

Mission UpReach Newsletter

Hopes & Dreams

By Phil Waldron

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us," – Ephesians 3:20

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." – Proverbs 16:3

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." – Jeremiah 29:11

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." – Matthew 6:33

What do these four verses have in common? It seems to me that they all four endorse the idea that we, as God's children, should dare to dream about a future that is

prosperous, successful and filled with exciting things that we can point to as clear indication that God is moving and working; in us, through us and around us. This is a far cry from the "prosperity gospel" that some lay hold of in an effort to "claim

the promises" of God for His children. Instead it is a question of aligning our will and our desires with those of the Father. That's why Jesus mentions seeking first the kingdom and his righteousness, "before", one

receives all the other things.

Here at Mission UpReach we have done our best to align our will with that of our Heavenly Father. We know that it is the Lord's will that "none should perish and that all should come to repentance." So, when we dream about planting 1010 churches in this generation, we are confident that we are aligning our dreams and visions with His. When we dream of educating and training leaders that are good citizens, good husbands and wives, and good fathers and mothers, as well as responsible employees and successful business owners; we know that these are things that God desires for His people. Our dream is no less than the complete transformation of a nation through the power of the Gospel. Jesus is Lord of all, and he wills to cast out the "demons" of oppression, poverty, ignorance, disease, injustice as well as all of the other evil that mars life in this fallen world.

So, we dare to dream, with fear and trembling, that in our life time we will see the light of our Lord's kingdom spreading across the 1.7 million people who live here

in Western Honduras. What do you dream about? Do your dreams reflect that you are seeking first the kingdom of heaven? I hope they do. And I hope that you will remember Mission UpReach and the people of Honduras in your prayers. Pray that His kingdom will

come in the hearts, minds and communities of the people of Western Honduras in such a dramatic and powerful way that it unleashes a wildfire of revival that turns thousands of people to Him in this generation.





DESEO: 2018 in review

By Dakota Nowell

2018 has been an incredible year of, “firsts” for our DESEO program. The DESEO team focuses on equipping the future generations of Honduran citizens with the knowledge to form healthy, responsible, God-fearing families. Years ago, we decided to attack this habit at its root and instill these values in the youth. This year, we’ve branched out even further to help realize this goal. In March, different members of our team throughout Mission UpReach began offering parenting classes to the parents of children enrolled in the DESEO Program. What began as a way to offer some of the same lessons that their children receive, turned into one of the most requested classes we offer. We hope to continue these parenting classes and even expand to offer them in more schools in 2019

Later in the year, we launched



a Child Sponsorship program called, The DESEO Project. This new program allows for the continuation of the DESEO outreach that was already taking place and goes above

and beyond offering participants school supplies, uniforms, and a genuine relationship with their sponsor. Sponsored children will receive education assistance, medical care, and meaningful mentorship. Since the program began, we’ve been able to provide sponsors for over 50 children in two different schools. Our dream is that every child involved in the DESEO program, (over 2500 kids) can have a Sponsor to encourage them spiritually, support them financially, and connect with them emotionally.

To learn more about The DESEO Project visit our website at deseoproject.org or email us at info@deseoproject.org.



Meeting physical needs thru medicine

By Donna Waldron

One of the most productive ways for short term missionaries to impact Western Honduras is through village medical clinics. A village is selected, and we set up a temporary clinic that serves approximately 1000 people in 3 days. Each person receives a medical consultation as well as appropriate medications for free. Sometimes we also offer eye exams as well as tooth extractions, depending on the particular group. In 2018, we served more than 6500 people in small villages. The people served would otherwise have to spend time and money traveling to the nearest city, wait most of the day to see a doctor, and then would likely have to purchase whatever medications are prescribed due to a struggling government healthcare system. In 2018 we also served over 100 people in

2 surgical brigades in which a team of professionals from the US came and performed much needed surgeries on folks who had been on a waiting list for numerous months up to a year.

In 2019, we already have 9 village medical clinics scheduled as well as 2 surgical teams. As we serve people by serving their physical needs, we communicate that we are willing to come alongside them, where they are, to share from our abundance (monetary, talent, time). In post clinic interviews with several recipients of our



services, the most common comment was, “the care, concern, patience, and love expressed from those who served me left me feeling like I mattered to someone.” Isn’t that the message God would have us communicate to those around us?

Moses Project continues to grow

By Jon Stacy

The year of 2018 was a year of growth for the Moses Project. We grew to 45 boys that lived and worked at the project. We grew to an all new level of employees both salaried and hourly with the top number coming in around 180 local citizens gainfully employed.



We grew to a new level in the coffee operation with almost 45 acres of coffee producing compared to just 5 acres the past 3 years. We grew our production capacity of our tilapia farm going from 95,000 lbs. to almost 500,000 lbs. of capacity for 2019. We became the first tilapia farm in the world to grow red tilapia in the IPRS (In-Pond-Raceway-System) developed by Auburn University and Dr. Jesse Chappell. The boys grew in the academic abilities with 14 of the 45 making the Dean’s List and two of the boys had the highest and second highest GPA in their high school!

The purpose of the Moses Project is to provide the “abundant life” that

Jesus promises us in John 10:10. In John 5:17 Jesus responds to the Pharisee’s question of why He did work on the Sabbath by saying “My father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”

God is always working, and we have seen that on a daily basis whether it be the life of the one of boys or in God providing the donations and funds needed to cover operating expenses. The growth in 2018 validates what Paul said about Jesus’ ability in Ephesians 3:20 “Now to Him who is able to do **IMMEASURABLY MORE** than all we can ask or imagine, according to His power that **IS AT WORK** within us.” God is good all the time and all the time God is good. May 2019 be another year of rejoicing and basking in the success of the work and growth that only God can accomplish. AMEN!



A note from Donna



We would like to thank each of you who participated in our year end

giving campaign. The donations given during the last 2 months of the year generally make up around 40% of our overall giving for the year. For those of you who give on a regular basis, we want to thank you as well. God has used each of you to sustain His work here in Western Honduras. You can see from the above report that many things have happened in 2018. The growth has been phenomenal, and the challenges have been many. We

would appreciate your continued prayers for Mission UpReach, the people it employs, as well as the lives that are being transformed.

As the mission has grown, the need for sustainability has become even more important. Our goal in 2019 is to move closer to sustainability through the business centers we are creating at the Moses Project. Another move towards sustainability is through our DESEO Project, a child sponsorship program. Your decision to sponsor a child not only helps meet the physical needs of a child, but most importantly the spiritual needs of that child. Visit deseoproject.org today to learn more! May God bless each of you in 2019!!

2019 Brigade Season

January 5-12	VCOM	Medical
February 9-16	Surgical.....	General and ENT
February 16-19	Pine Tree	School sponsorship
February 23-March 2	Tusculum Church of Christ (TN)	Medical
March 9-16	Belton Church of Christ (TX)	Youth-VBS
March 16-23	Lipscomb University (TN)	Medical
March 23-30	VCOM	Medical
May 18-25.....	Oklahoma State (OK)	Construction
June 1-8.....	Snellville Church of Christ	VBS
June 8-15	Pine Tree Church of Christ	Medical/VBS/Construction
June 15-22	University Church of Christ.....	Medical
June 22-29.....	Burnt Hickory Church of Christ	Medical/VBS/Construction
July 6-13.....	Lexington Church of Christ	Medical
July 20-27	University CofC Youth	VBS
July 20-27	Disciple Trips.....	VBS
July 27-August 3.....	Southside CofC (TX)	Medical
Sept. 28-Oct.5.....	Surgical.....	Orthopedic

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