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TCS Newsletter Summer/Fall 2015

Summer Mission Trip

Our 2015 summer mission trip blended 43 travelers from six states and various U.S. airports. We managed to arrive at the International Airport in San Pedro Sula, Honduras via multiple airlines on the same day - and within an hour of each other. We were thankful that the Lord blessed us with great flying weather. Below are Mission Teams from Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Our 15 teammates from Kansas stayed several days longer in Honduras and were off working when we gathered for this departure picture at the Villa Brinkley Hotel in Trujillo. While much physical labor is performed in the Trujillo community, the real impact of the trip is in the touched hearts of the travelers that echo Christ's words that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."



The Projects

The 2015 Team took on projects at the school and in multiple community sites throughout our time in Trujillo. Most team members rotated between our seven work sites. Some projects we were able to see through to their completion. There were also longer-term projects that continued beyond our stay. And some projects, such as the second floor addition to the Limonal church building that began three years ago, are still not complete.

Below is a snapshot list of the activities/projects for 2015.

At Trujillo Christian School (TCS):

- Reroofed the TCS multipurpose building, which houses the assembly room, computer lab, storage room, Bible School room, kitchen, library, bathrooms, and two classrooms
- Reroofed the 1st grade classroom
- Repaired and replaced ceiling fans
- Added electrical outlets
- Repaired electrical wiring
- Repaired wood and metal doors
- Repaired security fence
- Repaired plumbing and recoated the pila
- Painted multiple interior and exterior walls (over 50 gallons of paint used)
- Provided sufficient laptop computers to fully equip the Computer Lab and provide spares
- Painted iron work
- Built new concrete covers for drain lines
- Repaired windows
- Provided funds to repair termite-eaten door jams
- Cut overhanging trees off classroom roofs
- Repaired concrete walkway
- Provided purified water coolers
- Painted wall art for classrooms
- Changed out alarm system batteries
- Repaired concrete door entrances to two classrooms
- Provided funds to add electrical lines to the computer lab
- Conducted a teacher/peer evaluation
- Repaired/replaced over 30 outlets in the computer lab
- Provided maps for classrooms
- Provided school supplies (pencils, staplers, copy toner)
- Provided flip flops for all students
- Coordinated a project for students to send their U.S. sponsors
- Hosted a Festival for the TCS kids

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Honduras Bible School (for adult Biblical training - 38 adult students):

- Provided travel funds for three students who travel a great distance to attend
- Provided funds to complete the second year of training in Trujillo
- Added a secretary to manage administrative requirements

In the community:

- Hand dug footer and mixed concrete for one house
- Repaired a palm leaf roof for Bible class area for one church
- Provided plastic chairs for the Camp church
- Worked on one minister's house
- Added a roof to the front of one church building
- Painted Little Hands Big Hearts building which serves 30 special needs children
- Helped roof and pour a floor in the home of a Little Hands employee
- Purchased a mattress for a lady with no bed
- Moved blocks and sand manually to the second floor of the Limonal church building
- Provided cash contributions to each of five congregations for local ministry
- Taught children's Bible classes
- Preached in Spanish at one congregation on Sunday
- Provided funds for medicine
- Checked on widows and projects provided by the West Main, Mississippi congregation
- Taught ladies Bible class
- Provided hand and power tools for school and for use in the local congregations
- Dug one septic pit

Father's Day Appeal 2015

Special thanks are due to everyone who provided donations. With the Father's Day Appeal we were able to completely reroof both the multipurpose building and the 1st grade classroom. The roof leaks were so numerous that during a rain shower that occurred when we attended the 2014 graduation, we had to move several times to find a dry spot in the multipurpose building to conduct a staff meeting. Alfonso Orellana our Administrator says it's "a dream come true."



School Happenings

Through the efforts of one of our Bible teachers (Dagoberto Rodriguez), children without money for a mid-morning snack are being provided vouchers. Dago also provides spiritual support by organizing devotionals for students and teachers, and counseling for children and parents.

Students and teachers are now busy preparing signs and making uniforms to celebrate Honduras Independence Day on September 15. Our first grade teacher, Renán Nolasco, who also is our longest serving teacher, serves as the band director. He does an excellent job of teaching our young students (K-6th grade) to be color guards, to march, and to play.

An additional task for the TCS staff this year is to implement a new government policy that teaches parents how to help their students at home (e.g. doing homework). While helping with homework may seem intuitive, it is a new expectation for many of our students' parents.

This is our second year to provide education to a student, Jairo, with severe disabilities. This year concrete sidewalks have been widened to accommodate his wheelchair, and a ramp was built to access his classroom (his wheelchair is a converted plastic lawn chair with rugged bike tires). The TCS staff has decided that the grades will rotate classrooms each year in order to allow Jairo to continue to use the accessible classroom as he advances. For recess, second grader Jairo has his own mode of transportation as seen in the picture below. Often you will see a classmate or an older student carrying him "piggy back" around campus. A special fund is used to provide his transportation to school.



Photo Memories from 2015

The kids steal our hearts every year!



Thank You

Without sponsors, there would be no Trujillo Christian School. In the U.S. we serve as an all-volunteer support arm for the school. Other than newsletter supplies, bank transfer fees, and mailing expenses, the entirety of sponsor donations are wired monthly to Honduras for school support.

We have been able to continue the \$40 monthly cost to support each student. If you have any questions about the school or if you would like to travel with the summer 2016 mission trip to Trujillo, please contact Libby Gray at 770-713-5197.

Our Mission Trip target dates for 2016 are June 27- July 6.

Our website is <http://www.trujillocs.org>

Speaking for the children of the Trujillo Christian School, we sincerely appreciate your continued support. May God bless you.

