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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.



Team week one



Team week two



Adelaida at home



Pastor Ray and Ledy Marco

## News from Honduras

### OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS...

What an amazing time in Honduras! From conversions to healings, complete with a manger birth! God is still working mightily in the lives of the people in Honduras.

Adelaida is frail but well. We were able to spend some quality time with her, in the clinic and in her home. She will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday in January. She got out to church with the assistance of the van, dressed in her robe to keep warm during the service. She is a very remarkable woman.

Noemi is now a district distributor of Avon products. Her sister Maritza is helping her and will soon have a district under Noemi. Yanzi will continue to run the small pulperia out of the home. Yanzi also works in the church along with Arnold directing the youth.

We received a call from Reina that her brother had been stabbed and killed during the night. Pastor Ray was able to help with some of the needs of the family and visited the family for prayer and support. Reina's other brother and wife and child (Iris, age 16 months) have moved in with the sisters. Both parents work while the sisters watch Iris who is one month older than David. David is growing like a weed and is running all over the place and talking (he is very good at saying "no").

We received word this week that baby Iris was at her grandmother's house overnight and died in the hammock. Please pray for this family as so much grief has come to them over the years. Reina stays in touch and knows our prayers are with them.

Belky has moved back home with her baby girl to live with her mother. Please be in prayer for her as she struggles now as a single mom without an education.

Digna is well, Alejandro is working on the farm. Elmer who is now 9 has been helping out with farm work when school is not in session.

The children on the cemetery road are growing up. The boys are now quite tall! Suyapa is pregnant and due in the spring. Margarita's daughter is also pregnant.

Isaias is doing great. He has not had surgery, but his head has ceased to grow, and his body is growing into the size of his head. He does not walk and is very bright.

Papa Luis continues to need dialysis three times a week. Tina has had several bouts with breathing problems. Luis is now working at Canal 3 and has his own program in the afternoons. Pastora Gladis also has a program in the mornings on the station. She and Miss Lidia are doing well. Miss Lidia also has frequent bouts with respiratory problems, but is as bright and funny as always.

### THE WORK CONTINUES....

The team went out into the villages to distribute clothing and food sprinkled with the love of Jesus. Over 1200 lbs of food was given to families this trip. "Dr." Stan (Stan recently completed his doctorate in missions) was again able to distribute Sunday School material and Bibles, including Pastor Tito in San Pedro Sula.

Our cottage industries are going in full force. Jazmin and her mom made 180 very beautiful cards. With some of the money they earned, a pig was bought which later had four piglets! They will be able to help support and feed their family by raising the pigs. Arnold was also able to make quite a few barbed wire stars to sell.

We had three new decisions for Christ. In El Choritzo, near the Sula hospital, Maria Celeste made a decision for Christ, but her husband Santiago was not ready. Returning later in the day, Santiago too became a new believer.

While preaching at New Vision in Macuelizo, Pastor Glenn gave an invitation to meet Jesus. A young man in the back accepted the Lord. During the time of prayer, he was prayed for a black spot on his head. The spot disappeared during prayer!



Isaias and dad



Scene of the crime!



A helping hand



Danny, new Laurels baby



Preparation for food bags



Dental care



Other areas visited were with food, clothing and other supplies:

The area near the swinging bridge in La Flecha

Morning Star Academy

Pozas Verdes school (Green Wells) (we were able to supply new computer desks for the school)

Kinder in Las Varas

Kinder near the cemetery road in Las Varas, where Roberta and Jazmin gave dental education

New development (Nueva Esperanza in Conchagua)

Conchagua

Macuelizo, near the hardware and area behind the clinic

The Laurels

Las Pilas

Libertad, a very poor barrio in San Pedro Sula with 200 people

Churches visited were: New Vision, Las Varas, Church of God in Azacualpa, home church at Manuel Lepe's, Casa Quemada for Sunday school and church, Assembly of God in Conchagua, and the House of Prayer in Macuelizo (Adelaida's church). We also attended Sunday School at the home church of Tina and Luis Flores in Sula.

### VITAMIN AND DEWORMING PROGRAM

The micronutrient and deworming school based program is still progressing. School has ended early, but the program continued until school closed on November 1<sup>st</sup>. In January, the vitamin distribution will resume, along with the deworming schedule. The schools in Azacualpa have truly been the models in the program with the addition of the gardens and dental health. New promoters will be in position in January, but Teresita will continue to work with the program assisting Bexa.

### CARE KITS DISTRIBUTIONS

We will be distributing school kits in January to the school age children at their schools. We still need more! Please go to the website for directions on the care kits. School ended early in Honduras in preparation of the upcoming elections, but it will also start early in January. We hope to be able to supply many children with these precious supplies.

We have a good assortment of baby kits and safe delivery kits although with our increasing pregnant population, these kits will go fast. Please if this is a project that your church wants to undertake, continue. What we don't use we try to distribute.

We are low on personal care kits. These are nice items to give to the children in the orphanages.

### PRENATAL CARE/WOMEN'S HEALTH

We saw over 200 pregnant women in our clinic during our stay in Honduras. We had the opportunity to pray with our expectant mothers for the baby and their health over these coming months. We are planning midwife education in January. 10 midwife bags have been donated by Direct Relief International to give to the trained parteras. We are hoping to have 6 to 7 parteras for these first classes and we already have 4 signed up! This will be part one of the training, part two will be later this year.

There are 3 new healthy babies at the Laurels.. Christian, son of Elida and Elda is now 5 months old. Elida lost her last baby in childbirth, and is very excited to have a healthy newborn. Alva and Jorge have a new 4 month old baby boy named Jocelyn Samuel. Maria and Pabling's new baby is 3 month old Daniel.

We also had our first "baby in a manger". We were called to deliver, but arrived in time to deliver the after birth, outdoors, in the dirt and hay, under the stars. We scooped up baby and mom and headed to the clinic for a couple of hours to watch over them. Our healthy 7 pound baby girl is doing great along with her mom.

## Life at the Farm

In spite of the fact that the team was unable to travel to Honduras this past summer, the work continued where we left off. Week one brought many repairs and projects to the farm. We are so thankful for Dave, who just "happened" to be an electrician! God always brings those that we need at the right time. It was a trip of "thank you Bob's" and many others who gelled as a team to get the work completed.

We again had plumbing issues with the toilets inside the farmhouse. Large roots seem to thrive in our pipes, and quite a bit of labor was put into removing them and repairing our septic system.

The electricity on the farm was semi functional at best. We lost many of the fans and practically anything that was plugged in due to the power surges. We now have new wiring on the farm and circuit breaker boxes that can handle the electrical load.

Meanwhile, the wiring for the well house and new bathroom were completed. The new men's shower room is almost finished, with tiling to be done. We should return to the new bathrooms in January!

## Clinic Update

We not only had medical care, but dental care this trip. Roberta joyfully treated many patients from cleanings to extractions. We are thankful for her willingness to serve, not only in the dental part of the clinic but at times assisted with the medical aspect as well as educating. Bob

It took him 4 days, but King made to the farm



Outside new men's showers on farm



New well house on the farm



Elmer has been helping his dad, Alejandro around the farm



Julian and Juan Carlos working at the farm



David and Pastor Glenn during church service



Baby Samuel at the Laurels

also served as not only a worker at the farm, but took on medical care during our clinics. "Thank You Bob" somehow doesn't seem like enough! Doctor Carlos continues to be a large part of our team, and we even had Dr. Felipe join us for one patient on our last day. In January, we will begin to further train Carla and Suyapa who have faithfully helped out in our clinics and now desire to learn more medically. David is invaluable as an "office manager", as we grow and learn, we are truly evolving as a fully functional clinic with emergency services. We praise God for all He has done for us as our little "hospital" grows.

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. We need cabinets in our emergency room and delivery room.

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).

## Well, Well,

### WELL PROJECT UPDATE

We now have clean water both at the clinic and the farm! Pat N. no longer has to boil large pots of water for the dishes. What a blessing this is for us at the farm and the clinic! We are so thankful for those that had the vision that these two projects could be completed.

### CLEAN WATER PROJECT

Rob Turner and Kasey Smart from DOERS (Dominican Overseas Education and Relief Society) will be returning to Honduras in January. Currently Rob is doing fund raising and Kasey is working on feeding programs for the region. Rob plans to install more water filters in January along with the distribution of vitamins and parasite meds. Please continue to pray for this small ministry that compliments and partners with us.

## Asociación de Cuidados Infantiles Hogar Angelitos Felices

### COPAN RUINAS CHILDREN'S HOME

Dona Delsy wrote to tell us all are well in Copan. They have been struggling economically but are now selling hotdogs in the park to supplement the income of the home! All the children are healthy and growing. Delsy praises God for the help her little home has received to keep it operational. We hope to have supplies and dental and medical care for the children in January.

## Prayers and Request

1. For the nation of Honduras.
2. For those that do not know Jesus. .
3. For the many ministries of Cristo Salva
4. For those that are planning to travel with us to Honduras during the 2010 trips.
5. Our ministries with Rob Turner, well projects, the children's home in Copan Ruinas, the Honduran Micronutrient Project and our prenatal project.
6. For the Flores family. Papa Luis continues to need dialysis. Tina has had several severe respiratory issues. Luis is working at Canal 3 with a youth program in the afternoon.
7. For the family of Reina Antunez. Not only was Reina's brother stabbed and killed, her remaining brother's baby smothered and died in a hammock this past week. Please keep this little family in your prayers as they deal with these tragedies.
8. For the education and training of local doctors, nurses, dental and midwives to ensure continuity of care while we are away.

## 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, medical and dental pods, work and road crew, and donations.

To those who worked with us during our stay in Honduras.

To Maria and family for feeding and caring for us.

To all the missionaries, doctors and agencies that have worked with us to keep the supply line open while we work in Honduras and return to the States.

To all of you that have gone, prayed and shown concern for the ministry of Cristo Salva.

## How You Can Help Us

### NEEDS LIST:

#### Minor projects:

We are very low on the following:

- Children's Tylenol (acetaminophen)



Baby Christian at the Laurels



Clinic days



Thank you Maria!



Our newly repaired driveway, no ruts!



Luis and mama Tina during Sunday School



Our newest clinic baby, born in the "manger"

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- Infant Tylenol
- Children's Motrin or Advil (ibuprofen)
- Adult Tylenol regular strength
- Baby aspirin
- Vaginal creams
- Toothbrushes (we need 2500 for the schools in Azacualpa, in addition to what we will use in the clinic)
- Small tubes of toothpaste

Many of the above items can be purchased at the dollar stores. We are asking you to help with these crucial over the counter medicines as we help those that need care. If you are planning to serve with us in January, consider packing a few of these items in your luggage. Our last shipment date out of Miami for January is December 7<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to ship items, please plan accordingly. Many have chosen to send money instead with directions on what to purchase. Pastor Ray and the Oak Grove Church will be shopping for these items with the funds specifically designated for these meds. Team members will hand carry in their luggage if necessary.

Please send packages or checks to:

Cristo Salva (meds for clinic)

11211 SW 102 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33176

Please be sure to mark the box or check "for clinic use".

#### Major projects:

1. More metal shelving for warehouse
2. Front and side walls for clinic property
3. Front gates for clinic
4. Iron works for side wall
5. Cabinets for the ER and women's/delivery room

#### DREAM LIST

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

1. Workshop for the farm
2. Farmhouse and chapel painted
3. Purchase of a building for a clinic in Las Varas
4. Sponsor for electric bill for clinic
5. Sponsor for shipping
6. Sponsor for internet access (approx. \$45 a month)
7. 2 inch Styrofoam to insulate ceilings in clinic (approx \$20 a sheet)
8. Touch up painting at the clinic.

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

## 2010 Opportunities for Ministry

Please register and apply on-line at our web site and also contact David Vignali [vignaliid@bellsouth.net](mailto:vignaliid@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in a trip with Cristo Salva. 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

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before taking time off, check with David for trip availability.

There are one week and two week trips available.

2010 dates:

January 11-18 (primarily dental/clinic focus)  
January 18-25 (primarily medical/clinic focus)  
January 25-Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

April 12-19th  
April 19-26<sup>th</sup> (full)

July 12-19th  
July 19-26th

October 11-18th  
October 18-25th

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