



# 1999 Newsletter

## Honduras medical/mission's trip

1999 will be to us the year of faith. As you know, Nancy's whole family lives in Honduras and toward the end of 1998, Honduras was hit by hurricane Mitch. We felt useless and powerless and so we prayed and prayed and asked the Lord to open doors for us to be able to do something!

Last August along with a group of 20+ adults & teens from River of Life Church in Elk River, we went to Honduras and took medical supplies & equipment, clothes, shoes, toys, etc. It was quite an adventure from beginning to end. We had to figure out how to send the donations and medical equipment and medicines that we gathered and also manage to get ourselves in Honduras.

Chiquita Banana provided one of their containers free of charge for us to ship anything that we got. So, we 'huffed and puffed' until the container was full (15,000 pounds!) and with lots of prayers and blessing over it we sent it on its merry way to Honduras. We were told its not going to get there, it's going to be stolen and horror stories one after another, we lay awake many nights thinking what if we get there and we don't have medicines? What do we do? But, the Lord took care of everything, He also made sure that the container could get there on time...and so we are left only with praise and gratitude to God and the good people from Minnesota.

So, we arrived in Honduras on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Restoration Church already had a hectic schedule for us to follow and so to work we went. During 4 long days the medical team treated and diagnosed 3,000 + people. We worked very hard and were rewarded by being able to see the results of our efforts.

The people not only got to see the regular doctors, but they also were referred to our very own dentists and/or physical therapists, their prescriptions were filled for free, we gave toothpaste and toothbrushes, the children got toys, two veterinarians gave free consultation to the neighboring towns and to top it all, every single one of them was presented with the Gospel and 90 received Jesus as their personal Savior ...!!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

*Thank You !!! Tom Devine, Robert Abt, John & Cindy Bogle, Dorothy Bogle, Jana Vandenhoeck, Tom McCalla, Joe Walker, Stephanie & Tanya Childs, Jim & Karen Fountaine, Tina Determan, Jennifer & Jessica Lynnes, Linda & Sharon Haggerty, Pam & Lindsey Goethe, Heather Fleisher, Darcy Haubrick, Amber Nieters, Sue Strege, Diana & Melissa Johnson, Darlene Bjorkland, Susan Brousseau, Keith Tanski, Donna Stanford, Heather Biscoe, Cathy Dey, Irma Rodriguez, Nahidia Gonzalez, Lily Bogle, Bill & Sharon Bogle, Nonie Persby, Pam Rykken, Robin Ellingston, Lori Olinger, Kelly Stark, Sue Benson, Janine Peterson, Sheryl Hedervare, Michelle Gaydos, Jerry Strudle, Mick Meinert, Amy & Kathy (Markon) and everybody from Minnesota that donated and encouraged us to keep going!*

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## **Nancy Changes Jobs:**

Yep, Around mid-1998 I decided to change jobs, it was very difficult decision for me to take but after praying and considering the pros and cons, we decided to go ahead and so I resigned my position in a small distributing company. Preston then volunteered to help me find another job, preferably close to his own because we did not want to stop commuting together every morning. About two weeks after resigning the Lord opened the doors for a temporary position in large insurance company; the Lord gave me grace before my bosses and coworkers and this year I was hired permanently. Shortly after, Preston had to start a search of his own. Without us having to look for too long, Preston found a Telemarketing company that gave him a very good opportunity to earn some income and also provided time for us to pursue our brand new company "PRO Marketing, International." Our company's main products are web design and internet hosting. Yes, we are 'Business Owners' we have 2 employees ( Preston & I) and even though is just a "little bud" we have been blessed by its success - small scale, but success for us

## **Nancy's brother's wedding:**

... A Honduran Wedding too? ... They are my brother and his wife! Just before the Mission's trip they announced that they were going to get married on August 14th. One of Nancy's coworkers helped her to prepare and shop (thank you Diana) and another made the dresses that "actually fit the bride" and 'closely' fit the bridesmaids ( Dorothy, you are a wonder en every way) We were asked to take care of the decorations and we planned something incredible ... Yeah, it did not go according to plan... Melissa (such a sweetheart) almost killed herself hanging decorations and theorized and tested multiple methods to keep candles in the candleholders, the balloons exploded on their own, the top layer of the cake collapsed and it rained ...) And so, first we survived a long and endless civil ceremony then my dad (dozing off most of the time) finally married them. We were overjoyed when we saw them kiss and it was time to party...we ate an awesome Honduran meal, took lots of pictures, got to know new people and above all received blessings as a family and we were able to share it all with our friends

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## Restoration Clinic Project:

Since our visit to Honduras in August, the conditions for the Hondurans have not improved that much. Unfortunately, it continues to rain and so the little that people had been able to save, they have now lost it all so, the morale is low.

The area where we worked once again is under water and this has brought another series of illnesses. Restoration church has been visiting this community and providing health care and clothing, but a much bigger need is obvious.

So, they have decided to start The Project of a small health center. This clinic will provide free daily health care, filled prescriptions at not cost, minor surgery and hospitalization and prenatal & postnatal care. There are lots of needs so if the Lord has placed in your heart a calling to give your time, money or supplies, please let us know

