

Mission UpReach Newsletter

Deaf students learn how to play basketball

Each Monday, during the month of August, our deaf students learned fundamental basketball skills. For many of them, this was their first experience playing any sport. They took their training very seriously and look forward to the next opportunity to learn more about basketball.

Having the privilege and blessing of exposing this population to experiences that they would otherwise never have, is truly a gift from God. We greatly appreciate those who specifically donate to keeping our ESPERO school open and functioning.



A firm
FOUNDATION

Fundraising Dinner with **Henry Cho**

Opening act - **Brian Bates**

6:30PM. Saturday,
November 9th, 2019

**Musicians Hall of Fame,
Nashville, TN**



To learn more and purchase
tickets, visit murevent.org

**Valet parking and admission to museum included with all tickets*

*Please join us on
November 9th
in Nashville
for our inaugural
fundraising gala.*

*Sponsorships still available.
Contact Donna at
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Meet Ramiro!

Ramiro Eduardo Lainez Medina is one of the newest team members at Mission UpReach. Ramiro is blessed to be married to Claudia and together they have a six-year-old son, Josias. Ramiro and Claudia are from Nicaragua where they both graduated from law school. After graduation, they made a decision to attend the Baxter Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where Ramiro obtained a degree in theology. During the final year of the degree program Mission UpReach invited Ramiro and Claudia to intern in Santa Rosa de Copán. Ramiro's energy and passion for Kingdom work led the local church to offer him a permanent position as an evangelist. Ramiro also works in both of Mission UpReach's bible training programs, CRESCO and CREO. Claudia is now also employed by MUR as the human resources manager.

Ramiro grew up in a stable home with Christian values. When he was 10 years old, he had a burning desire to know more about God and study the Bible. One of his mother's co-worker was a member of the Church of Christ and when she heard of his interest in studying the Bible, she invited him to church. That marked the beginning of a long and on-going journey to gain a deeper understanding of God. Ramiro attributes his Christian character and godly values to his early conversion to Christ, as well as the influence of his mother and maternal grandmother.

Ramiro loves any kind of sport, time with his family and playing soccer with his son. His favorite Bible verse



is Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." When asked what he would like to say to our supporters, Ramiro said, "First, I would like to thank all of you for the resources you contribute towards God's work here in western Honduras. May God greatly bless your efforts, your works and your dedication to the Kingdom. I would also like to remind you that your reward will be in heaven for your generosity and your love for the work here. Please continue to support us here at Mission UpReach." We are grateful for Ramiro and all our staff who share our vision of God's transformative power at work in Honduras.





Our first chicks have arrived

Big news: we have broiler chickens growing at the Moses Project! It has been a long process for us, but God has provided what we need, when we need it. At 8:45am on Friday, August 9th the first load of 13,600 chicks rolled into the gate. After months of preparation we have finally moved from construction and planning to nurturing and motivating the chicks to grow, which is a huge responsibility since the chicks need constant care. We have to constantly monitor the chicks for positive or negative indicators. It is going to take time to perfect the process as we learn how to work with our specific conditions. We have to learn the normal appearance, growth rate, feed consumption and disease types, among others, for our unique locale. Right now, we are stepping out on faith that God will help us navigate this new road.

After a week and a half, the first house is doing very well. The chicks appear to remain healthy, are growing at a good rate and are efficiently converting their feed to body mass. If this continues, we expect a very good result. On the 16th we received our second group of birds and the learning process continued. The third and fourth houses were stocked by the end of the month. Soon, we will be

adding production and sales into the mix.

Please pray that God continues to guide us and give us what we need every day, and that the success we are seeing continues. Our prayer is that God will bless this operation and use it for His glory.





A note from Donna



As September begins, we are focused on preparing for our first ever fundraising gala in Nashville, TN. Phil and I will spend a couple of weeks traveling to sell

sponsorships for the event. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in a personal visit or more information on how you can help us promote the event, please contact

me at donna.w@missionupreach.org. You can also visit the website at muevent.org.

On the family front, we are happy to announce that our daughter-in-law, Hayley graduated from nursing school. It was a great occasion worthy of much celebration. Hayley will begin working full-time in October. We appreciate your prayers as she and Harrison make this new transition and work out the many details of his on-going care. In August we also got our youngest, Laura settled in at Harding University for her senior year. Harding has been a great blessing to both Harrison and Laura as they continued their education as well as their spiritual development.

As always, we appreciate your prayers for our family, as well as the mission!

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
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 6-15.....	VCOM	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
Oct. 5-12.....	VCOM	Medical

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