



The Church Planter

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New Missionaries!

God has answered our prayers!!! We are pleased to announce that a brand new missionary family has answered the call to come and work with us. Wesley, Janna and little Ella Cressman from Marion, Ohio were approved by the H.I.M. executive board to begin deputation and to make preparations to move to Honduras. Their primary ministry will be focused on education, children's ministry and leadership training. As we have watched the

work grow we have also become increasingly aware of certain needs. One thing that has come to our attention is the need for Christian education. In order to have strong churches we must have strong families. We believe Christian education plays a vital role in shaping our youth and children into well rounded, God-fearing, Bible-believing citizens. The kind of young people that will have a much greater chance at becoming solid Christians with solid families. The Cressmans will bring professional training and years of experience to help us as we weigh the possibilities of opening a Christian day school. Help us pray for direction and wisdom as we seek the will of God concerning this need.

In Christ's Great Commission He said that we are to go and teach all nations. Teaching should be a very key part of what we are doing to reach the lost and to keep new converts. That is why along with Christian education we want to strengthen our children's ministry and Sunday schools. The Cressmans have a deep love for children and have worked for many years as the directors of the Junior Church at the church where they attend. They have also held Vacation Bible Schools throughout the summer months. As they transition to the field in Honduras they will take up an active role in training Sunday school teachers, holding Vacation Bible Schools, and helping other H.I.M. churches throughout Central America in training teachers and holding children's outreaches in their local congregations. We are thrilled to have such quality workers joining us. We are certain that their presence will help to strengthen our work and increase our effectiveness.

The Cressmans plan to begin their deputation in the spring of 2015. Please consider having them in your church for a missions service. Their excitement and passion for missions will be a blessing. If you would like to contact them about a possible service you can reach them at 740-225-9003.

Background Info

Wesley: Graduated from Penn View Bible Institute in 2001 with a major in Elementary Education. Currently serving his 11th year in Christian Education. He enjoys serving with Janna in Children's Ministry and working with the church's music team. His hobbies include cooking and spending time with his family.

Janna: Graduated from God's Bible School and College in 2001 with a major in Christian Teacher Education. She later graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene University in 2009 with a Master Degree in Education – Curriculum and Instruction. Currently serving in her 12th year of ministry in Christian Education. She enjoys serving with Wesley in Children's Ministry and devoting time to her family.





God's Protection in Guatemala

December 2 will be a day I will never forget. I was driving our church van along with Roberto, Jenny and their two daughters on our way to a pastor's retreat when we were suddenly stopped by a police truck. It was dark and we were driving through a secluded mountainous part of the highway when the truck pulled along side our van with four armed men screaming for us to stop and pull over. They quickly entered our van and drove us to a secluded road where they proceeded to rob us. It was a life changing experience that has helped us realize once again the power and faithfulness of God. If you would like to hear the full story you can go to our blog www.erickuhns.blogspot.com and click on the headline "God's Protection in Guatemala".

Despite the difficulty in getting to the retreat God blessed our services and fellowship. God's presence was felt in a special way during an evening prayer time. The pastors had come with burdens and struggles but the Lord gave new strength and encouragement. One pastor in particular had come from Mexico with the intention of resigning his church because he was so discouraged. But God spoke to his heart and ministered to him through the retreat and he stood and testified that he was determined to go back and continue in the calling that God had placed on his life. What a blessing to see that God is working in mighty ways in the H.I.M. churches throughout Mexico and Central America.

A Special Visitor

We were privileged to have Hannah's mother visit with us for about two months. It had been seven years since her last visit. She was such a blessing. She helped Hannah fix meals for the church people, visited the sick, bonded with the people and helped out in any way she could.

We had an adventurous trip along the North coast of Honduras when we went to a couple's home to see some land that they would like to use for ministry. It was a great missionary experience as we got see firsthand the Garifuna culture. The Garifuna are a black minority group in Honduras who still speak their own dialect and hold to their unique cultural differences. We were served food that we had never tried before, putting our missionary endurance to the test! Needless to say we made some great memories together on that trip.

On the day that she was scheduled to return to the states, she had a severe allergic reaction to a pain pill that she took. We rushed her to the hospital where they gave her Benadryl to stop the swollenness and itching. Her body went into shock and she passed out. It was a scare to us all but thank the Lord He protected her. She spent three days in the hospital recuperating.

Hannah's mother made a lasting impact on many of our people. Despite the language barrier, her warm smile, her gentle touch, ready hugs and passionate testimonies spoke love to the people's hearts. Several of the people already have mentioned how much they miss her. What a wonderful time we had together.



Enjoying Pulhapansak Falls.



At the North coast.



Sharing her life story.

Two Growing Boys



Joseph and Daniel have been doing very well. Daniel is talking more, and walking better. He finished his physical therapy and will soon be starting pre-k classes. He is the family comedian who always has a smile and is quick to make others smile.

Joseph is in the middle of his third grade year. He is doing well in his classes as well as with English and Spanish. He has a very sensitive heart towards God and has started helping out in the church services taking up the offering and sometimes leading the song service.

The State of the Mission

We are entering our ninth year of ministry! It has been an incredible journey. 2014 was not so much a year of expansion but rather a year of maturing. Our people grew deeper and our churches grew stronger. Our Tiloarque church saw almost a constant move of God throughout the year. The services were marked with God's presence, it was often heard commented that in this little church you can feel the Spirit of God. We had a number of new converts, several which are young people. One of this year's new converts however is a retired university linguistics professor, his name is Gonzalo. He lives catty corner to our church and comes from a Catholic background. He said he felt compelled one day to come to church. He stopped out front of our house to read the church sign and find out the hours of services. He showed up one Sunday morning and has been coming ever since. We have seen a radical change in his life. He quit his life of adultery and has been seeking a closer walk with the Lord. Just recently he finished his discipleship classes and is preparing to be baptized.

Roberto and his family are doing an excellent job in Las Delicias. We are finally finished with the construction work on the parsonage and it has been beautifully painted. Jenny has been having women's meetings and also Sunday school classes. We have seen several people there this year make big changes in their life. One of them is Roberto's sister Reina. She got saved this past year and has been growing leaps and bounds. She has to walk quite a distance to get to the services but she is one of the first ones there and never fails. Praise God for what He has done.

The church in Las Uvas has been our slowest growing church. We have struggled to see anyone really get established. However this past year God wonderfully saved a man by the name of Pablo. He and his family have been very faithful to attend services and they all finished their baptism classes. Presently Pablo and Norma are working on their papers to get married during the beging part of this year and then to begin serving in the church. God has been working in amazing ways.

Roger Ortiz and his family have moved to Miami, Florida to pastor the God's Missionary Church there. That leaves the church in San Pedro Sula in need of a pastor. Help us pray that a good couple will answer the call to come and pastor this work. Roger was the national president of churches, I will now be assuming that responsibility. Please pray that God would give us wisdom as we oversee these works.

Pablo, one of our young men from Tiloarque is planning on returning to a Bible Institute in Nicaragua to finish up his last year of studies. He feels a call to missions. Pray for him this year.

We are expecting great things in this new year. One of our goals for this year is to plant a new church with God's help. We need your prayers that God will lead us to open doors and to new opportunities to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

From Our Hearts To Our Supporters

We are amazed and humbled every month when we receive our list of supporters and offerings that have come in. To think that so many sacrificial people take the time to write out a check and drop it in the mail to fulfill their pledge and support our ministry is truly astounding. We feel that we have done such a poor job at expressing our heartfelt gratitude. We would like to send personal thank you notes every month to each one of you but the busyness of life and the daily demands sometimes makes it difficult to stay in touch. But please be assured that we take note of your giving and we are very grateful for every dime and dollar that you give. It is especially heartwarming when we see on the list, widows, retired couples, families who we knowing are going through rough times and they are standing behind us. We don't have the words to express our appreciation. We try to use the money wisely, knowing that it was given with much love and sacrifice. May God return triple fold what you have given to us. Thank you for being such kind, sacrificial and faithful supporters. We love each and every one of you and are grateful for all you do for us. May you have a blessed and bountiful 2015!



Parsonage and church in Las Delicias



New Sunday school room
in Las Uvas



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Jan. Christmas boxes arrive from Beavertown Church.



Jan. Construction continues at Las Delicias.



Feb. Work continues to progress on the new parsonage.



Feb. Pablo enrolls in Bible Institute in Nicaragua to study missions.



March Hery Santiago preaches revival at Tiloarque.



March Libby and Jenny come to visit for several days.



April Shane and Anna Cooper and two Honduran pastors visit the work.



April Eric's parents come to visit for a month.

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April Easter week celebration. Sawdust carpets in downtown Tegucigalpa.



May Got projects done around our house.



May Eric's dad installed kitchen cabinets in Las Delicias.



June Water tank and tower installed at Las Delicias



June Bibles are distributed.



June Youth group from Beavertown comes to work.



June Youth teaching children.



July Youth group from Millmont GMC comes to build Sunday School room.

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August Forty hour fast for revival.



August Attended revival in San Pedro Sula.



September Celebrated Children's Day.



September Hannah spoke at a ladies retreat in Florida.



October We traveled to Hobe Sound for missions convention.



October Hannah's mother comes for visit.



October Butch Heath holds two marriage seminars.



November TLC team comes from Hobe Sound to work in Nicaragua.

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December Attended pastor's retreat in Guatemala.



December Attended Joseph's school play.



December Church Christmas dinner and candlelight service.



Merry Christmas!