



Mission UpReach Newsletter

1 Timothy 6:18, 19 (NIV) “...do good, be rich in good deeds, be generous and willing to share...so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”

New employees bless DESEO, ESPERO teams



Our DESEO program kicked off again this month! DESEO is our school outreach program that provides approved instruction in public schools and teaches morals, values, and faith. This formal instruction is enhanced with extracurricular activities such as UpWard basketball, tutoring, our new children’s chorus, our new deaf school and a variety of other projects! In addition to the ‘learning’ that occurs, children and their family get to know MUR at our church buildings and on a personal, Christian level. This is very important to our evangelistic efforts.

Our total DESEO team has grown to 11 members and will work in 16 schools in and around the city of Santa Rosa. Two new team members Brittany and Hector join our DESEO instruction team. Brittany White (*pictured right*) joined her aunt and uncle, Mike and Kris Bridges, last year and will be working with our DESEO team. Hector, a member of one of our local congregations, will round out the DESEO team.

We have added 5 DESEO schools in the Corquin area

this term. Corquin is a community about an hour from Santa Rosa and is the region of focus of the Bridges family. Our team is helping us open doors in that community to spread the word of God.

ESPERO, which is our new school for the deaf, has added two team members. In Santa Rosa, and in Honduras generally, the deaf community is offered very few opportunities for advancement and education. This prejudice leads to marginalization and a portion of society who is isolated from the rest of the community. This school will be transformational for a group of people who have never been acknowledged in or have not benefited from their society. We welcome Cindy and Mirian to our ESPERO School for the Deaf. They will serve as a licensed teacher and teacher’s assistant, respectively. This school has not yet received adequate funding to meet all of our goals. Please consider a donation by going to missionupreach.org/donate!



Word of the Month

“Self-led” is the MUR understanding that leadership in a local congregation is best served by trained and equipped indigenous Christian workers. Self-led congregations have proven more sustainable than those where outside funding comes to the community

“self-led”

in the form of a missionary or a local preacher who is paid through financial means outside the congregation. This word describes a core tenant of The John 1010 Generation.



Meet Hugo

Hugo (pictured right) is one of the deaf students in our new school for the deaf. Hugo is in his forties and married to another student, Flavia. They have a 3-year-old son, Daniel. Hugo was raised in a town just outside Santa Rosa. After heart surgery last year, several of our team members visited Hugo and learned from his father about the rejection and isolation that Hugo faced in his life.

This story became a catalyst for our school for the deaf. Hugo and his wife Flavia are now two of the first students of ESPERO and are very excited to learn and grow through the program. Below are more pictures of our wonderful ESPERO team and students.



MUR board meets for 2017 focus planning

MUR held its annual board meeting at the Southside church of Christ in Ft. Worth on March 4. A full list of our current board members and the regions and anchor congregations that they represent is found later in this newsletter. Our board meetings are always a celebration and time to give thanks for the way that God continues to bless this mission.

Since our 2016 annual campaign fell short of its goal, this meeting did include some difficult discussions about which programs we need to prioritize for focus in 2017. Several programs, such as our children's chorus, the ESPERO school for the deaf, and the expansion of our auto mechanic shop to include a paint and body job training center did not receive adequate funds to meet all of their needs.

As we have done in the past, we are moving forward in faith, fully trusting God to open the hearts and minds of potential donors to partner with us in these ministries. Please consider one of these programs in your 2017 donations.



Congratulations to our newest AIM graduates

Congratulations to our second generation of AIMers; Tristen Bowers, Nathan Clark, Malia Davidson, Kyle Frazier, Abbie Wilson, and Dakota Nowell were the second group of AIMers from S.I.B.I. in Lubbock, Texas to serve with us.

This month they graduated from the AIM program. During their time in Santa Rosa they worked with DESEO and our church planting team to affect change throughout Western Honduras for Christ. We are very grateful for all their help during their stay in Honduras.

We are also excited to welcome Dakota Nowell and Abbie Wilson back to Santa Rosa to continue



working with the Mission. We wish the very best to all of our graduating

AIMers in their future careers and service to God.

More scenes from our new ESPERO Program





A note from Donna

This is a busy time of year for Mission UpReach. Just this week I was reminded of how God works in the most interesting ways to bring us together in order to accomplish His deeds. A brigade participant, and now a very close friend, reminded me that the way she heard of Mission UpReach for the first time was through a brochure that someone at a conference she was attending had laid down and her husband picked it up out of curiosity, passing it on to her because of her desire to expand her medical efforts to other mission points. She read the brochure, reached out to us

via email, and we began what is now a five year partnership to bring medical attention to thousands. Her interests, which led her to come and see what we were doing, infected others, who infected others, and has produced the direct and personal involvement of about 50 individuals in not only our medical brigades, but also our DESEO school sponsorship.

From that initial contact through a brochure, we have one of our board members as well! I am thankful to our friend, who graciously offered to pass out our brochures at that conference. I share this because it truly is a testimony to how God works in our little, and seemingly insignificant efforts. I hope that inspires you to think of ways you might be able to assist us as we work to open opportunities for others to partner with us. If you have a group of friends, for instance, who might be interested in our new school sponsorship program with DESEO, I would love to give you more information and perhaps even visit your group to answer questions. Just as God has used many individuals to share what He is doing in western Honduras, resulting in partnerships that have allowed us to grow, He can use you to assist us as we continue to grow in response to the many opportunities He is presenting.

2017 Brigades/Visiting Teams

February 11-18	Tusculum CofC	Medical and Construction
February 25-March 4	LA Tech Student Ministry ...	Construction
March 11-18	Southside CofC	Medical/VBS/Construction
April 8-15	VCOM	Medical
May 6-13th	Open Group.....	Well Drilling Boot Camp
May 13-20th.....	Open Group.....	Well Drilling Boot Camp
May 27-June 3.....	North Atlanta CofC	Marriage Seminar/ Preacher Training
June 17-24	Pinetree CofC	Medical/VBS/Construction
June 24-July 1.....	Burnt Hickory CofC	Medical/Construction
June 24-July 1.....	Sunset CofC - Miami	
July 1-8	Snellville CofC	VBS/Construction
July 1-8	Lexington CofC.....	Medical
July 8-15	Disciple Trips	VBS/Construction
July 15-22	Sunset CofC - Miami	Mixed Group
July 15-22	University CofC Youth	VBS
July 29-August 5.....	Belton CofC	Construction
August 12-19th	Open Group.....	Construction
September 16-24th	Open Group.....	Construction

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