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John,

Here is our latest newsletter. We pray that it finds you doing well, secure in God's hands. This change in newsletter format accompanies the change in our website format. Please enjoy both. Thanks again for being part of our ministry.

Growing Season

I find myself shocked as I see the lack of response. It is a simple request. "I will give this bag of chips to the first kid that quotes a bible verse" said Antonio. No one moved. "I will give this bag of chips to the first person, adult or kid, that quotes a bible verse." Once again the crowd was quiet. There are 50 people standing in the street outside our sleeping compound and no one can quote a bible verse. It isn't like we are at the end of the world, merely in a new village. Within a 10 mile radius we have 6 established churches. This small village of Las Delicias claims to be Catholic and has a Catholic church! Here the people claim to know Jesus yet it appears they don't. This takes on greater significance in the Spanish language. They have 2 words for the verb "to know". One is Saber and the other is Conocer. The difference is more than you realize. Saber means to know but from the standpoint of knowing how to do something or to know of something. Conocer on the other hand means to KNOW someone, to have an intimate knowledge of. So to describe the people of Las Delicias in Spanish, they saben Jesus but they fail to conocer Jesus. To know Jesus you must know the bible! As it says in Romans 10:17, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Do you KNOW Christ?



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Sowing Seeds

Situated above El Ocotal are 9 churches. These well established churches are often for-gotten. The closest we come to them with BMDMI mission teams is the village of El Ocotal and the village of San Isidro, Teupasenti. This requires them to walk anywhere from one hour to 9 hours to reach the medical and dental clinics. We took our first remote team to 5 of the churches closest to El Ocotal. The team was a veterinary team and we treated 1220 animals over 5 days. We carried the pastor, Ar-naldo Flores, from El Ocotal with us and he shared the gospel with each group before

we treated their animals. We worked each day in a different village, traveling in the late afternoon after the work was done. We slept in the churches and cooked on a Colman stove by kerosene light. The menu consisted of fresh bananas (off the tree), water-melon, tortillas, as well as locally grown coffee. The members of each church delighted in the possibility of sharing with the "gringos". We tried our best to give more of Christ's love than we received but failed miserably. You could see the excitement in their eyes to have a team in their village. God was completely in control and provided only enough animals for the time we had. This kept us from having to turn people away. At night we built a campfire and roasted marshmallows. That was a new experience for the Hondurans but they quickly acquired a taste for them. That still leaves 4 churches that we were unable to visit. I hope to have several vet teams each year in this area. We also plan to reach these areas with medical, dental, and evangelistic teams.

On the Project Life side of the house, we rejoice in 3 heart surgeries. Last week and this week there is a group of surgeons here from the U.S. performing open heart surgery. Three of our patients were chosen to have the procedure! Praise God!

[Remote Teams](#)

Project Life

We are excited to have a group of cardiologists in Tegucigalpa for two weeks performing open heart surgeries at one of the hospitals! We have 3 children on the surgical list, & one of them, Christian, just came out of surgery & is doing well. The other names are Keylin & Carla. As I write, the head cardiologist is trying to expedite the surgery for Keylin, 4 yrs. old, for her fingers & lips are purple from the lack of oxygen in her body & to her extremities. Please pray for Christian Eli Velasquez as he recuperates over the next few weeks & pray that our other two girls will be able to have their surgeries during this time.

We need to raise more funding for 3 other Project Life heart patients requiring surgery in July. If you would like to support one of our children, please let us know.



[Read more on Project Life](#)

Dental Clinic

With the new merger of the hospital in Guiamaca, Tina has been inventoring supplies & instruments in the dental clinic. We have put everything in the computer for a "supply list" for dentists who wish to come down & work in the clinic. This week Tina is inventoring all supplies in the dental clinic at the Good Shepherd Children's Home to have another list. Any dentist who would be interested in coming down for a week or longer would be able to know what all supplies we have available, & she will be able to communicate with them as to what other supplies they would need to bring with them. In doing all the inventoring, we realize that there are SO many needs, from gloves to cavitron/scalers to clean teeth to filling material. She will be working on a "Wish List" & try to raise funds to be able to work not only in both dental clinics, but also to fulfill her long-term goal: To be able to provide restorative work in the villages, such as preventative sealants on children, fillings, & cleanings (not just extractions).

Irrigation

Pray for Tina as she travels to the U.S., April 12-17, for a post surgical checkup on her eyes.

Lift up our 1st remote team to La Mosquitia, April 25-May 1.

Pray for 3 Project Life patients that are having open heart surgery this week.

Pray for Nelly as she continues to recover from her paralysis.

Fertilizer

"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flowers of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever. And this word is the good news that was preached to you."

1 Peter 1:24-25





In His Grip,
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