

# Tegu Talk

Newsletter of Jim and Teri Riley, missionaries working in church planting in Tegucigalpa, the capital of the Republic of Honduras, Central America.

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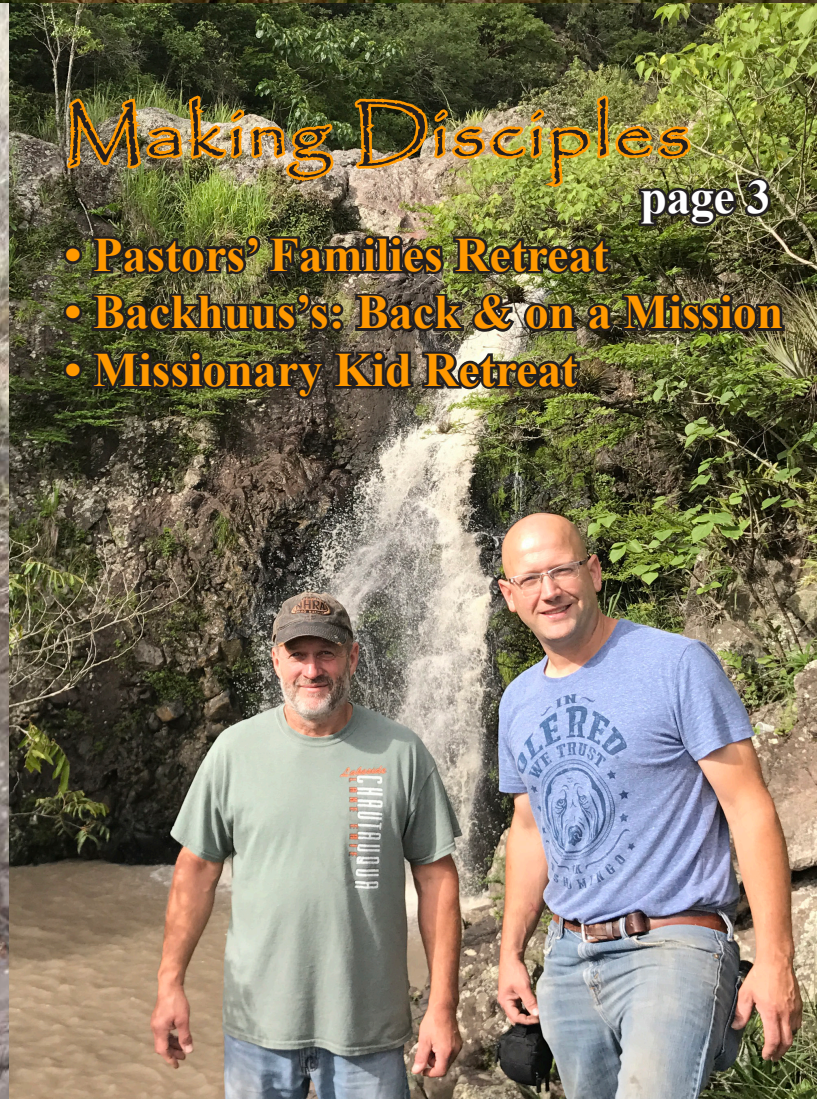
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# Seeking the Lost

## Women's Conferences: Deeper Still 2018

Sept. Siguatepeque & Omoa

In an effort to expand leadership for the International Women's Conferences in September, Teri hosted a first ever pre-conference in June at the CRC (Crucita Retreat Center). This two-day planning retreat brought in women leaders from all over Honduras.

The cool mountains of central Honduras welcomed 95 ladies over the weekend of August 31 - September 2. One week later on the warm north coast in Omoa, 111 women came together to answer the challenge to go deeper still.

For many women these retreats have been a life changing experience. This year Ana Duron, a woman in her 70s, from Tegucigalpa (first church plant), was baptized into Christ. On the first night of both conferences, we encouraged each of the women to examine her heart, and to write the names of those they needed to forgive on pieces of paper which they proceeded to burn. Later, all the ashes were placed in a small "coffin" and buried. Then a beautiful plant was placed on top to illustrate how God uses our willingness to forgive others to free us from enslavement to hatred and resentment.

As in past years, a team from the USA helped with all the details and taught workshops and main sessions as well as decorated both sites. Special thanks to this year's team: Sherri Anderson, Tammy Hill, Julie Garris, Sue, Ronda Rupp, Pam Foster, Amanda Knauss, and Cortney Cash. Such a joy to work with these ladies!

## Team from Grove OK



**July, Tegucigalpa**  
In July a team of youth and youth leaders moved into CRC. They worked hard sanding and painting rooms #3 and #4 upstairs, helped finish the second loft in room #4, and helped with the windows in rooms #1 and #2.

They also helped the 2nd church plant with an afternoon VBS. After visiting 3 schools and inviting street by street, over 100 kids (and many parents) came to learn more about the parables of Jesus.

Ron Riley, Jim's brother, who is the minister in Grove taught the couples at Roca de Refugio. The team also showed a movie in the Promesas village.

Saturday night the team hosted our biggest campfire activity yet here at CRC with many people from the villages of Crucita and Promesas joining our regular youth from Tegucigalpa.



*Grove team made a tire swing for one of the neighborhoods*

## The Ripple Effect of Discovery Bible Studies

September, Promesas de Padre

We have finished the first level of the Discovery Bible Studies [DBS] with a 2nd wave of studies. We are happy to announce several have committed to being baptized this Sunday.

In January we began a new wave of studies in the area. Aby, the first to be baptized in that area, has helped us expand this wave.

The study in her home soon expanded to other homes including the home of her Grandma. We attended this week's study, the last one of level one, and the members already had a house picked out to start another level one DBS.

Last night we start a second level DBS series for those from these first two waves who want to continue learning and growing. 28 adults and 24 kids came out. These studies focus on our roles of fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, and Christ followers in general. Sunday night we will begin the first church service there in *Promesas de Padre*. Please be praying with us as these new followers take some big next steps.

### Balfate Colón

The Moncadas brought over 30 ladies for the second straight year from a church plant that is just three years old. Many of these women we



met for the first time in Discovery Bible Studies in their homes. May the Gospel continue to make waves in human hearts.

# Making Disciples



## Pastors' Family Retreat

April, Siguatepeque, Honduras

One of the most neglected people in the church are pastors and their families in Honduras. They are required to work long hours and get very little pay. They are on call 24/7. Few take days off or vacation time.

In April, we joined Mark and Joy Hoff to facilitate a family retreat for pastors and their families. Elaine and Roger Twitchell (former co-workers in the first church plant in the 90s) taught the pastors and their wives while we organized and implemented a Narnia theme retreat for the P.K.'s (preachers' kids).



The kids memorized verses, competed in ropes course and dramas for points. The parents had a great time and thanked us for the attention we paid to their children. It was fun to get to know these amazing young people. Plans are in the works to make this an annual event.

## Backhuus' are Back!

May, CRC, Tegucigalpa & Balfate

Dr. Troy Backhuus and his wife, Roma, visited Honduras in May. They encouraged the believers in the 2nd and 3rd church plants as well as attended the new Bible studies in *Promesas*. In both the north and south of Honduras, they encouraged couples in two separate couples' dinners. Roma taught in two different ladies' tea (to celebrate Mother's Day), one in Balfate and one in *Promesas* (where the women from the second church plant attended as well.) They also spent some time counseling leaders and missionaries from all over Honduras. We thank God for the Backhuus'. Last year, Dr. Troy and Roma began raising support as missionaries to missionaries. They credit their time in Honduras as part of the way that God called them to this new ministry.



## M.K.'s Retreat

May, CRC

Crucitas Retreat Center hosted its first M.K. (Missionary Kids) retreat for the youth at Loma de Luz hospital. As it was June, all the Riley kids were home to help with all the activities. Memorization of Scripture, hikes, ziplines, swimming at the nearby river, dramas, music and special messages designed especially for missionary kids made it a very memorable time for these M.K.s. We look forward to next year's M.K. retreat. Special thanks to Abigail Williamson and Kiley Wilkins for helping us Rileys!

## NEWS FLASH!!!

This Sunday, September 23, we will begin holding Sunday services for Christians and seekers in the *Promesas* village near CRC. Please be praying at 6 PM this Sunday. Some participants from the Discovery Bible Studies plan to be baptized this Sunday morning. Please pray that God will take away all obstacles from these and future disciples in that village. For more prayer topics see back page "Prayer Checklist."

We held our first seed sowers retreat here at the CRC in April. Over 40 people came from several churches around Honduras and stayed for the two nights and three days of the conference. Jake Urrea, a pastor from Minnesota, came down and spoke on taking the next step and encouraging others to do the same.



Two Christians from Iowa, Jeff and Joe, made a big impact on the construction of the retreat center in June. They built a loft and frame work for a second loft in

the two tall, dorm rooms on the second floor. They shared their personal testimonies with the construction workers as well. We are super grateful for all their hard work!

The team from Grove, Oklahoma also worked hard on the retreat center, painting the dorm rooms, finishing the second loft and a myriad of other small projects on the retreat center.

Though under construction still, the retreat center has had many visitors since January. Conferences, camps, campfire activities and US teams and individuals have benefitted already from the Crucita Retreat Center this year. It is exciting to see how God is using this place.



## Prayer Checklist

**Please pray with us for:**

- More decisions to surrender to Christ in the new target area, Promesas, where we have been doing Bible studies this year. We have just finished the first 24 studies with the first three families.
- More homes to be willing to go through the DBS (Discovery Bible Studies).
- Growth in all four church plants.
- The leadership team with the second church plant.
- The Riley college kids (Jesi, Jeni and Josh)

**Please praise the Lord with us for:**

- Providing a place (the retreat center) for Kingdom acceleration.
- Safety for all visitors and teams this year.
- Two women's conferences achieved by a great team of women, both Honduran and American.
- 4 new believers baptized since our last newsletter (one from new target area, one from 2nd church plant and 2 from the third church plant.) Praise God with us!!!

## Riley Family News

Five of the six Rileys (Jesi stayed in Joplin, Missouri this summer to work and take a class) reunited for the summer break in Honduras. God sent Kiley Wilkins (our niece) to help with all the numerous events for two months. The summer flew by with all these extra hands to help. Thanks, Kiley, Josh, Jeni and Jimmy for all your hard work!

Jim and Teri went to a marriage retreat on the north coast of Honduras at the beginning of July, while the kids kept the ball rolling in the south.



In August, Teri traveled to Oklahoma to organize her parents' 50th anniversary. Her dad was in the hospital with heart problems just the week prior to the celebration. God answered many prayers and Jim Anthony was released from the hospital two days before the 50th anniversary party, which was a wonderful celebration of God's faithfulness. (Jim and the kids flew up three days before the event to help.) The three older Riley kids will continue to study this semester with Jesi and Josh in Joplin with Jim's folks and Jeni with Teri's parents in Oklahoma. Please pray for them all as they adjust to being college students again.

## 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**

It is a terrific privilege to partner with you all in this endeavor for Christ in Honduras. We thank you so much!

*Jim & Teri Riley*