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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.

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

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

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. The team pictures are now in folders on Picasa. If you are interested in the most recent trip's pictures, please email Pat @ [phavener@att.net](mailto:phavener@att.net)

## 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! Many first timers are requesting slots, with many folks requesting to return. We have limited space available on some of our trips, so please before booking airline flights or before taking time off; check with David for trip availability.

A U.S. passport valid for at least six months from the date of entry is required to enter Honduras. If your passport expires in less than six months, and you are planning on joining us, please renew now to avoid last minute hurdles.

A reminder to PLEASE read the handbook on line, especially if you have signed up for a trip or if you are interested in going on one of the trips.

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.

### 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

Week one: October 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> (no medical)

Week two: October 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

January 2010 dates pending

## News from Honduras

Our schedule this trip included:

- Churches-
- 1. Sula (Pastora Gladis) El Shaddai Church
- 2. House of Prayer (Adelaida)
- 3. Theos Luis's family's church
- 4. New Vision (Macuelizo)
- 5. Las Varas
- 6. La Flecha Assembly of God

### Clinics:

2 days were spent examining pregnant women and urgent care. We were also open for urgent care and emergencies whenever we were needed. We saw over 80 pregnant women in a two day span. Many of them had never had any former prenatal care, and many others depend on us every three months to take care of them.

Preteam involved the usual cleaning and organizing. We spent a quiet but hot Easter in Honduras preparing for the first large team. The first week brought many from the state of Maine, amazingly the weather did not deter them! Whatever project was presented, this was a willing group to do whatever was needed to continue the work of the ministry. Week two brought an assortment of youth from Lenox and Kennebunk. This is such a well coordinated group to work with, it is always such a pleasure to serve along side of them! Both teams were amazing in their willingness to step out of their comfort zones to



Team week one



Team week two



Visiting in Dr. Carlos' school



Prayer at children's home



Jen and friend



So happy for a new apron and bible



Worship at church



Old friends reunite



Handing out clothing and food in Los Pelas



Painting pews



serve those that are far less fortunate. A major thank you to all of you!

We made several home visits for medical care and spiritual encouragement.

We were called to the home of Pastora Gladis. Miss Lydia was recovering from a mild stroke. She was better when we saw her, no more facial drooping and able to use full use of her hands.

Mabel, sister of Reina, called us to tell of an emergency. A man had been shot and needed care. We drove up to his village and brought the young man to the clinic where we cleaned the wound and started him on antibiotics. He was in a great deal of pain. His brother had also been shot but did not survive. We were able to spend some time with the family in prayer. Please be in prayer for this young family as they deal with the loss.

Another night, we were called to Sula to attend to Pastora Nohemy from Luis' family's church. She had a rather large hernia that could not be reduced. We called in a doctor from a brigade in Sula to help us, but he could not reduce it either. He told the Pastora that she needed emergency surgery or her bowel would die, and she would die from it. They left and we started to pray. As we prayed the hernia reduced, and another hernia reduced also! We were all crying and praising God for his healing powers. Pastora Nohemy was able to take the bus home the next day with minimal discomfort.

We saw Jorge and family in church. Jorge is doing fine, getting medication for treatment. He praises God for His healing powers on him and his family.

We visited the Laurels. Three of the women are pregnant. The threat of them losing their homes is real. We were able to repair the roof on one of the homes as a temporary fix. Please continue to pray for these families and our friends.

We again distributed food to area homes, at least 100 food bags were passed out in the communities. Food and clothing were taking to Los Pelas, and to barrios around Macuelizo.

Clothing was taken to Pastora Gladis for distribution in the mountain villages.. We also gave supplies to the children's home on the road to Azacualpa. School supplies were distributed to local teachers and schools.

Reina and baby David are doing well. He is now 25 pounds and becoming mobile. Mabel, sister of Reina attended church at Las Varas one night and came with us to the large gathering of churches, along with her brother and sister in law. Please continue to pray for this family as they grow in Jesus.

We did see Isaiah this trip. His grandmother said his surgery will be this fall. He looks well and healthy. Nelke will have his surgery at the new Children's Orthopedic Hospital in San Pedro Sula in September. The family is very grateful for the referral and the ability to stay in Honduras for the surgery. We have been invited to visit the new hospital in the near future.

Adelaida complained of not feeling well, but perked up when we visited. She was able to attend the gathering of churches with our group.

Stan brought Sunday school material and supplies to Pastor Tito in San Pedro Sula. Please continue to pray for Pastor Tito's inner city ministry. He has a strong ministry among former gang members in the area. He now has 35 cell groups and four active churches. A kinder has been started for area children.

We visited several kinders and schools this trip. The young people did skits and face painting along with distributing supplies to the teachers. The groups also visited parks and did puppet skits, face painting and presented the gospel while playing with the children in the area.

The team also visited the local children's home where they played and assisted with meals. We left care kits for all the children. The last Saturday the group traveled up to Copan to visit Dona Delsy and the children there. They had quite a full day!

Those that did not travel to Copan attended the wedding of Yesenia and Carlos. It was a beautiful wedding, and they were very very happy. They say thank you to all that helped with the wedding plans and arrangements.

### COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

Carol Kline has been working with folks in our area for microenterprise projects. There are several people working in cottage industries:

Jasmine, our friend and now new mother is making greeting cards with the help of her family. This industry has already turned over a profit.

Arnold and Kenia. We have known Arnold for years prior to his participation in the Las Varas church where he, Kenia and their baby attend. Arnold is making stars from barbwire for purchase.

Rigoberto Garcia (Rico) is also from the Las Varas church where he runs the sound system for the youth ministry. He is making Christmas cards out of banana leaves. These will be available later this year.

Please be sure to check the website under cottage industries for updates on these and other projects. [www.cristosalva.org](http://www.cristosalva.org)

### VITAMIN AND DEWORMING PROGRAM

God is Good! The manufacturers of our school vitamins has agreed to supply us with one more year of vitamins!!! We will be distributing them through the clinic, so keep us in prayer as we get these to the children. 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, it has proven very interesting dealing with those that control where these meds are. Please pray that the deworming meds will be freed soon for distribution.

We distributed toothbrushes to the schools in Nueva Frontera and Azacualpa. We also sent first aid kits to the schools in the area.

### PRENATAL CARE/WOMEN'S HEALTH

A major thank you to Vitamin Angels. They heard our cry for prenatal vitamins and are supplying us with a large amount of these precious vitamins. In addition to our own clinic, we are able to supply the state clinic with prenats, they were completely out and will keep records of those they give them to.

We held one clinic, that ended up lasting two days. This was mostly pregnant women! We supplied them with education, vitamins, baby kits, and meds as needed. We prayed with them for healthy deliveries.

We now have an ultrasound machine that has been donated and plan in the near future to start using it.

Plans are in the future for midwife training with hopes to give the trained parteras a midwife bag as a gift for completing their classes. Direct Relief is donating the midwife bags for our area women.

## Life at the Farm

Thanks to our "mobile walls", we were able to accommodate the large teams of this trip. Suitcases everywhere, but we all did fine. Electricity proved again to be sporadic. We spent several days with the generator running. The water remained on the entire trip.

Forever grateful to Pat N.



Jasmine and new daughter



Handing out aprons



Painting the outside of the clinic



Maintenance of supplies



Care for a grieving mother



Inserting the Styrofoam in the clinic

We are very grateful to those with servant hearts that worked on projects at the farm. From painting to electrical, many hours were spent in the heat working.

Pat N. worked very long hot hours in the kitchen to feed the large crowds. We had as many as 35 at some meals.

For those that are wondering, King the dog is still alive and well. He is pretty deaf and toothless for the most part, but is a happy dog when Pastor Ray is around! The caretaker's dog is Peligro. He is a beautiful part Doberman, friendly yet protective of us. There are now three guinea hens that protect the farm, and they are quite comical how they march around all the time. We also have three cats and three new baby kittens. The cats may be great for keeping out the mice, but can be quite the nuisance coming into the kitchen at night, knocking off bowls and dishes.

Our trees and plants are flourishing down next to the home of the caretakers. The plants were moved so that they could grow. Raul, Florinda, and Jonathan have been very helpful to all of us on the farm. Florinda did many many loads of laundry for the teams. Florinda and Jonathan were able to attend church with us one night. Our new neighbors (across the driveway) also attend church in Las Varas. Their son is a part of the youth ministry in the church.

## Clinic Update

The clinic pods were painted a beautiful terra cotta color. It has truly warmed up the appearance of our work area. We also were able to install the Styrofoam panels in the pods and pharmacy. What a difference in the temperature in these rooms! A major thank you to those that worked on these projects!

Carol spent long hours organizing the bodega. With all the incoming supplies this is a never ending task. Thank you!

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 [pray@cristosalva.org](mailto:pray@cristosalva.org) or by phone (305) 233-2885 (office) or (786) 402-9686 (cell).

## The Gathering of Churches

The April 27<sup>th</sup> Gathering.

On Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> Gods people of the region of Santa Barbara came together for a night of Worship and asking for God to descend upon a place called "Campamento Monte de Unción in Agualote, Azacualpa", (The Retreat Camp - Mount of Anointing) to touch and change lives, and to heal the sick and to bring those in darkness into the Light of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All the churches of the region from as far east as Quimistan and to the west La Entrada, and points in between were invited. In attendance were ministries from the Church of God, Church of Christ, Assemblies of God, Theos Church, the Baptist Church of Sula, and Gates of Heaven Church (Puerta del Cielo - La Flecha) to name a few and many others along with the Cristo Salva Worship team and the invited guest pastor from La Cieba, Pastor Milton Valle who has an anointed healing ministry.

Pastor Valle has one of the largest and fastest growing churches in Honduras with over 3500 members and La Puerta del Cielo church is currently awaiting the completion of the 5000 plus temple on June 1 of this year. He has been invited to minister in many different countries around the world and also in the US.

God brought together an estimated 3000 plus men, women and children, pastors, ministries and others to this gathering, which started at 7:00 pm and lasted well past 10:30 pm plus others that heard the sound of praise and worship to our God and King.

Many came forth to accept Christ through the prayer of Salvation; Our Lord also healed many that night and broke the chains that held many captive. We are also awaiting the many testimonies of other things Our God did through His merciful grace and love for His people.

The task of gathering and bringing the ministries and people of the region was not an easy one, but Our God is a Great and Mighty God, for which nothing is impossible. Through much prayer and with the help of many which God had called for the preparation the task was accomplished.

Through word of mouth, flyers that were hand delivered to pastors and churches and even through television time which was provided in Azacualpa Wednesday the 22 and at the Christian television station in Quimistan on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. God provided a total of 4 hours of free air time to spread the word of the gathering, to preach and to minister and pray for callers on the air that had immediate needs.

A video promo of the gathering was prepared at no cost which aired throughout the days leading up to the gathering from the Quimistan TV station.

As the day of the gathering drew near the task of constructing an altar on the grounds, securing a sound system powerful enough for the large outdoor venue, the lighting and the transportation of some of the churches that were furthest away would need to be prepared and also consideration for portable electrical power would be needed, as the constant outages of electrical power continued throughout the region on a daily basis while we were there.

God called upon us to Trust in Him that He would provide and in Faith we boldly professed each day out loud "Yo Creo" I believe that this message was preached and proclaimed on the air and throughout our meetings with the churches and the ministries.

Our God provided Nelson Alvarado of the Splash Water Park in Azacualpa and the conduit of people that gave us a free altar. This was no simple altar as it had to be disassembled and trucked and reassembled at Campamento de Unción, a process that took 3 ½ hours. The altar measured 38 feet wide by 18 feet deep and stood 10 feet above the ground. The white tarp which was trucked in from San Pedro Sula (1 ½ hours away) measured 30 feet by 16. It was assembled by a crew that came in from San Pedro and stayed overnight to disassemble it the day after the gathering.

The lighting was provided by the director of the camp Pastor Jose Pinto Church of God Azacualpa (Centro).

The massive sound system was provided by Edwin Paz a professional sound expert from the region at no cost. His skilled team of 6 assistants worked for many hours prior to and post the event in assembling and dismantling the massive speakers and cabling required.

Edwin was also instrumental and having a friend George from El Ciruelo a small town nearby to provide us at no charge an industrial 220 volt portable power plant so we could have uninterrupted power during the event.

The only thing left was the transport vehicles for the churches that wanted to attend and had no means to get to the gathering. As of Monday morning we had no transport that had agreed to our needs for the churches which had to be picked up and then return at a possible late hour to their villages.

But then God spoke and asked us to go to Pastor Dagoberto Zelaya from Ministerios de Fe Vida Nueva (the Cristo Salva team members had visited this children's ministry during the week). Pastor has a school bus and we were able to speak to him and he gladly donated the use of the bus with the return of the churches and at no charge "Praise God"!

Upon having this situation resolved at 11:30 am on Monday we immediately got a call from Pastor Jesus Lopez that a second bus had been secured for transporting three more churches. This second bus was understood to be at no charge but due to a communication misunderstanding we were informed later that there was a cost of only \$80.00 dollars.



Worship at church



Enjoying the visit



New paint in the clinic



Playing with the children at the Laurels



Milton Valle and Roger



The worship team at the Gathering

So then with two buses several pickup trucks and Pastor Ray Marco providing mini-bus service for the Assembly of God church in Las Varas. and others that arrived by bicycles and on foot. All that God had gathered were present.

Last but not least the Quimistan TV station, Channel 3, filmed the event which has been replayed for those that were not able to be there that night starting the next day Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Please be in prayer for the great work Pastor Jaime is doing with the little resources he has to be a blessing to the people of the region. (If God places a desire to serve the people of Honduras in your heart, even if you cannot go you can still spread the word by helping Pastor Jaime.)

A special debt of gratitude goes out to all the churches and those that were praying before and during the service in Honduras and back home.

Pastor Olivero Navarette, Church of God Macuelizo accompanied us wherever the rocky and dusty road took us to spread the news of God's calling to the ministries and the people of the region, before our arrival and during our time in Honduras.

The Cristo Salva Misson Team, Pastor Ray Marco along with the youth teams and pastors.

The Cristo Salva Worship Team which I am eternally grateful to God our Father for bringing together such humble servants that heard the call of Gods voice. This team represented 3 countries.

Pastor	Alexi	(Assembly of God Church, Aldea Nueva)	Keyboards
Worship Leader	Luis Flores	(Iglesia Theos, Sula)	Keyboards, Vocals
Worship Minister	Matt Brillo	(Advent Christian Tampa Region)	Drums
Worship Leader	Nick Winnard	(Hope Church Lenox, Ma)	Bass Guitar, Vocals
Worship Leader	Jose "Nacho"	(Iglesia de Dios, Macuelizo)	Electric Guitar
Worship Leader	Roger Espinosa	(Oak Grove, Miami, Fl)	Guitar, Vocals

Most of all to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who paid the ultimate price so we could come and boldly Praise and Worship Our Father in freedom with the Power of the Holy Spirit, who wrote our names in the Book of Life.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

To God Be the Glory,

Thank you Father God, for the privilege of using us as your instruments.

Dios le Bendiga,  
Hermano Rogelio

## Well, Well, WELL PROJECT UPDATE

The well at the clinic has been a godsend. We have had water even when the town has not. The well company is planning soon to evaluate the placement of the well on the farm. We will keep you updated as the plans unfold.

## CLEAN WATER PROJECT

Rob Turner and is currently in Honduras distributing prenatal vitamins to the Clean Water programs. Rob will try to coordinate his visit with ours in July to install filters in many of the schools in Azacualpa. We are deeply indebted to him for all the hard work he has done all over Honduras. 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... Please keep Rob and his family, in your prayers as they try to find funding for this project.

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

A large group was able to visit the children's home in Copan Ruinas. They played games, and presented the gospel at the home. We also sent supplies plus shoe box gift boxes for all the children. Delsy sends her deep gratitude to all that have helped. Emily Havener has been volunteering at the home while taking language studies in Copan. 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!

## Cristo Salva – on the air RADIO STATION UPDATE

No further updates at this writing. We continue to be 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.

## 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 Rob Turner, 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. Nelke will have his surgery at the new Children's Orthopedic Hospital in San Pedro Sula in September.
6. For the Flores family. Papa Luis continues to need dialysis and Luis is currently jobless to help support the family. Luis was denied his Visa for the states. Please pray as we continue this process to bring him over to the US to perform.
7. For Honduras as a nation as they struggle to survive.



New roof at the Laurels



Delsy with shoe box gifts at the children's home in Copan



Hot, hot, hot!



Jump rope for Jesus



Friends celebrating



Yesenia and Carlos, the newlyweds

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8. For the family of Howard Schiffer (Vitamin Angels), who lost their home in the Santa Barbara fires.
9. For those that lost homes in the fires of Alton Bay, NH. Continue to pray for all that lost their homes during the recent fires.

## 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 the Kamberger's for sharing their family and home with us. A special thanks to Maria, and family for not only feeding us, but just her willingness to serve.

To Pat N. for the long hours in the kitchen at the farm.

To David V for his invaluable service as the front man in the clinic.

To Doctor Carlos, Jasmine and others that helped us on the busy clinic days.

To Roger Espinosa for organizing the gathering of churches

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. Baby aspirin
3. Baby care kits and School kits
4. Creams ... antifungal, antibiotic, anti itch and vaginal
5. Saw Palmetto
6. Evening Primrose
7. Tylenol (major\*\*\*\*)

Due to the great work that you have done, we do not need pill bottles at this time. We will keep you posted when our supply runs low. Thanks to all of you that have been collecting, peeling labels and sending this precious way of supporting us.

For more items on our needs list, please see the website for more frequent updates. [www.cristosalva.org](http://www.cristosalva.org)

#### Major projects:

1. More metal shelving for warehouse
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. Pump house, PVC line, and underground electric for farm
7. 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 a building for clinic in Las Varas or similar building
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. \$50 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.

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