

Peter, Fany & kids **Simpson**

Making Disciples Among the People of Honduras

April 2019

Youth Camp: We expected 150 but 250 came.

In January I invested 4 days in 250 youth. They came from over 30 churches throughout southwestern Honduras. The camp focused on learning from the life of Joseph. I challenged them to imitate his character, diligence and wisdom while responding to their 21st century tests and trials. The response during the closing service was remarkable. Please say a prayer for these young people that they may continue to grow in these areas.



Mobile Bible Institutes: Good and exciting challenges

During 2019 we will be finishing our Bible institute's 2 year basic program in 2 sites. Four other team members and I will teach the 8 classes in each site. With the graduations in October and November we will celebrate a 25 year investment in the church leadership of those regions of Honduras. Throughout those years 50 churches have been planted by graduates of our programs.

As those two sites come to a close, we look to the future and seek God's leading. During the first week of April we held conferences in 3 potential new sites. These preliminary classes start to give the prospective students an opportunity to get to know us and learn from us. These experiences also allow us to see if we are able to attract a group of students who are pastors and prominent church leaders.

Nearly all the pastors we teach are bivocational, needing to supplement their income with a second job or trade. In the areas where we have been in the past most of the pastors have also worked in agriculture. So our students were able to set aside two weeks at a time to come and study as long as the class calendar avoided periods of planting and harvest. In these new sites this model will not work. The prospective students will not be able to set aside such large blocks of time. Please pray that we will be filled with wisdom and creativity as we reformat our program to our students' situations.



World Reach teammates Abner (behind me) and Bobby (far right) accompanied by three men from the conference in Santa Rosa



Balibrea

This site is in a village 10 minutes from Siguatepeque. One of my World Reach teammates has planted a church there and has a vision for training a new group of leaders. Nine students attended the April conference. We are planning additional conferences to attract more students.



Santa Rosa de Copan

Santa Rosa is the most prominent city in western Honduras. Hence it is strategically located to attract students from a wide area. We taught 35 students from 3 denominations. Many are from urban areas. Several of the students expressed their gratitude and interest in our program.



Taulabe

This town is a strategic location for attracting pastors from some remote mountain areas. Our contacts there oversee some 80 pastors, the great majority of whom have no formal training. At this moment it seems that this site presents some of the biggest challenges. First, we have not worked with this denomination before so we need to earn their trust. Second, the pastors from these remote areas are very poor. We don't charge for our classes, but we ask our students to invest in their own transportation and food. That expense may be too much for some of these pastors preventing them from participating in our program.

Video production: Strengthening our team

In 2017 two couples joined our World Reach-Honduras team. Hector and Angelina are an Ecuadoran and a Mexican-Honduran and Abner and Alisson are both Hondurans. As many missionaries do, they face the challenge of gathering a team of partners that will join with them in ministry through prayer and financial investment.

Fortunately each couple has a growing list of contacts in the States and in other countries. Unfortunately, my Latino team members have had an increasingly difficult time getting visas for travel to the U.S. There are several churches who are interested in getting to know them better, but as of yet, a face-to-face visit has been impossible.

So, in an attempt to help them connect with potential and existing partners, I have produced an introductory video for each couple. We are joining with them in prayer asking God to provide a team of partners who will invest in them for their ministry here.



Visit my YouTube channel to see both videos.



Thank you for being our partner in ministry

Thank you for investing your time to read our update and to pray for us. You are an integral part of what God is doing in Honduras. We are grateful to have you alongside us.

If you currently make a financial investment in our ministry we thank you. If you have yet to do so please consider making that investment. We are praying that God will raise up new financial partners for our ministry.



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