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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.



October 2008 team



Doctora Xiomara from Tegucigalpa with supplies at Conference in Honduras



Emily and Lavearn from La Esperanza (Georgia girls!!) picking up Sunday School literature and eye drops

## Staying in Touch

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@crisosalva.org](mailto:pat@crisosalva.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](http://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.

January 2009

Week one: January 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> (full)

Week two: January 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> (full)

April 2009

Week one: April 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

Week two: April 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> (full)

July 2009

Week one: July 13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

Week two: July 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

October 2009

Dates to be determined

## News from Honduras

### NEWS FROM THE FRONTLINE

Mud and rain seemed to be the ongoing theme throughout the trip.

There has been much flooding and mudslides in Honduras over the last several weeks. Many homes have been lost. We have been in touch with our families in the Macuelizo area and they report although some roads have washed out, they are safe and mostly dry. We praise God for their safety. Please continue to keep the entire country in your prayers as they start to rebuild. We will be working very hard with our region and beyond to assist recovery from the storms.

We started our busy schedule early for David, Jen and Pat who attended the Conference on Honduras in Copan Ruinas Oct. 2-4<sup>th</sup>. The conference was on thinking outside the box. Many new contacts were made, old friendships renewed. A new orphanage was discovered in the village and we were able to evaluate the



New children's home in Copan Ruinas



Inventory time at the clinic



Delivery of new blankets and supplies to the Laurels



Our newest Laurel's baby



Fitting the children at the Laurel's with school uniforms and shoes



Mama Tina, Jesenia and Luis Flores



Handmade aprons are a big hit

children and send supplies to help them out. (more to follow). We were able to leave supplies with several agencies, including a doctora in Tegucigalpa.

After the conference, we visited missionaries in La Esperanza, bringing well needed supplies and Sunday school material.

Our schedule this trip included:

house-to-house, prayer, food and encouragement:

Saturday, cleaning and pick up team members in the city

Sunday, work at the farm and visitations

Monday, back to the city while continuing work on the new water tower and inventory at the clinic

Tuesday through Thursday

Backstreets of Las Varas

Cemetery Road

Area behind the hardware store

Conchagua

Vesting Dr. Carlos' bilingual school in La Flecha

Urgent care appointments and prenatal care in the clinic while sorting supplies and inventory

Friday The Laurels

Saturday, Village work, clinic work and farm work.

Sunday, Sunday school at Adelaida's and visitations

Monday, team to the city and more clean up on the farm and clinic

Tuesday, due to the heavy rains, closed down the farm early and returned to the city.

Churches- Sunday night, Las Varas

Tuesday night Casa Quemada... cancelled due to rain

Wednesday night new Assemblies Church of God in Sula with Pastora Gladis

Thursday night dinner at Maria's

Friday night new church in Azacualpa Pastor Jesus Lopez

Saturday night New Vision

Sunday Night Las Varas

We spent many hours working at the farm and clinic doing repairs, inventory and general cleaning.

Pastora Gladis and Miss Lydia are well. Pastora Gladis is now pastoring the second Assemblies of God church in Sula. The church is growing under her leadership. Luis Flores Sr. continues to get dialysis every other day, but Luis has lost his job at Leer. He was recovering from dengue fever while we were there. He is job hunting at other factories; the prospects are not great as jobs are scarce. Jesenia graduates in December and is continuing to plan for a wedding in January. Please pray for this family that financially they can make ends meet. It is a very difficult time for them, but they are not easily discouraged.

Isaiah has not had his surgery, his mother was working when we visited. He looks well, despite his large head, and has good neck tone. He has no movement of his legs. The new orthopedic hospital in San Pedro Sula will open first of the year and hopefully we can get him into the system for further work.

Adelaida is well and back in church. She has finished her book of her life and testimony. We plan to try to combine this book with her herb book and make it available to folks that want a copy. Hermana Lolita has also given us the cookbook she and Adelaida prepared together. That will also be available, as soon as it is translated.

Reina and baby David are doing great. He is a BIG baby!!! Reina's sisters, Mabel and Sandra are well and are reading Christian literature brought to them. This family is starting to make a difference. Please continue to pray for these women as they grow in the Lord and their ability to care for their families. Belky's new addition is a beautiful baby girl. We were able to give her supplies for the baby as they live in a tiny mountain village on the other side of Azacualpa. Arnold, Kenya, and baby are well. All of these babies are similar in age, and are growing and healthy!

We also visited Maria, daughter of Mercedes. She is happy and healthy.

Noemi is now making bed sets and along with her sister are embroidering tablecloths for sale. Bryun is now 4 years old, learning a little English, and is growing like a weed. When we visited the Las Varas church, Bryun sang a solo! The youth in the church are very active, participating in skits and music throughout the services.

A visit to the Laurels found everyone well. The newest addition to Olga's family is a very healthy three month old baby boy. We were able to fit the children that are now attending school with uniforms and shoes.

Most days, the team was able to go out into the villages to go door to door and offer prayer, food and encouragement to those that they encountered.

## VITAMIN AND DEWORMING PROGRAM

The micronutrient and deworming school based program is progressing well. A new shipment of vitamins has arrived at the farm for distribution. Teachers continue to report that the children are more attentive in class, and much healthier.

The Albendazole is being sent to the clinic from PAHO for upcoming distribution, and Bexa and her aides continue to distribute to the local schools and superintendents.

We distributed toothbrushes to a school in San Pedro Sula, and will continue to bring brushes down for the schools each trip.



Nice colors!



Sharon with Adelaida



Making food bags at the farm



Bryun's solo at church



Carolina and baby



Visiting the bilingual school in La Flecha

## 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 and aprons 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](http://www.cristosalva.org) for directions on these kits and patterns.

## PRENATAL CARE

The area pregnant women continue to come to us for prenatal care. We visited some of the new babies, and they are growing nicely as the women continue the vitamins after the birth of the baby. We are in the process of translating teaching material into Spanish to distribute to our women and post in the clinic.

## Life at the Farm

We are enjoying our new dining porch. Much work was done working around the farm this trip, especially the new water tower.

The driveway (road) to the farm is almost impassable. With the recent heavy rains and flooding, we had to leave the farm a day early for fear that we would not get back up to the farm. The road needs major work, in many places it is sheer rock, or washout spots almost too deep for the vans to go through. Please keep this in your prayers as we try to figure out a way to repair it.

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. Almost all of our shipments are sent here. Clothing is sorted, and distributed to Pastora Gladis for distribution in the poorest mountain villages. Stan and Pat N. did a tremendous job of cleaning out the chapel, just in time for a new shipment from Miami!

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

Our former caretakers have checked in with us! Nelson, is working at the Bank at Carmen's in El Virrey, and Nohemy, his wife, came to visit us at the farm in the pouring rain. Sandra and children came to visit, and Digna and family are well, King the dog is looking a little better and is very happy to be with us while we are at the farm. Pat N. has trained another chicken to come up and let her hold her. The rooster seems to be among the missing. We assume he made a very good meal for someone! Blanca, another former caretaker is now attending Sunday school at Adelaida's church along with her children. It was a nice surprise to see her there!

Three of the banana trees have survived and are growing, plus the avocado tree. Gene planted two new papaya trees and a lime tree this trip. We will continue to plant new fruit trees each trip to increase the food supply we grow on the farm. We have begun to dry the fruit to eat and give away.

## Clinic Update

The cabinets did not arrive in time to install them in the dental rooms, but they will be installed in January. Meanwhile, much time was spent on inventory and repair projects in the clinic. Our private quarters are functional, with office space, a private bathroom, complete with a shower and toilet. Again, we have had problems with Honduras Electric, who cut our power over a billing discrepancy. Power has been restored, and hopefully resolved from further issues.

The bodega is completed and painted inside. Plans are to paint the outside of the building to match the clinic during the January trip. Many of the supplies are now in the bodega with new shelving. This has allowed us to prepare the clinic for the large medical and dental teams that are coming in January. We will be utilizing every available space in January for these teams.

We did minimal medical care from the clinic, focusing on inventory. We were able to provide urgent care and care for our pregnant mothers during this trip while inventory was being completed. We made several house calls for urgent care and prayer.

We have developed with the help of Dr. Eric new patient charts to go with our electronic data base. We will be utilizing them for the first time in January, along with a new method of triage into area villages to assess patients. We will be transporting the patients from the villages to the clinic on their assigned day. Please be in prayer for this new system that it will run smoothly to enable us to care and encourage our patients.

We continue to need funding to complete the security wall around the clinic, gates and ground cover around the bodega. We will also be adding more shelving as money allows in the bodega and in the clinic.

If you would like to help financially with our building, please contact Pastor Ray for details at



Baby David and Abuelo David



Prayer time at a home



Hut to Hut ministry



New bodega



Rain damage at the Laurels



Thank you Maria and crew!!



Welcome Cristo Salva!

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## Well, Well, WELL PROJECT UPDATE

It is a wonderful thing to have water at the clinic! The pump is working properly and we have a never ending supply of water at our clinic. Thank you to all who have contributed to make this happen.

We are in the process of developing the water system on the farm. A new water tower was constructed to replace the old one that leaked. Plans were to connect to the town water from the water tower up the mountain on the Cristo Salva property, but the current plans are not finalized. Meanwhile, the new water tank holds enough water to supply us with several days of water for work around the farm and "army type" showers when the municipal water is not available. We will keep you updated on the progress of the water project on the farm.

## CLEAN WATER PROJECT

Rob Turner was unable to join us during this trip. He was missed by all, and many asked for him. He continues to have a heart for the people in our area and strives for all to have clean water. 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. Rob is working on plans for a possible factory for the water filters in our area. Please keep Rob, his family, the Clean Water club of Boise, Idaho, and Kyirsty Unger with the new Clean Water Club in Portland Oregon in your prayers as they try to find funding for this project. With all the recent flooding it is more important than ever to supply a means for our families to have safe drinking water.

## Asociación de Cuidados Infantiles Hogar Angelitos Felices COPAN RUINAS CHILDREN'S HOME

God has once again given us a small children's home to support. The Hogar Angelitos Felices is a new home in Copan Ruinas that currently houses 35 children, newborn to 18 years old, boys and girls. This little home is run by Dona Delsey, a former nurse and owner of a local restaurant. Dona Delsey is a strong believer and has her hands full with all the children! We were able to examine the children and leave medical supplies, clothing, and supplies for the home. Dona Delsey and Melida came down to Macuelizo to visit us at the clinic. We had a good time of fellowship and prayer before they returned to Copan. If anyone is interested in more information on this home, please contact us. We are hoping to develop a long term relationship with these children and the workers.

## 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](mailto:pray@cristosalva.org).

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

## Upcoming Conferences

There are a couple of upcoming events that may be of interest to those of you interested in continuing in the mission field.

### GLOBAL MISSIONS HEALTH CONFERENCE LOUISVILLE, KY

THURSDAY November 13<sup>th</sup> – SATURDAY November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

<https://www.medicalmissions.com/>

As a ministry of Southeast Christian Church, the Global Missions Health Conference (GMHC) shares the church's vision to connect people to Jesus and one another. Stemming from the Missions Ministry at Southeast, which seeks to make these connections throughout the world, the GMHC extends that reach even further.

Each year the GMHC connects healthcare professionals and students with one another and with mission workers, agencies, non-profit organization leaders, and ministers. Further, through main sessions and breakouts the conference provides information, training and equipping for medical personnel interested in ways to use their skills to connect people to the Great Physician, Jesus.

The GMHC is the largest gathering of its kind. Networking among like-minded believers fosters action and unity regarding the call to evangelize every people. Christian healthcare professionals encourage one another in their faith and work—and the intersection thereof.

In addition, the conference is designed to encourage all believers with special worship and prayer times intended to strengthen connections to God. The result, we pray, is worldwide impact.

### MISSIONARY MEDICAL INTENSIVE MARION, NC

March 29 - April 9, 2009

May 10-21, 2009

Sept. 13-24, 2009



The ladies decide to walk across the swinging bridge



Are you happy???



Lodo



Enjoying the new porch



Pushing a truck out of the mud



Stan with the new water tank



Construction of the new water tower

<http://www.equipternational.com/courses/mmi.htm>

In the Western world we have excellent medical systems, but, as a worker in a Third World setting, you may well need to be prepared to diagnose and treat a wide variety of injury and illness. This course is a must for missionaries who will be very isolated from good health care and/or medically treating nationals as part of your ministry.

Whether you are a doctor with very little experience in tropical medicine, a nurse or a lay person, your two weeks in MMI will give you that preparation. The course textbook, the Village Medical Manual, was written by Dr. Mary Vanderkooi, an Equip missionary and a specialist in tropical medicine. This unique diagnostic tool, in conjunction with 200 sample case studies, will prepare you to use logical, step-by-step methods to diagnose hundreds of diseases that you may encounter.

Lectures, which are presented by various instructors with experience in Third World medicine, include Patient Evaluation, Logic of Diagnoses, Infectious Diseases, Common Diseases, Lacerations and Midwifery.

Labs will give hands-on experience in physical examination, suturing lacerations, injections, calculating dosages and rehydration fluids, stomach tubes, splinting, bandaging, improvisation, sterilizing and developing personal medical kits. MMI could literally be a lifesaver.

MMI is an intense two-weeks of lectures, labs, homework and Christian fellowship.

## *Prayers and Requests*

1. For those that do not know Jesus.
2. For the many ministries of Cristo Salva.
3. For those that are planning to travel with us to Honduras during the 2009 trips.
4. Our ministries with the Boise and Portland Clean Water Club, well projects, the children's home in Copan Ruinas, 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.
6. For the Flores family. Papa Luis continues to need dialysis and Luis is currently jobless to help support the family.
7. For Honduras as a nation as they struggle to recover from the recent heavy rains and flooding.

## *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. Special thanks to Margarite Sylvester and Celia Briggs for the beautiful aprons that we were able to give to the women. Also to the Eliot ME AC church for all the knitted caps for our babies!

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. Baby aspirin

#### Major projects:

1. More metal shelving for warehouse

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2. 2 truck-loads of gravel between clinic and warehouse
3. Front and side walls for clinic property
4. Front gates for clinic
5. Iron works for side wall
6. Sink for team quarters
7. 1 AC for team quarters
8. Pump house, PVC line, and underground electric for farm
9. Driveway to the 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. \$45 a month)
9. 2 inch Styrofoam to insulate ceilings in clinic (approx \$20 a sheet)

Please contact Pastor Ray at [pray@cristosalva.org](mailto:pray@cristosalva.org) if you are interested in any of the above projects.

Please visit our website at [www.cristosalva.org](http://www.cristosalva.org) for ways you can help us. For website information please email [development@cristosalva.org](mailto:development@cristosalva.org)

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