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This is the newsletter for the ministry of Cristo Salva -- an ongoing, mission of mercy to Honduras, Central America. Founded in 1991 as a ministry of encouragement to the people of Honduras, Cristo Salva seeks to meet physical and spiritual needs through short-term missions.



Week one team



Week two team



Walking Margarita home



Adelaida



Pat the cook and Cocky the Rooster

Staying in Touch

Our newsletter is back! We have continued to hear from many of you during our times away, and home. This is your newsletter. Please give us feedback! Email us at pat@cristosalva.org .

We also have a Spanish edition of our newsletter, if you know someone interested, please email us!

During our time away, the email list has been changed. If you know someone that is not receiving our mailings, please let us know so we can add them to our list. Thank you.

Would you like more pictures? We have limited space in our newsletter. Please keep checking our web site at www.cristosalva.org for more pics. If there are particular photos you are interested in please contact us.

2008-2009 Opportunities for Ministry

Contact David Vignali if you are interested. PLEASE do not take for granted that you will automatically be included. We need to hear from you!

For all info regarding Cristo Salva's short term mission trips, scheduling and upcoming opportunities please contact:

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There are one week and two week trips available.

October 2008 13th to 23rd

January 2009
 Week one: January 12th-19th
 Week two: January 19th-26th (full)

April 2009
 Week one: April 12th-19th
 Week two: April 19th-26th

July 2009
 Week one: July 13th - 20th
 Week two: July 20th - 27th

October 2009
 Dates to be determined

News from Honduras

NEWS FROM THE FRONTLINE

The awesomeness of God never ceases to amaze us. We were full speed ahead from the moment of arrival in Honduras until the last of us flew out at the end of the trip. So much of what we do is not scheduled and is truly guided by the Holy Spirit to place us in the right place at the right time.

We visited Adelaida first thing on Tuesday to discover that she had been quite ill for a few weeks. We were able to give her medicine at that time with a slight improvement, but her condition worsened to the point where it was doubtful if she would make it through this trip. Many prayers went up for Adelaida and that His will be done in her life. God is not finished with her yet, she is weak, but very lively, sitting in her bed or living room, sharing her testimony to all that come by to listen. She is an amazing woman that has been used so abundantly during her life.

We also went to the cemetery road to visit with Margarita. She had been beaten badly by her brother at the end of the last trip and the condition of her unborn child had been of great prayer. We are happy to announce that Carlos Daniel, 7lbs 6oz is healthy. His mother thanks us for the prayers. We had to make



Handing out toys



Isaiah and his mom



Pharmacy in the clinic



Mobile clinic



Pastor Ron and new friend during "hut to hut" visitation



Luis Flores and Pastor Logan



Reina's baby Miguel David Antúnez



Prayer during house to house ministry



Arnold and baby Daisy during infant

a late night visit later in the week to the household for a child with dengue, but the family is doing well.

Baby Isaiah is doing great. He has fantastic head balance. The money has been donated for his shunt. The family went to the city for the evaluation and tests, and will return for surgery sometime in September.

We visited with the former mayor to assess a surgical wound and is recuperating and healing. We also praise God for the recovery of Julian, Maria's brother after his accidental gunshot wound to his abdomen. He is resting and should be back to work soon.

Pastora Gladis accompanied us to a mountain village to hold a clinic. The rains came, and we were unable to reach El Sauce, but turned around to visit a small village near Masicales. God's plan was perfect, a 12 year old boy accepted Jesus! We also went up the mountain beyond the farm to the small village of Las Pilas to distribute school kits, literature, food and medicine. We met a family living in a tent on the side of the mountain guarding a new construction of a cell tower. They didn't even own a machete!

Again, we were without water most of the trip on the farm. Pastor Stan and crew were able to use the pump to at least give us water for flushing and minimal shower use. The power was sporadic, but we survived beautifully. The toilets again proved to be a problem, with roots growing in the pipes. Pastor Ron diligently worked to clean out the backed up system. We had fun dodging the insects in the outhouse until we had plumbing again.

We have a Laurels new baby. Olga gave birth a month early, was in labor our first week, but felt comfortable with her husband delivering the baby. We returned the next Saturday to a beautiful and healthy baby boy.

Eida, oldest of the sisters had miscarried. We had a wonderful time of prayer with her, and also with Elida, who lost her baby last spring. Both women are doing well. Maria is hand sewing baby clothes for baby Brenda. Several of the children are now attending school and walking quite a distance to be able to learn to read and write.

Reina, our friend in Las Varas came with us most nights to church. God again used his timing to allow us to be there for the birth of her baby, Miguel David Antúnez. 9 lbs., 59 cm. The birth was very traumatic, attended by a local partera. Reina was heavily bleeding, and not progressing. We were able to get Reina to the Sula Hospital in time for birth. Reina and baby are doing fine and express much thanks to the group for our support and prayers for her and her family. If you want more detail on this and/or Adelaida's miraculous stories please contact us. God truly has plans for both of these women.

We enjoyed several new churches this trip. Pastora Gladis is now pastoring the other Assemblies of God church in Sula. It is impossible not to see the presence of God while looking out the window of the church across the mountains. We also visited the Church of God in Azacualpa for a music competition. Over 30 local artists participated in the event.

Luis Flores is currently laid off from work due to the increased prices of oil. His father continues to need dialysis three times a week. Papa Luis thanks us for the prayers and support for him and his family. Wedding plans continue for Jesinia in January.

The Las Varas church now has a nurse! We were able to leave her supplies to take care of the church folks complete with basic meds, wound care and instruments. She will keep records to enable us to keep track of what she needs. God is good!

Our schedule this trip included:

house-to-house the first week in:

Callejones (La Flecha)

Cemetery Road

Area behind the hardware store

Conchagua with food bags but no medicines

Urgent care appointments in the clinic while sorting supplies

Friday was the short clinic near Masicales after we decided not to try to get to El Sauce

Saturday, The Laurels

Churches- Tuesday night Soccer Field Church of God

Wednesday night Macuelizo Assembly of God

Thursday night Luis' church

Friday night New Vision

Saturday night Pastora Gladis

Sunday Night Las Varas

2nd Week

House-to-house around Pastora Gladis' church At night Casa Quemada

Wednesday most of the day was spent with Adelaida. At night Adelaida's church

Thursday, Day of the Lempira program at Carlo's nephew's school, New Vision at night

Friday all day Clinic

Saturday again to the Laurels, and at night Concert at Church of God in Azacualpa

Sunday night Las Varas

And not to be forgotten, dinner at Markus and Maria's!

We spent most mornings in discipleship and prayer with the team before going out to serve. It was an incredible time of reflection and renewal.

VITAMIN AND DEWORMING PROGRAM

The micronutrient and deworming school based program is progressing well. The Ministry of Health has visited our schools to check for compliancy, and is pleased with the results. We have asked the districts to supply us with attendance records and vital statistics on their students. Teachers continue to report that the children are more attentive in class, and much healthier.

The Abendazole is being shipped to the Ministry of Health for upcoming distribution, and Bexa and her aides continue to distribute to the local schools and superintendents.

We distributed 1600 toothbrushes to Azacualpa and 1800 toothbrushes and paste to the schools in Quimistan. We plan to distribute to the various districts each trip along with education.

The school gardens continue to flourish with a new garden now in Sula!

We are working hard to obtain the statistics needed to supply to the companies that send our vitamins. There will be height and weight checks in October.

dedication at Las Varas



Installing the pump in the new bodega



Running water at the clinic!



Walking home from church



Time out for baby chicks!



Noemi in her pulperia at her house



Examining a child at school



Raul's new bike



Public health education in the schools



Working on the septic system at the farm

CARE KITS DISTRIBUTIONS

A HUGE thank you to all of you that have been making our care kits. We are currently very low on School and Family care kits. Kits available to be made are:

School kits

Family Care Kits

Baby Kits

Safe Delivery Kits for home deliveries

Baby knit and crochet hats

Diapers from t-shirts

We also distribute the infant mosquito nets as they become available.

Plans are to produce patterns for baby slings and belly bands, and a new mother kit.

Please visit our website at www.cristosalva.org for directions on these kits and patterns.

PRENATAL CARE

Our prenatal care has expanded rapidly. We have been able to leave prenatal vitamins with the state clinic along with Dr. Carlos so our newly pregnant women can begin the vitamins before our arrival. Direct Relief will be sending us more midwife bags, and several of us plan to attend the conference on Honduras in Copan this October and work in the new women's clinic for a week assisting in educating area midwives. We have also been invited to teach at a women's clinic on Roatán.

We were able to distribute many of the safe delivery kits to the local women with planned home births with parteras. Please pray as we go forth to educate the local midwife, continuing to be sensitive to the culture, but enforcing the urgency of proper care. Education is essential to the safety and health of our newborns and new mothers.

We currently have been distributing our prenatal vitamins and fish oil to all our pregnant women, and prenats to our nursing moms. We have added antiparasitics to our prenatal care as it is recommended by the World Health Organization. We hope soon to be able to do the lab work so many come to us for that is needed to monitor their pregnancies.

Life at the Farm

We are enjoying our new dining porch. It is useful for not only dining but work projects and just hanging out. Our bathrooms have been requiring recent renovations to the plumbing (see above). We are prayerfully considering an addition of more bathrooms near the chapel.

Currently the chapel is still being used for literature and vitamin storage and a workshop. It is also used as over-flow men's sleeping quarters. Clothing is sorted here, and distributed to Pastora Gladis for distribution in the poorest mountain villages.

Water, electricity and plumbing have been on-going issues, but it gives us a sense of what most families here live like.

Our resident caretakers are now Santos Sanchez Nunez, called Raul (brother of Alejandro), Maria Anselma Nunez (mother of Raul and Alejandro), grandson Luis Antonio Ansanares, Maria Florinda Reyes (wife of Raul) and Jonathan Eduardo Reyes (another grandson). Pastor Ray brought Raul a new bicycle, which the entire family has enjoyed!

We continue to have visits from old friends and families. Digna and family are well, King the dog is a bit thin, but still alive. Pat N. has trained the rooster to come up and let her hold him. He is really quite friendly, and the other chickens seem to like the attention too.

We have planted several banana trees, avocado trees, and pineapple on the farm.

Clinic Update

We now have two dental rooms, four complete medical treatment pods, and an emergency/overflow medical and dental room. We measured for the wall cabinets for our dental rooms, which will be installed in October. Again, we have had problems with Honduras Electric, who continues to raise our electric bill for the building. Please be in prayer for us as we grow and complete our building.

We continue to have a tremendous amount of work to do in the clinic. There are ongoing supplies that need to be sorted. The building continuously needs a thorough cleaning from all the traffic inside our building between trips. We still need to work on our office space and sleeping quarters. Please pray that God will continue to send teams willing to work helping us with all the tasks that need to be completed.

We are now helping several clinics and churches with medicine and supplies. We have been working with the State Clinic in Macuelizo now for several trips, and they in turn supply us with the records of those that received medicine that we have supplied. Dr. Carlos is also very grateful for the meds and supplies that keep him functioning out of his home while we are away.

If you would like to help financially with our building, please contact Pastor Ray for details at pray@cristosalva.org or by phone (305) 233-2885 (office) or (786) 402-9686 (cell).

Well, Well,

WELL PROJECT UPDATE



Music gathering in Azacualpa



Hut to hut in a small mountain village



Mobile pharmacy



Crossing the bridge by foot



Chatting at a kinder



Prayer in school is encouraged



Late night kitchen visitor at the farm



Our newest Laurels baby with Olga

The well at the clinic is completely dug. A bodega (warehouse) is under construction to protect the well and supply us with more storage space. The pump is now installed but we still need piping to the clinic, plus electrical wiring.

We are in the process of developing the water system on the farm. We will keep you updated as these progresses.

CLEAN WATER PROJECT

In cooperation with Rob Turner from Boise Idaho and Clean Water for the World, we will be installing sand filtration systems in homes in our area. We are thankful to Rob for all the education and support he has given us to continue this project when he cannot physically be in Honduras. Matt Grillo has prayerfully taken on the task. Rob plans to be in the area with us this October. Clean water should not be a luxury, but a necessity to our local families.

Cristo Salva – on the air

RADIO STATION UPDATE

We are currently in the midst of bureaucracy for licensing. We plan to finish other ongoing projects before we proceed with the radio station.

If anyone would like more information or have any questions concerning this project, please call Pastor Ray Marco at: 786-402-9686 OR email at: pray@cristosalva.org .

We praise the Lord for another opportunity for spreading the Gospel and addressing the needs of the people of Honduras.

Prayers and Requests

1. Please continue to pray for those that do not know Jesus. Patricia, a young woman we met chose not to receive Him, but allowed us to pray for her and family. Please pray that a seed was planted for this young mother.
2. Please continue to pray for the many ministries of Cristo Salva.
3. Please be in prayer for those that are planning to travel with us to Honduras in October 2008 and the 2009 trips.
4. Our ministries with the Boise Clean Water Club, well projects, the future radio station ministry, Honduran Micronutrient Project and our prenatal project.
5. We have several children that we are working with to receive improved medical care. Please be in prayer as we try to find the best suitable care for these children.

Thank You

A special thank you to the following:

To all of you that contributed to the writing of this newsletter, English and Spanish.

To those of you that have taken on special projects to further the work in Honduras, from care kits, salvation bracelet projects, well projects, dental pods, and donations.

To the Kamberger's for sharing their family and home with us.

To all of you that have gone, prayed and shown concern for the ministry of Cristo Salva. Thanks also to our Ham radio buddies who keep us in contact with the world.

How You Can Help Us

NEEDS LIST:

Minor projects:

We are very low on the following:

1. Money for shipping supplies to Honduras
2. Antifungal creams
3. Antibiotic Creams
4. Anti Itch Creams
5. Vaginal Creams
6. New Ladies lingerie
7. New Men's underwear and socks
8. We have found many women with ill-fitting bras that cause back and chest pain. This would be an excellent gift to our ladies that cannot even afford an inexpensive bra.
9. New or gently worn maternity clothing



Abuelo David with a sick visitor to the farm

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King the dog

10. School uniforms

Major projects:

1. Paint for warehouse (inside and out)
2. Electrical installation and hardware for warehouse (all lights, switches, outlets, etc.)
3. Metal shelving for warehouse
4. 2 truck-loads of gravel between clinic and warehouse
5. Front and side walls for clinic property
6. Front gates for clinic
7. Iron works for side wall
8. Sink and toilet for team quarters
9. 1 AC for team quarters
10. Tower and water tank for farm
11. Pump house, PVC line, and underground electric for farm

DREAM LIST

If there is a project your group would like to help us with, here's a list of ideas:

1. More bathrooms and showers for the farm
2. Workshop for the farm
3. Farmhouse and chapel painted
4. Purchase of "Pepsi" pulperia for clinic in Las Varas
5. Sponsor for electric bill for clinic
6. Sponsor for shipping
7. Purchase a 4-door truck for ministry
8. Sponsor for internet access (approx. \$30 a month)
9. 2 inch Styrofoam to insulate ceilings in clinic (approx \$20 a sheet)

Please contact Pastor Ray at pray@cristosalva.org if you are interested in any of the above projects.

Our website is back! Please visit our site at www.cristosalva.org for ways you can help us. For website information please email development@cristosalva.org

If you have any questions regarding Care Kits, Diapers for Honduras, or medical team information, please contact Patricia Havener RN by phone: 207-475-7031, or email: pat@cristosalva.org or Pastor Ray Marco by phone (305) 233-2885 (office) or (786) 402-9686 (cell), or email: pray@cristosalva.org.

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