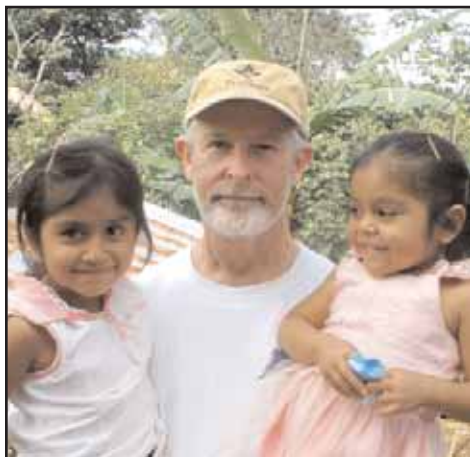


*OUR VISION: To fulfill the Great Commission by proclaiming the good news.  
OUR MISSION: To communicate the love of God throughout Honduras, by word and deed.*

## SALT & LIGHT 10TH ANNIVERSARY



As we celebrate the tenth anniversary of Ministerio Sal y Luz and Salt and Light Ministry Foundation we need to examine how far we have come. As the Director of Habitat for Humanity in Honduras, Melvin Flores saw a need to offer the people of Honduras more than just a house. Upon sharing his vision with Victor Smith and others and after much prayer and discernment, our ministry was founded in 2001. The plan was to not only improve housing conditions, but to offer each family a firm foundation where they could grow in body, mind, and spirit through the grace of God. Melvin led us as the Director of Sal y Luz until January 1, 2009. At that time the Board of Directors of Sal y Luz made the wise decision to promote Henry Alvarenga from Regional Director to Director of Sal y Luz.

The six components of our ministry have continually evolved over the last ten years. Our accomplishments are as follows:

**Housing/Construction** – We have built 232 homes, 255 stoves, 6 new classrooms, fixed or replaced 28 roofs, and have built or repaired churches, fences, and other structures. Fourteen clean water systems have also been installed.

**Medical** – A modern medical/dental facility was completed in 2006. The Sal y Luz clinic is fully functional with a full-time staff that is serving the people of the Lake Yojoa region well. Between this clinic and the mission teams, we have provided medical care to approximately 95,000 patients. A computerized, electronic medical records program including a real-time inventory of the pharmacy has recently been implemented.

**Education** – We are pleased that the number of students being supported has increased every year. This year we have 267 students being sponsored in our educational program.

**Micro-Business** – Seventeen low-interest group loans have been awarded which directly affected 124 people. No group has defaulted on a loan!

**Evangelism** – We have witnessed 3,700 people accepting Christ and about 4,600 Bibles have been disbursed. Henry hopes to enrich this area through expanded pastoral training, Bible study groups, and by other means as well.

**Leadership Development** – Approximately thirty seminars related to health concerns, spiritual growth, and community involvement have been presented with the hope of encouraging, promoting, and equipping the pastors and leaders of the local villages.

It is obvious that much has been done. With your continued help and support through prayers, service, and gifts, much can be accomplished in the coming years.

We pray for God's guidance as we strive to do his will for the people of Honduras.

Submitted by:  
Bruce Bartling

# Return to Honduras

**February 4-11, 2011**

They say you can't go home again. As I arrived in Honduras on this 'special' mission trip to find ways to help Dr. Carla, I wondered if this statement applied to Honduras. But all missions are 'special,' when you look for God to work in every situation. "You seek me and find me, if you seek me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13. This trip was no exception.

Even before we set off, God was at work. First, there was the delay due to the weather that gave us an extra day of much needed rest and saved us an extra trip to San Pedro for the Sal y Luz Banquet. Then there was our late arrival in Atlanta at the gate for San Pedro, only to find it closed. As I stood at the gate, I remembered a similar incident last year in Johannesburg with our Malawi team. Having seen God intervene before, this time I needed only to pray, "Do it again, Lord" and stand back and watch as the gate was reopened. We later learned that the pilot had refused to leave without us. Only God!

On Sunday at the clinic, having just expressed a need for a machine to measure blood hemoglobin, I watched as Carolyn fetched a box of items that she had found 'stored' in the clinic. On opening the box, there was the needed hemoglobin meter. Does not the Bible declare, "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear." Isa. 65:24.

And so, God continued to work, using his people in mighty ways. There was Bobby Blake, being used to mediate a meeting that averted a rift between Christians.

"When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies to live at peace with him." Prov. 16:7. Then there were the meetings in El Progreso, where all previously reported opposition seemed to melt away, and our dream of Sal y Luz ophthalmologists performing cataract surgeries at the Eye Clinic took a step closer to being realized. Surely, "I shall make the rough places smooth." Isa. 42:16.

God was also at work in our own hearts as He spoke to us each day in the morning devotions. It was both humbling and uplifting to observe the Holy Spirit use the words of others to reaffirm the same words he had already given me to speak at the church service later that week.

As I reflected on the accomplishments of the mission and this disparate group of Believers, it was not lost on me that in another life, outside of Jesus Christ, some of us would probably have clashed. Yet here we were bonding as brothers and sisters in Christ. "How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity." Ps. 133:1.

And as I gazed one last time at God's handiwork of lake and mountains, I was in total agreement with the Apostle Paul that we are indeed "... God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works that God has prepared for us." Eph. 2:10.

I think 'they' got it wrong. You can go home again and, thank God, you can return to Honduras.

**Submitted by: Dr. Ray Gordon**

## EVANGELISM IS A PRIORITY



Evangelism in Honduras at the Salt and Light Clinic has exploded. In the past, we had evangelism as a component of our program but now it has become one of the main parts of our ministry. Pastor Meliton Rodriguez from Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, comes every Wednesday to conduct Bible Studies for the local pastors. He also brings people from his area to instruct the pastors in various church related topics. At the present time, we have over 50 pastors from different villages attending the study.

In addition to the pastor's Bible studies, we have started a Bible Study for women on Thursday. This study is being conducted by Henry's wife Hemi and her sister Loyda. They are using the material from a study that Martha Blount started when

she came to Honduras in February. It is called "one anothering" and is a study of all the scripture in the Bible with "one anothering" contained in the verse. Each lady attending will start the same study in her village with others from her area. The ladies are also working on learning skills from each other that can be used to make items to be sold and help support their families.

**Submitted by: Carolyn Thornton**





## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN MISSION TRIP - February 4-11, 2011



A Salt and Light team of 17 people representing

nine churches and four denominations, accomplished many varied tasks in early February. Ten of these were Salt and Light Board members. Rev. Martha Blount led a Bible study for women on "one anothering" that was well received and those women continue to meet. Dr. Dick Blount dispensed glasses and Dr. Bill Gillespie did some pterygium surgery on 40 patients from our Sal y Luz clinic. Others advised patients of post op care and assessed clinic equipment and medications in the clinic. Several worked daily on two houses being constructed, where the funds came totally from Honduras, celebrating 10 years of Sal y Luz. Families living in Sal y Luz houses in El Tigre donated \$300 towards the construction costs. Sal y Luz Board members worked alongside pastors and students and past homeowners and



the team from the US. We also had a water team that went to many of the clean water projects and made improvements and modifications. It was a wonderful week of sharing in the beauty of the lake area as well as enjoying the first Sal y Luz banquet in San Pedro Sula. We got to see first hand what an impact Sal y Luz is making in Honduras in other areas beyond the Lake Yojoa area on a daily basis. Praise God from whom all blessings flow and our blessings are infinite.

**Submitted by: Susan Exley**



## COCHUSA YOUTH TRIP TO HONDURAS

Our Mission Team of 20, traveled to Honduras on April 2-9, 2011. This was the first Mission Trip for most participants on the trip. The excitement had reached its peak and everyone was ready to get to the Lago Yojoa area. Our week was filled with lots of activities, hard work and fun. We ministered in the community called 3 de octubre. Our daily VBS was filled with 100+ children - singing, listening to bible stories, craft time and special treats. We concluded the VBS with a Fiesta that included hula hoops, softball, soccer, jump ropes, bad mitten, face painting, Frisbees, a Mickey pinata and lots of goodies. We also met with the women of the community for a daily bible study and craft time. The women loved the crafts (jewelry, bandana purses and prayer boxes) but we rejoice when three gave their lives to Jesus!!! We also prayed for healing for various ailments and God touched thirteen of the women... What a time!!!

We also sponsored a Pastor's Wife's Conference which was attended by 16 and a Pastor's & Leader's Conference that was attended by 18. Both sessions proved to be well

received and the material presented valuable to their ministries.

Our team came prepared to paint the school. After two practice sessions at home, they were up to the challenge. The teachers were so excited they asked the team to paint the blackboards, chairs and desks too!!!

We thank God for the opportunity to present every family in the community with a provision of food and clothes for their families. Worship services were attended at Calvary Chapel and Rock of Salvation churches. On Wednesday night, our team provided musicians, Praise & Worship Team and Praise Dancers for the Worship Services at the Evangelical Church in the 3 de octubre community. Henry brought two powerful messages that night - one for the children and one for the adults.

Our week was blessed and our youth were challenged to fulfil God's plans for their lives.

**Submitted by: Lillian Rivera Brown**

## MEADOW GROVE BAPTIST MISSION TRIP MARCH 12-19, 2011

Meadow Grove Baptist Church had a great trip to Honduras during the week of Spring Break. Our construction teams built a house and finished a church in the village of La Mica. We distributed fifteen bags of food, clothing, and shoes. We also applied fluoride treatments to the kid's teeth in La Mica. The people were very appreciative and a joy to serve. The medical teams, sports team, and VBS all visited the villages of La Mica, El Jaral, Buena Vista, El Campanario, and Buenes Aires. Our medical team assessed over 100 kids. They were able to identify the children that needed to be seen by the clinic. For VBS this year, we performed puppet shows in Spanish. The kids



loved it! We had over 400 children that came to VBS. Our water team did not put in a new water system this year, but serviced the existing systems that needed maintenance. It was an awesome trip for us. We had a wonderful time and were blessed beyond measure.

**In Christ,  
Aubrey Broome**

## Health Care

### HEALTH CARE IS CONTINUING TO EXPLODE.

Our staff, working in the Sal y Luz clinic and surrounding community, are doing an outstanding job. They continue to pray for directional guidance and are always listening to the people of the area to hear their needs. Dr. Carla, who heads up the medical team, is averaging approximately 500 patients per month. They see 3-1 females to males, but both are increasing in numbers. Diagnoses that remain at the top of the lists include respiratory, gastro, diabetes, cardiology, and now prenatal check-ups. Dr. Carla loves the ultrasound received in January. Recently one of the local universities of Honduras visited several of the soup kitchens to secure blood specimens from the children to check for parasites, and anemia. This supports an assessment of the foods that are served at

each of the soup kitchens. But, more importantly we can determine intervention, treatment, and prevention for known parasites. Dr. Ondina, our dentist, sees approximately 130 patients monthly in the dental clinic. Clinical examinations, prophylaxis, and fillings continue to increase in the clinic. A joy that we celebrate is, that the number of extractions has decreased! Both the dentist and her assistant are at all times in a "Preventive Teaching Mode", for every age and every client. For the past four years Fluoride applications have been administered. Prevention, intervention, and treatment do make a difference, especially when offered by the hands and feet of Christ.

**Submitted by: Connie Thompson**

## Treasurers Report

**Pledges budgeted for 2011 are \$135,000**

**Pledges made for 2011 are \$105,901 through March 31, 2011**

**Pledges paid through March 31, 2011 = \$38, 938.96 (36.8% of pledges made for 2011)**

**We still need \$30,000 in pledges for 2011**

**If you would like to make a donation or pledge for 2011 contact Slade F. Exley, Treasurer, by phone 601-992-9681, email: [slade.exley@neel-shaffer.com](mailto:slade.exley@neel-shaffer.com) or make checks payable to: Salt & Light Foundation, 808 Audubon Point Dr, Brandon, MS 39047**

## ONE PERSON MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Throughout time we have seen the efforts of one person make a difference. Making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate and in need. Single individuals who have launched a grassroots effort that continues today on a global level. People like

Victor Smith who daily, acts as God's hands and feet to live into his vision to help those less fortunate throughout the world to include the wonderful



people in the Lake Yojoa region of Honduras. Every little bit helps no matter how small or how large. It starts with an idea that develops into a vision all with the help of others and with faith in God.

One such vision by Salt and Light board member Pam Holmes was her interest to raise money for the people of Honduras. She recently held a "one man" photography show at The Cedars in Jackson that showcased more than 70 framed photographs, 19 of which captured the beauty and love of the people she has met in Honduras while on Salt and Light mission trips with her church, Galloway United Methodist. Encouraged by friends over the years to have a show, she deflected the compliments and was not interested in the attention the show would bring. Yet, it was a close friend who said she needed to showcase the gift of photography given to her by God and from there the show took shape. The focus then became turning these God given talents into a way of giving back. And that she did. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of photographs from her show went to Galloway Mission Outreach Program for Honduras. The \$3,200 that was raised during the show will go a long way to give back and help the people Salt and Light serves. What can you do as one person? What vision or dream do you have? How can you or your church raise money and help raise awareness and improve the quality of life of a Honduran child or a village. Salt

and Light started with a vision, the vision of one, and today, Victor Smith's vision is a reality.



### IT STARTS WITH A DREAM!

If you are interested in making a difference, in volunteering or holding your own fundraiser, go to [www.saltandlighthonduras.org](http://www.saltandlighthonduras.org).

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## THE SALT AND LIGHT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GETS READY TO GROW

Remember playing the 'I've Got a Secret' game? You know—the game where the first person in line whispers something in the second person's ear who then turns to his neighbor and whispers what he THOUGHT he heard, and so on down the line only to find at the end that the information has become something totally different. Now try to imagine the same game with alternating persons speaking Spanish and English with interpretations involved! This is exactly what the Educational Scholarship Program has had to combat since its inception.

Up until March of this year, our Educational component has valiantly struggled to keep 4 or 5 totally different sets of data maintained with the constant changes involved as students and sponsors are added and deleted from our Educational Scholarship Program. Now however, with the help of Martha Johnson, a Microsoft Access guru who graciously donated her time and expertise to launch this project, we have now developed and are in the process of implementing a single Access database that will be installed on the server at the Clinic in Honduras. All parties that need to view, update and change this information will have remote access via

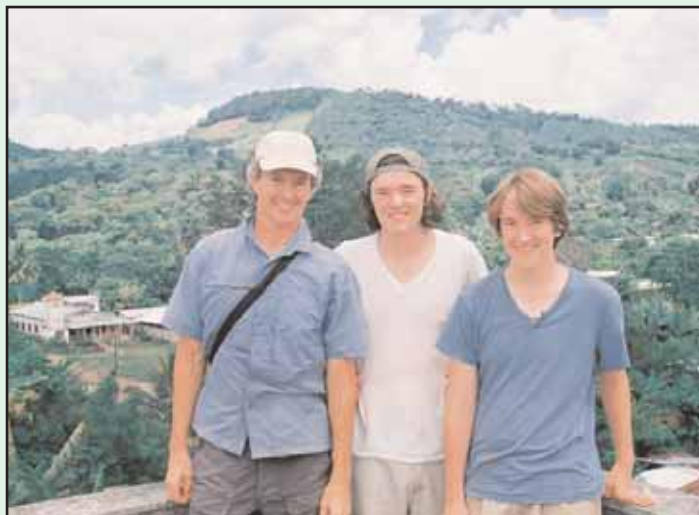
internet including those Salt and Light representatives working with Education in the USA. In Honduras, Evis will be able to take his laptop to the different villages and from any location enter student data and grades into the system. Our wonderful accountant with the clinic staff, Lesly Vasquez, will no longer have to key in each and every receipt and check, but rather will only have to import just two spreadsheets, one for receipts and one for disbursements, each month. Our Educational Chairperson, Carolyn Thornton, will not have to deal with the headache involved with trying to keep spreadsheets maintained by Evis, Lesly, Slade Exley, Susan Exley and herself updated with current information. Most importantly, this streamlining of process flow and ease of maintenance will allow our existing staff to be able to handle the growth that will hopefully occur as the Educational Scholarship Program strives to reach its 5 year goal of 500 students.

**Submitted by: Vicky Edwards**

## *Micro-Business*

### MICRO-BUSINESS LOANS: A GROWING VISION

Salt and Light's vision for micro-business is to help individuals and their families break the chain of poverty, by providing small loans, and business training to new or established micro-businesses. Since the inception of this program in 2009 we have made loans to 124 individuals. The vast majority of these loans have been made to women. 91 loans have been paid back in full with no defaults. The average loan has been \$117.00. Several people have received multiple loans during this same period. The villages impacted by Micro-Business loans are: El Tigre, Tapiquiales, El Campanario and Aquazul Rancho. The



types of business receiving these loans include: making and selling tamales, repairing watches, making and selling jewelry, operating small grocery stores (pulperias), restaurants, selling clothing and makeup, and making and delivering sandwiches to field workers, etc. Training is the key to making these small businesses self-sufficient. Through the help of Salt & Light's micro-business loans business owners have an opportunity to lead their families out of poverty.

**Submitted by: Bo Bourne**

## 2011 Birdies for Charity!!!

What does Salt and Light Ministry Foundation have in common with professional golf? Answer: LOTS! This year for the first time we are participants in the 'Birdies for Charity' fundraising



opportunity in conjunction with Century Club Charities and the Viking Classic to be held July 11-17, 2011 at the Annandale Golf Club in Madison. To participate, donors can join in the fun and pledge as much as they would like per birdie (minimum of 2¢) and then watch as the week of golf unfolds to see the total number of birdies for the week of the tournament. The number of birdies for the last 10 years has ranged from 1,498 in 2007 to 1,955 in 2004. Quick calculations reveal that 2¢/birdie would have resulted in pledges paid in the

range of \$29.96 to \$39.90. Also available is the 'play it safe' option of pledging a set amount with the minimum pledge being \$25.

All donors pledging are automatically eligible to become winners themselves too! On the pledge card you will find the 'Guess the Birdies Contest' portion where you can take your best shot at guessing the total number of birdies to be made Wednesday through Sunday of the tournament. The grand prize winner will receive the 41" Ultra-Premium Viking Grill, the pinnacle of gourmet outdoor cooking! Each donor can enter up to 10 times with one guess allowed for every 2¢ or every \$25 increment of pledge. Donors also qualify to win several other prizes from random drawings, including Viking cookware and Viking countertop appliances.

As a final incentive Salt and Light Ministries will receive for our participation in the program a ticket package valued at \$1,600. The package will include 4 Clubhouse badges (\$150 value each) which will grant access to the grounds and the Clubhouse all week, and 50 daily tickets (\$20 value each) granting grounds access for any one day. Any person who successfully solicits funds for Salt and Light Ministry Foundation will be eligible to win these ticket packages. The top 2 fundraisers will each receive two of the Clubhouse badges (with ties to be broken by random drawing) and the next 25 top fundraisers will each receive 2 of the daily passes.

If you are interested in either soliciting funds from your friends or in being a Birdies for Charity donor yourself, please contact Vicky Edwards at 601-668-4500 (cell), 601-605-1312 (home) or at [vickyed@comcast.net](mailto:vickyed@comcast.net) for further information and/or copies of the pledge form.

## SALT AND LIGHT A BRIGHT FUTURE

How will Salt and Light focus its Honduras mission for the next 5 years? We certainly want to strengthen our current mission components in the Lake Yojoa area. But it is also important to look to the future and explore new possibilities.



### REINFORCING OUR EXISTING MISSION

- Intentionally incorporate evangelism and discipleship in every situation where our teams are in mission:
- Continue to find new villages in the Lake Yojoa area that would benefit from Salt & Light missions .
- Add to the medical staff of Sal y Luz Clinic as needed.
- Find new revenue streams in the USA and Honduras.
- Put in place systems/people that can efficiently handle at least 500 students with scholarships

### Expanding our Mission

- Provide mission opportunities for our teams to directly improve the lives of orphans. “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...” James 1:27 NIV
- Plant new churches in remote areas of Honduras where Christianity is rarely practiced.
- Look for new hubs where Salt & Light Mission teams can work (using Las Glorias as a model)

Pray that God will guide every single effort we make in Honduras, both now and in the future.

**Submitted by: Bobby Blake**

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

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**.

**Sal y Luz Honduras** works in partnership with the **Salt & Light Ministry Foundation** in Jackson, Mississippi. The **S&LMF** is tax-exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is eligible to receive contributions deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes.

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