeni & Josh will be returning to the US in January.

The Next Chapter

We look forward to living and working in Crucitas, Honduras, on the south edge of Tegucigalpa. It is a small, mountain community fifteen minutes from the highway. The new site for Crucitas Retreat Center continues to grow as the small team of Hondurans from that town, Angel, Samuel, and Josue, continue to build what will be the center of operations for our family. Missionary residence, team house and retreat center, all in one building, has been in construction since April of 2016.

We are beginning to plan the 2018 calendar for the retreat center. We look forward to working with the teams that God will be sending us. If you or your church would like to come help us for a week or two, drop us a note. We are starting to form specific trips, combining individuals from different churches to form teams for specific purposes. Let us know if you are interested in serving along side us through construction, retreats, small groups, children’s ministry. Drop us a note or call us using the contact information on page one.

Support Team

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

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Nortonville, Kansas 66060

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. Thessalonians 3:16

Jim & Teri Riley