



Mission UpReach Newsletter

Letting our light shine at Bible camp



Many of you have fond memories and lives that were transformed by attending summer Bible camp in your youth. Consider, then, the impact that experience is having when Mission UpReach organizes a similar camp setting and invites 80 children from Honduras to participate. We held such a gathering, our third annual camp, in January in Corquín, Honduras.

The camp was energized and in collaboration with a group of camp counselors from Camp Deer Run in Winnsboro, Texas. We appreciate Ty Ford, director at Camp Deer Run, and his volunteers who provided a critical role in a successful camp. Laura Waldron served as the Honduran director this year.

Our theme this year was “Hágase la Luz” (essentially “let there be light; as you are the light.”).

The children learned how God is the light of the world and about their role reflecting that light in a world of darkness.

The children who participated in the camp were made up of children from the congregation in Belén as well as select children from two of the schools in which our DESEO program works. For many of these children this was their third year to experience bible camp, something they eagerly anticipate each year. This is just one more way we are building The John 1010 Generation.



MUR staff plans together

We had our fourth annual planning meeting in January. During the three day conclave, our entire staff (now numbering more than 65 members) came together to celebrate the accomplishments of 2016 and share the plans and goals for 2017. Since all of our ministries serve together to form The John 1010 Generation, it is important that we communicate and determine better ways to collaborate across programs. This meeting assures that all resources are deployed toward the core mission of MUR to realize 1,010 new congregations in this region during this generation.

Staff families join us so that team members in various ministries can get to know each other better. The photo at left shows that the meeting is not all work; but it is a fun-filled and productive three days that launches the year in a unified and enthusiastic way.



Sign up to help bring clean water to Hondurans

Identifying sources of potable water is a huge challenge in the developing world. In fact, Water.org (a reputable nonprofit providing water in Africa) states that the developing world does not stand a chance without clean water. Without safe water, disease spreads, safety is compromised, and education is elusive. The lack of access to safe water is deadly, dangerous, and a major obstacle. With safe water, there is health, safety, and opportunity.

We reported in December that after seven years of planning, Mission UpReach is ready to launch our water-well drilling program. A caravan of equipment that includes a rotary drilling rig and all the required support equipment is currently en route to Honduras. We plan to drill our first water well at The Moses Project property during May. The pilot well will be drilled

over a period of two weeks, utilizing the resources provided by two, consecutive mission brigades from the USA.

One team will begin on May 6 and the second on May 13. These teams will be comprised of individuals arriving from all over the USA. The project will be very

demanding (physically and with long hours); however, we know these brigades are also great fun as people come together from all walks of life and regions to serve in this ministry.

If you want a unique mission experience and to make a huge impact in a very short time – WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please contact us.



“Missionary Monday” video series debuts

Are you a young person considering the international mission field? Have you visited us in Honduras and

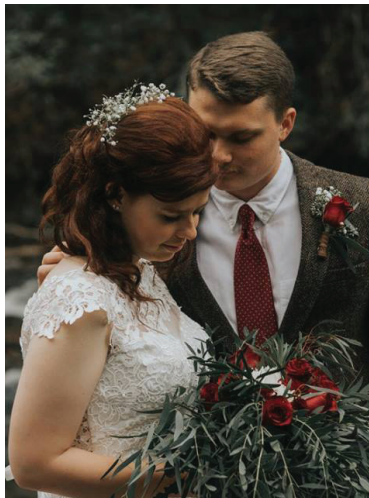
have an interest to understand the inner workings of our mission? Would you like to be the first to know breaking news from Santa Rosa de Copan? Our new “Missionary Monday” series may be for you.

Through “Missionary Monday” videos, our staff will share a short, virtual newsletter on a weekly basis. This video intends to be current, newsy, personal, humorous, and informal, while providing a realistic story of the “behind the scenes” work at Mission UpReach. You can view our current postings by going to YouTube and searching for Mission UpReach. You will find all the Missionary Monday videos there – with a new edition added each Monday. Subscribe to the channel to be alerted whenever there is a new posting.





MUR announces staff updates



Congratulations to two of our staff, Matthew Bridges and Hannah van den Meiracker, who were married in December. Matt and Hannah work in a variety of ministries with their major professional focus in the accounting and administrative areas, respectively. It is exciting

to witness these passionate Christians continuing to serve the people of Honduras as they begin their marriage. apprentice will also continue serving with MUR through 2017. Dakota has been tasked with launching our new children’s choir. This will become one of our several extra-curricular activities that support both the DESEO program and helps grow the local congregations. Dakota is also a key member of our creative team that provides communication materials.

We note that both the children’s chorus and the deaf school were not fully funded during our annual fundraising campaign, so MUR is seeking additional donations to assure that these ministries continue.

We will be saying “adios” to three of our AIM (Adventures in Missions) missionary apprentices this month – Malia Davidson, Tristen Bowers, and Nathan Clark. These three young adults worked energetically in our DESEO public school values program and had a significant impact on the children in Santa Rosa and the local churches. We are sad to see them leaving us, but wish them well.



Abbie Wilson, a current AIM apprentice will extend her tour serving with us through 2017 with a goal of supporting the successful launch of our new deaf school. Abbie will be a sign language translator in the adult classes that commence in February and a great encouragement to those in the deaf community here. We ask that you pray for this new ministry as it begins.

Dakota Nowell, a current AIM apprentice will also continue serving with MUR through 2017. Dakota has been tasked with launching our new children’s choir. This will become one of our several extra-curricular activities that support both the DESEO program and helps grow the local congregations. Dakota is also a key member of our creative team that provides communication materials.



Check out the new look on our website!
www.missionupreach.org

FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP

Many people who are interested in this mission choose to join us by supporting us financially. This is one of the most significant ways that you can become a member of the John 10:10 Generation. If one of the ministries or projects is of particular interest to you, we would be happy to direct your donation toward it. Please join us by contributing financially to this collaborative work.

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MONTHLY AND ONE-TIME GIFTS

Online giving couldn't be simpler or more secure. We accept credit cards and bank transfers via Authorize.net, as well as Paypal. For your safety, payment information is not on our website. You may designate how to allocate your gift, and can set up automatic monthly giving if you wish.

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As many of you well know, 2016 was a challenging one for our family. In spite of the challenges, God has proven over and over that He is faithful. We have witnessed Harrison’s continued recovery although he has a long way to go. Your support and prayers are the only explanation for how Phil and I have been able to continue to minister and serve under the weight of the circumstances.

This past year we also sent our youngest, Laura, off to school at Harding where she is studying Cognitive Neuroscience. Our oldest daughter, Sarah, made the decision at the end of 2016 to move to Honduras and live with us for an extended time. Phil and I were wondering how we were going to manage the empty nest after having children at home for 29 years, but now we are delighted to have Sarah at home with us. We are eager to see what role God has in store for her.

As 2017 begins, we ask that you continue to pray for our family and for the families we are privileged to serve and to serve with. Our Mission UpReach family has grown and will continue to grow this year as we continue to respond in faith to the many opportunities to plant self-replicating, transformational churches in western Honduras. Your support and your prayers will play a major role in that dream.

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	VBS/Marriage Seminar/ Preacher Training
June 10-17	Columbiana CofC	
June 17-24	Pinetree CofC	Medical/VBS/Construction
June 17-24	Park Plaza CofC.....	VBS
June 24-July 1.....	Burnt Hickory CofC	Medical/Construction
July 1-8	Auburn CofC.....	Construction
July 1-8	Snellville CofC	VBS/Construction
July 1-8	Lexington CofC.....	Medical
July 8-15	Disciple Trips	VBS/Construction
July 15-22	University CofC Youth	VBS
August 12-19th	Open Group.....	Construction
September 16-24th	Open Group.....	Construction

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