

Seven Hills church of Christ

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Danli Honduras Mission Report

Travel dates: 13 March-17 March 2014

Visited by:

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Congregation Information:

church of Christ Colonia Los Arcos, Danli, Honduras

Evangelist: Jose M. Godoy

Location: Danli del Paraiso, Colonia Los Arcos



Background:

This mission work is a cooperative effort with Seven Hills CoC of Lynchburg Va. and Redland CoC of Valdosta Ga. Begun in late 2013 when the Seven Hills elders agreed to accept oversight responsibility of the work supported financially by Redland CoC and individuals.

Purpose:

To review the progress of the new congregation and establish a vision for future growth and various guidelines, reports, along with present and future needs. Plans are for a minimum of 2 visits per year by representatives of Seven Hills and a visit by a Redland representative from time to time.

Items Addressed:

- I. Communication items including telephone, Facebook, and e-mail
- II. Communication problems with internet connection (Service upgrade may be needed)
- III. Written reports including monthly activity reports and financial reports:

Jose was provided a format for monthly progress and attendance reporting and a financial report format for financial tracking and assessments on a regular basis.

- IV. Current facility inadequacies:

The current startup facility is totally inadequate for current needs and provides no room for growth (only has 2 rooms with no noise control during bible classes). The single bathroom does not provide sufficient privacy.

As a result a much larger house facility was located about 1 block from the existing building which will provide excellent space now and for at least 2-3 times numerical growth. It contains sufficiently large outdoor areas for the general assembly (16'x22') with expansion potential to 32'x22' plus 4 classrooms of 13'x13', 9'x10', 10'x10', 16'x11', respectively. There are outside areas in the rear that can be used for class space and we were blessed to see an existing small pool with steps built in that can be easily filled and used for a baptistery. There is an inside kitchen area (refrigerator and stove needed) and 2 bathrooms.

Outside, there is a large cleanup sink area for mission team possibilities, and a large full bathroom area with 10'x12' lockable storage room. All of this for only 600 lempiras more per month or \$30.00. Two individuals have agreed to provide the rent



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increase for two years minimum. The facility is walled and very secure with a large 12 foot locked metal gate. This facility was secured by contract on 15 March 2014.

The landlord is very cordial and accommodative and will place a door in one classroom opening and begin total replacement of an old roof but free from water leakage problems currently.

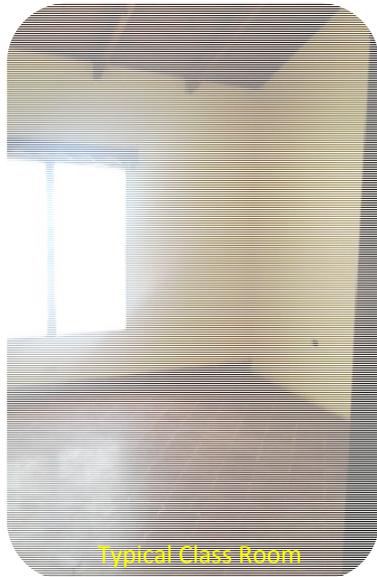
PHOTOS OF NEW CHURCH BUILDING:



Kitchen



New Building - Assembly Area



Typical Class Room



Future Baptistry

- V. Potential evangelistic campaign with local evangelists within one month:
We believe this would be very effective, however cost considerations of 11,000 Lps or \$550 to provide food and transportation for 6 local evangelists may be prohibitive at this time. A joint effort in June of 2015 may be a better choice for financial reasons.

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- VI. LAM/Phil Waggoner annual campaign for 2015 in Danli:
We recommend that the 2015 Seven Hills/ South Green mission be conducted in Danli. Sufficient facilities can be acquired for the medical/evangelistic opportunities along with secure sleeping facilities. We see substantial opportunities to reach out to souls in this area and building the Lord's church here.
- VII. Membership transportation needs:
One hour before and after each of 3 weekly assemblies is required to provide transportation for attendees not within walking distance. In the current Toyota vehicle, 3 different trips are made before and after the assembly. Consideration must be given to replacing the current vehicle with a larger vehicle with a bed modified for safe transportation of more people.
- VIII. Consideration of larger diesel truck for transportation needs (See VII above)
- IX. Jose's Automobile and property security considerations. Auto parts theft occurred at Jose's home last month and problem has been solved by use of neighbor's secured garage at night.
- X. Needs for additional Bibles and song books:
Few are remaining of either Bibles or song books of those originally provided. Some are needed for the assemblies and Bibles must be provided for those who participate in personal or group home bible classes. Specific versions are required so that teaching is the same for all and easy access by page number facilitates teaching as well.
- A. 12 Bibles needed: ISBN 1-58516-078 and 978-1-58516-078-5 originally purchased from Amazon. Santa Biblia Version Reina-Valera- (Paperbacked)
 - B. 20 song books needed: "Himnos Y Canticos Espirituales", ISBN 0-933672-67-5 (paperbacked)
 - C. It may be possible for those in the mission to transport these and even more to Honduras during our 2014 mission if we can purchase them from a source in the states. LAM may have sources to assist.
- XI. Ladies day for 29 March:
Miriam and Katherine would be the teachers for ladies and volunteers would prepare the food and refreshments.

Other Notes of Interest:

1. Juan Carlos Valle is providing the treasury, tracking expenses and other documentation. He will be able to provide the financial monthly document requested.
2. Do we need to provide transportation expenses for Jose's participation in organized area campaigns?
3. Miriam has assisted in the past with Food coordination for LAM campaigns and is willing to help organize and budget upcoming needs for campaign food.
4. Upcoming congregational programs planned are:
 - a. Assist kids (elementary level) that are extremely poor with the necessary items for their education. Items needed: school bags, notebooks, shoes, uniforms – Miriam to provide a budget per child. Currently, 15 kids are not able to attend school until they obtain these items. This program will be a once a year opportunity and in the past they have supported up to 45 kids.
 - b. Clothes Pantry: Miriam provided a detailed list for current congregation members and the goal is to gather these items before mid June in order to bring additional luggage when arriving for Marcala's Mission.

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Current Needs:

With new building in place that will allow for growth, the following new items are needed:

1. Metal shelter to double the size of outdoor assembly area. This area will be increased to a total of 32'x22'. The cost proposal for this need is 6,564 Lempiras or \$330, most of the cost is for materials and a member of the congregation is helping offset the labor installation cost.
2. The new Landlord allows us to paint the exterior privacy wall and paint a large letter sign on it also. The budget for this need is approximately 2,500 Lempiras or \$125.
3. The existing small pool in back yard needs to be cleaned and funding is needed to apply 2 coats of pool coating paint. The budget proposal will be completed by Jose next week.
4. Seating for new classrooms is needed now going from a single classroom to 4 individual classrooms. Folding tables and chairs are needed and Jose will take pictures of desired seating and also provide a cost proposal. These items are more economical if bought in Tegucigalpa (2 hr drive each way).
5. Jose's digital camera of many years has stopped working. A used digital compact camera with charger (no batteries since they are expensive) is needed.
6. A small compact black & white printer is needed to print lesson's sheets, sermons, etc. Transporting a printer to Honduras in June may be difficult and may be best if purchase in Honduras. Approximate cost is \$85 for used and \$160 for new.

Lord's Day – March 16th:

The day started with the most wonderful news, 3 young people desired to be baptized. Jose has been studying with them and had a study late Saturday night with them and their families. Jose picked us from the hotel and we drove to the local river. We had 12 people in Jose's car (5 normal capacity) and their family came with them.



New Christians:

Nelson Ariel Talabera Sosa
18 Years Old (Brown Shirt)

Meilin Gissele Talabera Sosa
16 Years Old (White Shirt)

Cristian Josue Nunez
14 Years Old (Blue Shirt)

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Entire Group

After this wonderful event, worship was conducted in new building with 39 in total attendance (27 adults and 12 kids). Juan Carlos Valle led the singing, Lord Supper and Collection. Jose presented the wonderful lesson. For the first time, the young adults were able to have a separate class taught by Juan Carlos. It was a very loving atmosphere and kids enjoyed a small treat prepared by Miriam.



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A group photo was organized before everyone returned home.

