

HONDURAS 2015

"Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27b). What an exciting thought to know that Christ dwelling in us gives us and the ones we tell, the hope of spending eternity with Christ. That's exactly what the 11 of us from The Church at Chelsea Westover did in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, as we partnered with Dan Moran Ministries in April. The men worked with men from three other churches to put the second floor (classrooms) on Mt. Zion Baptist Church. I've seen the Sunday School rooms before the new addition, under a tree, so I'm so thankful they will have their own room to learn about Jesus. The men diligently worked in extreme conditions with a heat index of 107. Jesse told me he so wanted to rest



under a shade tree during the peak heat but Bob, the oldest man on the team, was still working on top of the building so he kept going. The consensus was exactly the same from the entire team; they couldn't stop until Bob did. Thank goodness God sent Bob to keep these men going! I'm always amazed how the language barrier is not an issue as we labor together for the cause of Christ. Darron couldn't wait to tell me about Cesar. He and Todd had tried to

weld the galvanized metal beams to no avail but just at the right time, God sent a neighbor, an unbeliever named Cesar to see what this group was doing. Yes, Cesar is a welder and said, "bring those beams to my house and I'll weld them for you." They got to know and witness to Cesar and his family during those days sharing Christ, the hope of glory. No, it was no coincidence but all orchestrated perfectly by an omniscient God.



"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19a) is the verse that Melvin shared with our church, reminding us that "going" is not a suggestion but a command from God who will go with us every step of the way. This trip was his second and he is already planning for next year. Jesse left his comfort zone cards at home, got on a plane for the first

time, ate something different each day, climbed a ladder to assist Bob, even though he is afraid of heights and was blessed beyond measure for doing so. He, too, is planning to return next year. Todd shared how mission trips have a lasting and eternal value that may be viewed by the world as simple but makes a significant difference when we obey God. Clay told the church about Pastor Lopez, the pastor of Mt. Zion. No doubt he is a community pastor, greeting the children as they get off the bus, stopping to talk to neighbors and meeting the needs of those in the school and community. Our love for Christ and these sweet Honduran people, compels us to return soon and continue partnering until all



have heard. It is always exciting to have people go on a mission trip for the first time and we had four on this trip including a couple, Paul and Elaine. Bob and Jewel were the other couple but have served on many mission trips. What a joy to serve together as a couple on the foreign mission field. I love how the Lord puts the teams together. The construction crew needed someone to cut boards and Paul was the expert. Each person had a job designed just for them.



"That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love" (Col. 2:2a) Our entire team, both construction & medical, working with the Hondurans was an amazing picture of unity, knitted together in love. Reborn Baptist Church

has a medical brigade that travels to different communities when they can. This group sacrificed and gave of their time, talent & treasure (they didn't work for four days) to help us share medicine and the Gospel in six different places. Jewel is thrilled with her new sisters in Christ that worked alongside her day after day. Elaine was the most popular stop because she gave them new clothes. She worked with volunteers from the church shopping with each patient. She told of one little girl that got a new dress; went straight home to put it on and returned to model it for Elaine. She was excited to tell me about a lady that came with tears in her eyes that had been changed by the Gospel. We know there was rejoicing in Heaven but there was also rejoicing in Honduras as Pastors Danny and Dan led many people to Christ.



"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16b). Thank you for your prayers. They made a difference in Honduras and I know they will make a difference in Zambia, Africa. We have had much opposition but many victories already and we haven't even left the United States yet. This trip is very different than usual. We have no medical but construction and teaching. Please pray for our families and each of us that the Holy Spirit will speak through us and the people will not see us but only Christ in us, the hope of Glory!

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