

The official newsletter from the Allen family in Honduras

## EQUIPPING THE CHURCH

Ephesians 4:11-16

One of our primary objectives in being here in Honduras is to equip men (and women, too) to be able to study and teach God's Word. Some exciting things are happening in regards to the intentional training of our church family.

**Luis & Nixon start seminary-** Luis has been being stretched as he leads the teaching during the Wednesday night prayer meeting at El Renuevo. Last month, Luis and Nixon began a two year study program at MEDA in the town of Siguatepeque. MEDA is affiliated with The Master's Seminary in California, and has a great reputation for equipping men to exposit God's Word. During the two weekends a month that Luis and Nixon travel to study, I will have the opportunity to cover for Nixon in preaching at Tegucigalpa and El Renuevo. I've been preaching through the book of Malachi, and have thoroughly enjoyed the preparation and the chance to teach.

**Training Conferences-** This month, we are also continuing our bi-monthly training conferences for "Christian workers". We have broadened these conferences beyond those who would be regarded as pastors, and hope to be able to equip the entire body of Christ. The theme of the conferences is Personal Evangelism, and giving Biblical guidance on sharing what Christ has done for us on the cross with others.



**Pastoral Encouragement-** I had the opportunity to travel to a remote church with Pastor Melvin, Nixon, and Selvin (a pastor friend of Melvin's) to visit Pastor Margarito, his wife Gloria, and the

church body. Margarito has asked for help in correcting some spiritual issues in the church and in training men. The purpose of our visit was to listen to him, pray for the local church, and evaluate how we can best encourage the ministry there.



### Marriage Study-

An unexpected opportunity for Biblical teaching has come up, allowing Jennifer and I to start an English-speaking young couples Bible study. In this group, we have Russian and American friends who come over on Sunday evenings for prayer, fellowship, and study. Currently, we are using Tim Keller's book, "The Meaning of Marriage," to improve our Biblical understanding of how to manage our marriages. It's kind of strange to be leading this group as the veteran marriage couple after years of having older couples pour into us.



**Melvin and Carol head north-** The generosity of God's people will allow us to give Pastor Melvin and Carol a much deserved mini-sabbatical. Melvin will be attending the Gospel Coalition Conference in Orlando, Florida, as well as visiting our friends and family in the Midwest. If you'd like to meet our dear pastor and ministry partner, you might get the chance to do so north of the border. We will be sending you info via e-mail about open house opportunities in IL and OH to fellowship with the Zelayas.

## TEAM WORK

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Since kicking off 2013, Jennifer and I have had the opportunity to facilitate several ministry teams that have come down to help build up (physically and spiritually) Iglesia El Camino de La Vida. Here are the highlights:

- Men from Madison Christian Church, (led by Grandpa Ken) came to add a roof and two bathrooms to the facility that God has given us in Casitas.



- My family came down with our friends from Kishwaukee Bible Church to provide basic medical care and do evangelism at El Renuevo and Casitas.



- Don & Karen, of Williams Christmas Tree Farm in Rockton, IL, came down with their friends & family to put in a cement floor in Tegucigalpa, as well as teach Scripture to the kids in our churches. The new floor will help preserve New Covenant's investment in church benches, and minimize the bites from insects during the church services.



Thank you for enabling us to be here to serve the local church. We are grateful for your faithful giving.

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

James 5:16

Here are a handful of requests that we would ask you to pray for specifically.

- My mom (Donna) is beginning 7 weeks of radiation treatment following up a somewhat unsuccessful treatment of chemotherapy and surgery. She is trusting in the Lord for strength, but is anticipating the fatigue and side-effects of radiation.
- Jen's dad (Ken) worked very hard during the January construction work here in Casitas, and thankfully noted some warning signs from his body as he worked. Shortly after returning to Ohio, Ken went in for a heart catheterization. Upon finding several critical blockages, he was rushed in for an emergency triple bypass. He is resting and recovering, but we would ask you to pray for him.
- Pray for new believers and for the local church to be vitalized to do the work of sharing the Gospel with unbelieving family and friends. Honduras needs to be transformed by people who have been transformed by Jesus Christ!
- Pray for the plans to prepare for building a church for the Tegucigalpa congregation. Thanks be to God, the loan for the land came through and we can now begin to pray for the talents and resources needed to build. At present, we only have a place to meet on Sundays, and often open our home for church events. Having a place to meet mid-week will allow for additional ministry to take place in the local body of believers.

**We miss you! How can we pray for you?**  
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