

# Salt & Light Ministry Foundation

*An International Partnership of Faith*

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2015



## *A Word From Our Director...*

This past year Sal y Luz continued serving the Lake area communities, churches, local leaders, and people. The Honduras staff worked along with the teams from the USA that came to share their love and passion for Christ. The teams were able to build 6 family homes for families living in extreme poverty. They restored 3 public schools, worked on churches, and saw 4,285 medical and dental patients. Sponsors from the USA continued to support 234 students with educational scholarships embracing the opportunity for impoverished students to succeed in life. I want to thank all of the Salt and Light donors for your commitment, love and trust in the people of Honduras. Together we are able to spread God's gospel in word and deed. May His Holy Spirit continue to guide us in partnership with God, establishing His kingdom in Honduras and all the world.

2014 was a year of getting to know all of you. We began to build relationships, and I learned more about the Salt and Light mission and vision. I now have a foundation on which along with you we can dream and grow into the future.

The Sal y Luz staff and board of directors have begun a journey to renew our vision, mission, and goals for the next 5 years. We want to find local businesses and leaders who will join us in our vision and support us financially. We want to expand into new communities.

We want to build effective evangelism strategies with churches and leaders. We want to increase the sponsorship of vocational and university students. We want to better equip our medical clinic. Most important of all, we want to be of the same heart and spirit as the Father, so that we can restore the broken by being God's Salt and Light in our nation.



The Sal y Luz staff and the Honduras board would like to thank all of the volunteers and donors for all your time, finances, wholehearted compromise, trust, love, and prayers. After a year of building a strong bond with each of you, I am sure that together we can achieve more in His name.

**Note from The Honduras staff and board to Dr Ray:**  
Dr Ray we sure keep counting on your help, now from Heaven. Sal y Luz and Honduras already misses you here on earth. We will always love you and be thankful for that part of your journey we shared together.

May the God of Heaven and earth bless you all and keep you, and give you peace.

Thank you,  
Gissela Perdomo and the Sal y Luz Staff

### *Costs for 2015*

<b>2 bedroom house</b> .....	<b>\$.6,300</b>
<b>3 bedroom house</b> .....	<b>\$.7,300</b>
<b>Sponsor an Elementary School Child for 1 Year</b> .....	<b>\$.240 (\$20/month)</b>
<b>Sponsor a High School Child for 1 Year</b> .....	<b>\$.360 (\$30/month)</b>
<b>Sponsor a University Student for 1 Year</b> .....	<b>\$.688 (\$58/month)</b>
<b>Feed a child one meal a day for one month</b> .....	<b>\$.14</b>

# *Fellowship of Christian Athletes...*

*By: Swayze Waters*



*Immeasurably more...  
That's what He tells us  
He will do.*

Seven kids came to Christ on the first day in Juancho!

Deep relations were formed, vision was cast and leaders were equipped.

FCA is now in two schools and five communities in the Lake Yojoa area.

Around 1,000 heard the gospel, participated in camp or came to leadership meetings.

God provided!

Already community sports ministry meetings and Bible studies are taking place. Pray that God continues to use sports to grow the Kingdom!

*In March of 2015 the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Mississippi partnered with Salt & Light and sent a team to Honduras to establish sports ministry teams in communities all around the Lake Region.*

*The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is touching millions of lives... one heart at a time. Since 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ.*

*This age group is often difficult to reach and Salt & Light looks forward to and supports the FCA's efforts in Honduras.*

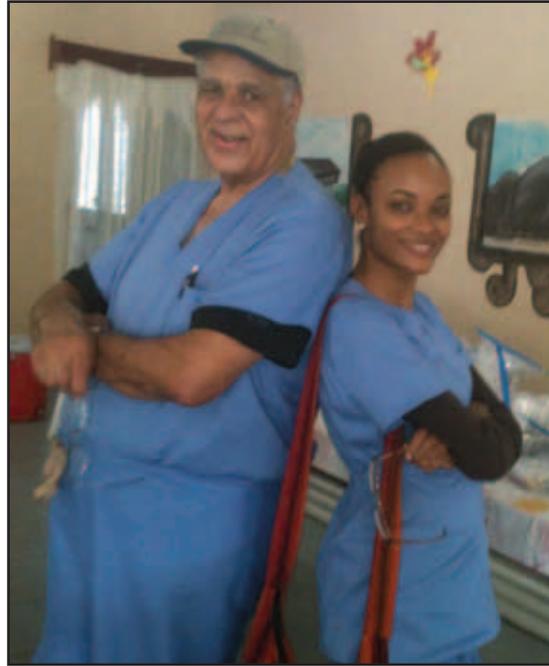


## *In Memory*

***Raymond Anthony Paul Gordon, MD***

***June 21, 1944 - February 22, 2015***

On February 22nd, 2015 Dr. Ray joined the Saints triumphant resting now with his Lord Jesus Christ. Ray served with the Salt and Light Ministry Foundation for many years. Ray recruited several missionaries from his church, New Hope Baptist, who then partnered with Covenant Presbyterian Church in mission to Honduras. Ray also led several mission teams from New Hope Baptist serving the Garifuna people of northern Honduras, as well as the people of Malawi, Africa.



Ray served on the Salt and Light Board of Directors and the Executive committee impacting the mission in so many ways. He was always striving to improve the medical mission of Salt and Light. The Honduras clinic and its staff were constantly in Ray's prayers.

We will remember Ray most for his warm and expansive heart. Ray loved the people of Honduras and enjoyed praying with them and sharing the Gospel as much as he enjoyed healing them physically.

Making friends was easy for Ray. Upon meeting Ray for the first time we all noticed his Scottish accent, which was still strong even after living in Mississippi for 34 years.

After knowing him for a short time we were acutely aware of his love for God, his love for his family, and his love for friends. Dr Ray was always passionate about serving Jesus and others.

We will miss our friend and fellow servant.



# A Call to Prayer...

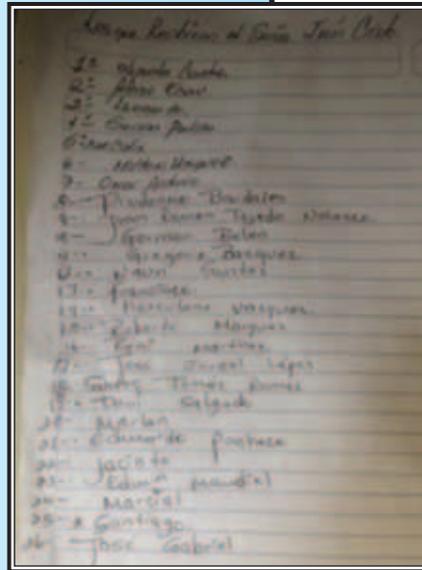
By: Bobby Blake

Many people call prison the devil's playground... and too often that is the case. From a Christian perspective I consider prisons among the darkest places on earth. Hate and un-forgiveness reign. Persecution is a way of life. This must be why Jesus included prisoners when he called us to perform acts of mercy in Matthew 25:36 *"I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me"*.

On February 23rd, 2015 Salt and Light sent a team of missionaries into La Paz prison in Honduras. Our mission was threefold: To repair and perform maintenance on a pure water system installed by Living Waters for the World through Salt and Light, and train the prisoners to maintain the system. To minister to the needs of the 7 women incarcerated there. To bring the gospel to the 200 men who are imprisoned there.



La Paz prison is very crowded but it does have a small chapel that will hold 50 men. We had four sessions in the chapel allowing us to share the gospel with every male prisoner on the compound. Our approach was quite simple. We would sing a few songs and I would read the short gospel account given by the Apostle Peter at Pentecost, Acts 2:22-24, 32-33, 36. Jeff Weill then gave his powerful personal testimony describing the grace that God brought to his life through the same Holy Spirit described in Peter's gospel account.



1. Alejandra Comtee
2. Aaron Esau
3. Leonardo
4. Santos Padillo
5. José Colix
6. Milton Vasquez
7. Omar Antonio
8. Prudencio Bardales
9. Juan Ramon Tejedo Nolasco
10. German Belen
11. Gregorio Basquez
12. Naun Santos
13. Francisco
14. Herculano Vasquez
15. Roberto Marquez
16. Roni Martinez
17. José Israel Lopez
18. Santos Tomas Ramos
19. Dani Salgado
20. Marlon
21. Eduardo Pacheco
22. Jacinto
23. Edwin Maudiel
24. Marcial
25. Santiago
26. José Gabriel

Through the interpreters we then made a call to those who wanted to invite Christ into their lives. 26 men



accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and their names are listed here. We ask that you pray for them by name. They need our prayers in order to withstand the daily persecutions they will face. Jesus is counting on us to do our part to bring light into darkness.



## *Education Program Update*

### *Student Testimonies*



**Arely Ana Ochoa**

My family consists of 5 members and my parents are pastors of the Church in my community. I also have two brothers. We are very close and always support each other. We like to get together to share a little about the Bible and talk about our day. I have received a scholarship from Salt & Light since I was in the third grade when I was 9 years old and now I'm 20. This year I finish my degree in Clinical Laboratory. I think I'm one of the first students of the scholarship program of Salt & Light which has positively changed my life and my family. It has allowed us to meet our goals and me personally with the dreams I had as a child which without such support would not have been possible. Now I will be able to develop as a professional, help bring my family further in life and also through my work help many people. I know that these scholarships, as well as to me, are a blessing to many young people with big dreams but without financial resources to meet them. God bless you.



**Isias Sagastume:**

My childhood was quite difficult, we lived in extreme poverty and I grew up in a large family of 19 siblings. We received a lot of abuse from my father, both physical and emotional. While still small I had to be admitted for two years in a clinic due to being malnourished. Two of my brothers, which were twins, died of the same problem. Now I have come to understand over time many things that happened in my family. Three years ago I met people from Salt & Light and this opened many doors in my life. Thanks to your help, I am now in my second year of Law School. This was always my dream of being a Lawyer but did not know how I would get it, it looked like something unattainable, I want to prepare myself the best I can and be a great professional. When I finish my career and get a job my desire is to help up my brothers, my mother and grandmother who have given so much for me, that's my commitment. I think the whole process by which God has brought me in life is because He has a great purpose for me and I look forward to serving Him in what He asks.



## ***LAPAZ PRISON WATER TRAINING LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD***

By: *Slade Exley*

One thing we teach with the water education is use PURIFIED water to drink, brush teeth, cook and taking care of babies up to 2 years old and sick or elderly people. We also teach them when to wash their hands to eliminate a lot of germs and the importance of using soap and the rubbing action. The men of the prison acted out Bible stories that showed the importance of water in so many places in the Bible. They made play doh items where germs might be found and discussed a lot of the sicknesses caused by poor hygiene. Many of the prisoners were very humbled that our team wanted them to have access to clean water. Often prisoners feel undeserving of any special care and we reminded them that it is found in scripture that we should go to the prisoners and share the Word of God. After completing the water education classes, they received a care package with toothbrush, soap and washcloth to help with their personal hygiene.



Five Feeding Centers are supported by Salt & Light. Featured here are photos from House of Blessings, Miraflores & El Eden

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed*



*me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.*

Matthew 25:35-36



***FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SERVING*** on a mission team, here is the schedule of teams for 2015.

2015 Mission Teams and Contact Information

<b>TEAM NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TEAM LEADERS</b>	
Galloway UMC	January 15-20	Bruce Bartling	601-259-4959
Woodland United Presbyterian Memphis, TN	January 18-23	Robert Followell	901-378-9030
Covenant Presbyterian	February 19-26	Slade/Susan Exley	601-992-9681
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	March	Swayze Waters	swayzewaters@gmail.com
St. Mark's UMC & Madison UMC	June 11-18	Bobby/Julie Blake	601-397-8880
Covenant Presbyterian & New Hope Baptist	June 18-25	Slade/Susan Exley	601-992-9681
Bellwether	July 09-16	Tabor Weissinger	601-832-7299
Grace Church	July 16-23	Kelly Blackwood	601-400-0992
Episcopal Group	July 16-23	Sandra DePriest	sdepr@aol.com
Northminster Baptist	July 22-29	Victor Smith	601-932-2223
St. Matthews UMC	August 30 - Sept 06	David Smith	601-720-8806
<b>Please keep all our teams in your prayers</b>			



***2ND ANNUAL S&L GOLF TOURNAMENT***

***By: Bruce Bartling***

This past October we held our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at the Country Club of Canton, which proved to be very successful, and a whole lot of fun for everyone who participated. We were blessed with good weather because the radar indicated that there were storms surrounding the course all afternoon. A great meal was served before the golfing started which consisted of huge hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, chips, and all the trimmings plus desert. Some players then participated in a “chipping” contest to try to win a \$250 cash prize. After that the real golf started and we had twelve teams participating. Eleven men’s teams got embarrassed by the lone team of women’s golfers who must have been semi-professionals. I say that because during registration we asked how many mulligans they wanted to buy and their comment was “We don’t need any.” Turns out they didn’t because their winning score was 55 or seventeen under par. We also were very fortunate and appreciative because we had a total of eighteen different hole sponsors that contributed to this event. After the round was over, we awarded the prizes to the winners along with drawings for door prizes. I think everyone that played walked away with a door prize that ranged from \$100 gift certificates from local restaurants to gift cards for home renovation labor valued at \$400. The money we raised was designated toward the operations budget of the Ministry and after all of the expenses were paid, the tournament netted over \$4800. In addition to that, Salt & Light had more participation than normal in the “Birdies for Charity” fundraiser due to the “Driving the Middle” challenge, which was held on one hole. All in all this was a great event and we look forward to our 3rd tournament, which will be held the first week of October, 2015.

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We all expect donations to charities to be used to efficiently fulfill the mission of the organization receiving the gift. Your financial help is particularly significant to the **Salt & Light Ministry**.

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*I Donate/Pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ by December 31, 2015*

*I will pay my 2015 donation/pledge: (circle one)*

*One Payment • Monthly • Quarterly*

*\_\_\_ I will pray for the Salt and Light Ministry.*

*NAME: \_\_\_\_\_*

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