

*For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Matthew 25:35-36*

Ministerio Sal y Luz is blessed to have a wonderful staff. Henry Alvarenga, the director, is the driving force behind the ministry, but he would not be able to accomplish God's work without the dedication of each of the staff members. Henry and the staff start every day with devotions and prayer for each other, the patients and for God's direction, wisdom and guidance for the ministry.

Dr. Karla and Dr. Ondina work well with each other and the other staff members in coordinating the many activities of the ministry. Not only are there patients to see each day but there are other facets of the ministry that have to be monitored. Each of the four Feeding Centers are visited on a



## ***New Ministry Opportunities***

Henry and the staff feel the Lord is leading the ministry into some different areas this next year. The medical staff visited two prisons and an orphanage in Comayagua and La Paz. These cities are located about an hour south of the clinic. Comayagua is a large city with American restaurants and hotels. La Paz is located a few minutes from Comayagua. The prison in Comayagua caught fire in February and hundreds of prisoners died. The prison in La Paz has over 400 men and 15 women inmates. All the prisoners have to find a way to make money to buy their food and other necessities. Many of the men prisoners in Comayagua make hammocks, nets for fishing, crocheted purses, jewelry and other handmade items for sale.



regular basis to ensure that the managers are following the guidelines of the centers. The children at the centers have to be evaluated periodically to monitor their health.

There are regular meetings with the families involved in the Feeding Program and Education Program so the staff can provide training in topics pertaining to spiritual growth, health and other topics needed by these families. The doctors along with the other members of the staff work many weekends and after hours to provide these services that are all part of a growing ministry.

Long hours of preparation go into the coordination for the many teams from the United States who come to work and serve in Honduras each year. Without the unselfish support of each staff member, the ministry would not be able to

continue to grow and provide the needed services to the people of the Lake Area of Honduras.

The ladies ministry will work with the women in La Paz to teach them skills so they can make items to sell. Medical teams, construction teams, evangelism teams and others can make a difference in the lives of the men and women in these prisons and the children in the orphanages. There are many mission possibilities in these areas and with God's guidance our ministry will reach the people that need our help. An addiction program is needed in our area of Honduras. There are many men and women that have problems with alcohol and drugs. We are praying for direction in this area so we can reach the people and the families that are hurting because of their addiction.



*At Ministerio Sal y Luz, all of the programs included in the ministry are a result of prayer by many for God's will to be done for His glory. We pray for wisdom and guidance so the staff will be strengthened and led by God's hand.*



group, etc., they were given the opportunity to view the movie and the men participated in a discussion and resolution ceremony, one

team brought 75 copies of the books Resolution for Men and Resolution for Women and are engaged in weekly study groups.

## *Evangelism*

Evangelism has been taken to higher heights this year. As we fulfill being God's hands and feet in Honduras, Salt & Light Ministry is making a profound impact in people's lives.



Last year we had a Family conference which was attended by more than 1,000 participants, this was

sparked by the need to foster healing and reconciliation in the family units. Follow up was given to certain families and some are being discipled. This summer we had the honor to witness some of these couples, not only get baptized but also have a wedding ceremony. Nine couples, with the untiring efforts of the Women's Ministry, were united first by the civil authorities of Peña Blanca and followed by a beautiful wedding ceremony at the Church on Sunday. Our eyes were filled with tears as we witnessed one "future-husband" come to Christ and get baptized all in the same day!!!



Mission teams used various methods to evangelize and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

One effective tool we used this year was the movie "Courageous". As we targeted various communities, the men's bible study



## Education Programs



Many new features have been added to our scholarship program this year. In March, four tutoring centers were started for the elementary students in our scholarship program. Last month, another tutoring center was started for the secondary students in El Tigre.

We have discovered that the children, especially in the rural areas, do not have a good basic education. The greatest areas of need are in Math and Spanish. Most village schools have only one or two teachers for six grades. This is a huge handicap for both teachers and students.

Our new Educational Director for Ministerio Sal y Luz, Daniel Tercero, is helping with the tutoring. The tutoring program not only provides basic instruction in Mathematics, Spanish and Reading but the children are provided spiritual instruction along with topics in health education. Parents are encouraged to attend the sessions with their children where a local pastor or one of the staff meets with the parents. One of the goals of the program is to teach the children and their parents the importance of an education. Some of the high school students who are in the scholarship program volunteer to help with tutoring in their villages. This gives these students a chance to give back to their communities and teaches them the value of sharing with others. More tutoring centers will be added as resources become available for materials and funds for another teacher to help with the program.

There are so many children that need educational help and it is difficult to determine which children will take advantage of their opportunity. We want to use the sponsorship program to impact the students that want an education. There are many children in the program that are doing well and taking advantage of the educational help offered to them.

Sometimes children do not respond in the way we would like, but there are success stories and we would like to share two of them. Douglas is 19 years old and



will graduate this year from high school. Douglas is also part of the mentoring program for young men that have no family or support. He grew up on the streets in San Pedro and other cities, he does not know who his father is and his mother is mentally ill. Douglas is very

intelligent and determined to get an education. Next year, he will work to support himself and attend the university in San Pedro. At some point, he would like to attend seminary.

Isias is another young man that has excelled in spite of his family. Isias left home at six years old to avoid an abusive father. He supported himself during that time by working for different people for food and living in an abandoned building in the mountains. He is now in the tenth grade and wants to attend a military college when he graduates.

Both of these young men have proven that you can succeed if you have the desire and we are grateful to be part of their lives by providing help for their education.



Your prayers are needed for guidance and direction as we try to educate the children in Honduras.

## Men & Youth Mentoring Program

The garden was started to provide a way for men to work and support their families. The food produced is being sold or used in the Feeding Centers that are supported by churches in the United States. Six young men who are a part of our education program and have no families to support them have become involved in the garden ministry at the clinic along with the men. This gives the boys an opportunity to earn money for food and support themselves; it also gives the ministry a chance to mentor these young men who have no fathers or mothers to guide them. Several weeks ago, sheep were added to our growing agricultural ministry. The men help feed and care for the sheep. There are eleven sheep at the present time but more will be donated soon. There will be a total of fifty sheep given to Sal y Luz



by another Honduras organization. The sheep will be butchered and the meat sold to help provide income for the men and boys.

Madison United Methodist Church sent six weed eaters on the container for the men's ministry. The men leave the weed eaters at the clinic and pick them up on the days when they are needed



to cut grass. Cutting grass for various property owners gives the men money that they need that day to provide food for their families.

The Impact of Your Financial, Volunteer & Prayer Support is Truly Immeasurable

## Projected Costs for 2013

2 bedroom house .....	\$6,100
3 bedroom house .....	\$7,300
Church Building .....	\$5,900
Complete Stove .....	\$120
Sponsor an Elementary School Child for 1 Year .....	\$240
Sponsor a High School Child for 1 Year .....	\$360
Feed a child one meal a day for one month .....	\$9
Provide Medical Care per person, one time .....	\$5
Provide Dental Care per person, one time .....	\$8

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