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TCS 2017 Graduation

Trujillo Christian School (TCS) Trustees Jack Vanderpool and Phil Robertson—along with Greg Smith from Hohenwald, TN—traveled to Trujillo in November to attend the TCS graduation exercises. TCS hosts a dual graduation of kindergarteners and 6th graders. Most of the 6th graders have attended TCS since they were in kindergarten.



As with all graduations, it is an emotional time for parents, friends, and relatives. It is both exciting and sad. Because Trujillo is a small town, our teachers know most of the students' families. They see them in the neighborhood, and some are even related. This small-town environment is similar to any other small-town environment where children walk to school (which seems to be fading in the U.S). Unique to TCS and other schools in Honduras, students invite a special adult friend or relative to attend graduation in order to formally witness their graduation in the school's log book.

TCS has been graduating students since 1992. It is especially satisfying to flip back through the old log books and see the childhood pictures of some of our current staff who are now serving the community as teachers at TCS.



During the course of the evening, everyone seems to have a digital camera, and likely 1,000,000 pictures are taken before, during, and after the ceremony, as well as at the meal that follows the ceremony. Typically, there is a delay of up to two hours before getting started due to electrical failures, tropical storms, or some other reason. Since starting times are “flexible” and delays are not unusual, even the kindergarteners seem to accept them in stride.

Honduras Bible School Graduation

While in Trujillo, Phil, Jack, and Greg also attended the graduation of the second Trujillo-based class of the Honduran Bible School (HBS) that meets weekends on the TCS Campus. This three-



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year program of study for adults and older teens meets one weekend a month and focuses on personal knowledge and personal evangelism using a college level curriculum. Formerly, HBS—founded in 1984 in Catacamas, Honduras—required a 16-hour round-trip bus ride and two nights lodging.



In 2014, our Bible teachers conceived the idea that we establish a satellite school using the TCS campus. This was to give the entire TCS staff, and other Christians in Trujillo and surrounding towns, the opportunity to receive instruction. Instructors now travel to Trujillo monthly to teach these concentrated classes. Students come from Trujillo, as well as from a number of towns within a 60-mile radius. Jack Vanderpool and Phil Robertson are pictured to the left with Carlos Rodriguez. Carlos was hired as one of our two Bible teachers. Although the HBS uses the TCS campus, it operates financially as a separate entity from TCS.

School Year 2018

Trujillo Christian School began its 26th school year on February 1, 2018. All of our 2017 staff returned to start the 2018 school year. This year we are happy to serve 175 students K-6th Grade. We are in the process of ordering shoes, socks, and shirts, as well as buying materials for school skirts and pants that will be made by parents.

GRADe	Girls	BoysS	TOTAL
Pre-K	2	5	7
Kindergarten	11	8	19
1st Grade	17	13	30
2nd Grade	19	11	30
3rd Grade	8	5	13
4th Grade	17	11	28
5th Grade	15	10	25
6th Grade	13	10	23
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Our first oversight visit of the year was in April. During that visit, the four-person team identified facility needs (repairs, new construction, and facility furniture fabrication). Our summer mission team will use this information to determine the materials and team organizations needed to complete the work. The April team also made contacts to identify community needs that we can satisfy. Additionally, the spring travelers took pictures of all students to mail out to student sponsors. The Trujillo Christian School continues to be one of the best—if not the best—school in Trujillo.

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TCS sponsors can feel assured that 100% of their donations go toward supporting the school. It is through the generosity of our sponsors and volunteer travelers that this can continue. We need your help to find others who are willing to join us in this effort.

Let us know if we can send you materials to share or arrange to meet with your congregation to discuss this important work. Please continue to pray for the students and staff of the Trujillo Christian School and the Honduras Bible School.



Fathers Day Appeal

We ask that you make a Father's Day appeal for TCS in honor or memoriam of the special men in your life. Central America has an abundance of aggressive termites that enjoy feasting and destroying any non-living wood. Amazingly, they have even gotten into the solid interior door to the Administrator's office and destroyed it! Pressure treated lumber is just now available in Trujillo, so we hope this year to use the funds to repair termite-damaged areas at the school, especially the roof trusses of the Kindergarten Building. Donations can be mailed to the address at the top of this newsletter.

This summer 49 folks are ticketed and planning to travel for the 2018 Mission Trip to Trujillo. Our dates are Monday June 25 to Wednesday July 4. Your prayers for a safe and healthy trip are appreciated.

If you are interested in making the trip in the future, please contact Libby Gray at Trujillo Christian School, P.O. Box 606 Hiram, GA 30141, or (770) 713-5197.

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