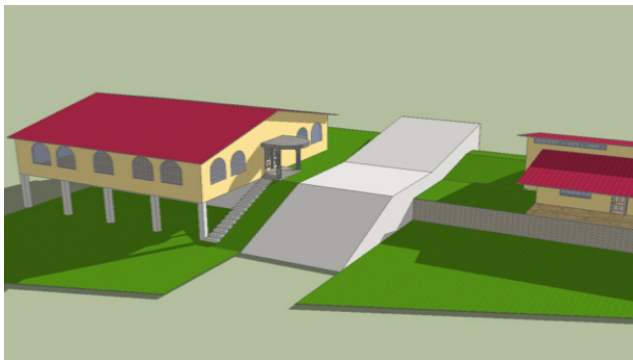


# DIVINE ADVENTURE

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## Divine Appointments

One of the things we love about how God has allowed us to be here is seeing the body of Christ work together to accomplish what we hope glorifies our God and King. This fall, a friend of ours came down for a visit. She brought along Andre, an architect friend from California who is Russian by heritage. Andre asked us if we knew of any Russians living in Honduras, which of course brought to mind our friend, Ludmila, who began her walk with Christ while attending our church. It was really exciting to share about a Russian coming to Christ at a Spanish speaking church in Honduras. What a great God we serve! Andre shared with us his passion for the Gospel being preached through Russian churches in the U.S, and was an encouragement to us in our work here. After his return to the states, Andre sent down some designs and architectural drawings to help us with the church construction project.



In October, we had another divine appointment, that indeed is an answer to a prayer that we began praying years before we even arrived in Honduras. We have been praying for God to raise up men to lead their families and His Church in a way that honors Christ. In Casitas, we completed a 14-month study on Biblical eldership and named two young men as elders. Thank God with us for Joel Sanchez and Josue Hernandez, and pray for their continued study of God's Word and for their servant-leadership of Christ's body. It was extra special to have Mom and Dad Heiberger here with us, along with other friends and family from Ohio, for the time of commissioning of these two men as elders in the service of King Jesus.



## Team Work

Once again, the October Ladies' Day event was a great encouragement to the local church and to the team who came from the States. It is hard to believe that this was the 4th event! We use this special day to kick off a year-long, in-depth women's Bible study. This year, several women shared how the Lord had taught and grown them through the study of Colossians, which we had studied together. These women have stepped up to serve in needed areas of ministry in the churches and have taken initiative to grow the women's ministry through meeting together. The team was even presented with a special gift either hand-made or purchased by the women of the local churches. After four years, this incredible event truly has become a partnership, in which sisters in Christ from two nations and two tongues glorify our Father through service to one another. Get more details about this God-honoring week on our blog!

In January 2015, we have a very unique team coming from Rockford, IL and Atlanta, GA. The team is a combination of special people from First Free church, the church where I came to know Christ as a child and my parents' home church for more than 38 years, and members of a primarily Hispanic church called Stonemill in Atlanta. This will be a very unique experience to have brothers in Christ come down to serve in Honduras from a Latino church in the U.S. I am excited to have Pastor Tito here with us as he has years of experience as a pastor and is a fluent Spanish speaker with a Nicaraguan heritage.



## Investment Opportunitites

As we conclude 2014, we reflect with grateful hearts on all that we have seen God do this year. Your generous support of our family allows us to be here as human resources, investing in the lives of others- both Hondurans and North Americans. We have seen God lead many friends and family members to a closer relationship with Him, and many have caught a vision for the Holy Spirit's work within Iglesia El Camino de La Vida. 2015 promises to be a unique year with an increased focus on equipping and building up the Tegucigalpa congregation. As we begin our 5th year here, I would like to share two specific financial needs with you.



**Personal Support :** For those who regularly support us and invest in our ministry, thank you! In recent months, we have had a sizeable monthly shortfall. Please pray about sharing our ministry with friends and family that might be interested in building up the Church with us here in Honduras. End of year gifts are greatly appreciated and help get us through short months.



**Tegucigalpa church construction:** I would also like to invite you to invest your dollars, sweat, and construction talents in building the Tegucigalpa church building. Last year, an unexpected gift allowed us to start the work and accomplish some critical steps to begin using the location for preaching, outreach, and worship. Although rainy season is concluding, there are erosion risks which urgently need to be addressed in order to further advance this important project. The next step is building the main wall of the church. This wall will serve to support both the upper parking area as well as the structure of the church. Would you consider investing with El Camino de La Vida to build this church so that the Gospel would be preached in this new neighborhood? Interested in coming down to work? Please get in touch with me for more information. Gifts can be sent to United World Mission. Just designate that you want your gift to be applied to "Tegucigalpa church".

Your generous giving, faithful prayer, and regular communication with us have been vital for us this year. 2014 was not only our most challenging year of ministry, but with the loss of my Mom, this year has probably been one of most difficult we as a family have ever experienced. But with your love, support, and the joy only possible in the Lord Jesus Christ, we press on!

### The Prayers of the Saints...

- Continue to ask God to raise up leaders in the local churches who can serve, teach, and care for others with integrity.
- Pray for the married (and soon to be married) couples involved in our ministry, that God would use them as models of Biblical, Christ-centered relationships in the midst of many broken relationships.
- Pray for the spiritual growth of our sons. Samuel will be taking the step of baptism soon.

Support gifts\* to help us continue our participation in building the Honduran Church can now be sent to United World Mission. You can give on-line at [www.uwm.org](http://www.uwm.org) or via mail.



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