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TCS Newsletter Summer/Fall 2016

## Summer Mission Trip 2016

On June 26-27 the 2016 Mission Team consisting of 42 people departed from multiple U.S. airports for a 10 day journey to support Trujillo Christian School, Honduras Bible School, Little Hands Big Hearts, and churches in and around Trujillo, Honduras. The team came from seven states, multiple congregations, and ranged in age from 14 to 81 years. We were able to “take over” the old Villa Brinkley Hotel by renting all of their habitable rooms. The new owner of the hotel went far beyond our expectations with great food for our entire stay, special meals for team members with dietary restrictions, and box lunches for work parties. Each morning we launched work teams to six different work sites using rented vehicles and trucks driven by the local evangelists. Since our first trip in 2005, we have continued to have enough dedicated team members to expand our mission focus into the community. The Lord blessed us with great flying weather, great work weather, minimal electricity outages, minimal water outages, and minimal stomach problems. The joy of seeing old friends from prior years’ teams and Honduran friends from prior trips is a thrill that enriches the soul. The multiple ages and singular Christian mission focus each year always provides a special camaraderie that makes the older feel younger and the younger feel the responsibility of being mature. For example: In the team photo below note my friend for 60 years (Walter Graham) is still giving people bunny ears.





## The Projects

An overview of the 2016 team projects at the multiple work sites (churches, school, Little Hands, and community sites) broadly included teaching, trenching, painting, electrical, carpentry, plumbing, masonry, dirt moving, security, carpentry, and furniture/cabinetry construction. The Clanton Church of Christ in Clanton, Alabama has over the past six years sent tools which have expanded our tool room capabilities so we can now handle multiple construction tasks.



Each year prior to the team's arrival, the local evangelists and school staff not only identify people who need help in their homes, but also church building improvements, school maintenance needs, and construction requirements. Local construction workers are hired to help facilitate the tasks at each project location. The six team leaders daily match skills with needs. A lot of mentoring occurs, and some of the best electrician assistants have been young girls and school teachers. Some folks like to paint; some folks like more physical work, and our three Arizona team members had cabinetry skills and built seven new teachers desks. Because everyone came to Trujillo to work, the problem was not getting people to work but instead getting people to periodically take a break.



## Fathers Day Appeal 2016

Thank You!! Thank You!! The Father's Day Appeal this year totaled \$9,164, and exceeded the 2015 donation of \$8,000. We were able to purchase 90 new desks that will be made in Trujillo. These will be sized to students, and some will be built for left-handed students. Each classroom now has a purified water cooler and dispenser, and each teacher will have a new desk and desk chair. Every classroom now has operational ceiling fans along with many new bookcases. We were also able to build several sidewalks between classrooms, and do welding repairs on stairs to the second floor classroom. Thank you once again for your generosity.





**In conjunction with the Father's Day Appeal, contributions were made in honor of:**

Bo Gray  
Gary Gray  
Ricky Gray  
Jason Gray  
Johnny McDaniel  
John Cunningham

**Contributions made in memory of:**

Jim Peal  
Hank Jacques  
Lawrence Jones  
James White

## School Update

Our staff numbers have remained constant with 16 employees, and our student population has remained around 160. This is the third year the TCS campus has been used as an adjunct location for the Honduran Bible School (HBS). We now have three HBS classes going simultaneously. In November the first class of eight will graduate the 3-year program.

To build closer relationships with both our students and parents, Alfonso Orellana, our Administrator, instituted a new program for this school year. Students and teachers will now both move up together to each new grade as each class advances.



This summer we discovered that two of our former students were both home on a school break and in Trujillo. Both are University Seniors and now speak excellent English. They will graduate soon, one with a degree in computer design and the other will be a teacher. We invited them to help us translate and to help teach our Bible classes. During one of our devotionals, they shared their memories of being students at TCS. Their gratitude and kind words reminded all of us that Trujillo Christian School has had a profound impact on young lives since its first class in 1992.

If you have any questions about the school, or if you would like to travel with the summer 2017 mission team to Trujillo, please contact Libby Gray at 770-713-5197.

**Speaking for the children of the Trujillo Christian School, your continued support is sincerely appreciated and may God Bless you.**

