

# Salt & Light Ministry Foundation

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## ***Executive Director's Message: Daniel Tercero***

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to write to you again, I hope that by receiving this newsletter you are well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord.

It is exciting to see how throughout this year we have been able to reap the fruits of the effort of a joint team: Salt and Light Ministry, volunteers, and the communities we serve. All the projects and initiatives that are adding value in our impact zones have been developed with the active participation of each member of our team and with the support of related institutions that have made important alliances with us.

The people who live in the rural areas in Honduras have many things in common: unemployment, child malnutrition, dropping out of school, illiteracy, poor access to the health care, contaminated water sources and difficult access to decent housing. These problems have been handed down from generation to generation. Salt and Light with God's help is breaking this cycle by providing them with hope for the future. Salt & Light is teaching them how to make positive changes in their lives - this is our goal.

When we complete the mission in the communities, we do not want the people to remember us just for how nice it was when Sal y Luz was visiting their village. We want them to also use the good things they learned from us to sustain a better quality of life.

Thank you for being part of this ministry, it is through your support that we can carry out all this work for the neediest in Honduras. We are always looking for more people willing to join us in spreading the love of Jesus in Honduras. You can get involved in many ways: you can pray for us, you can give a donation to the ministry and/or you can be part of mission team and visit Honduras next year, we pray that you consider to do so.

God Bless you, Daniel Tercero



**Dr. Javier Velázquez**

We want to welcome Dr. Javier Velázquez to our Honduran staff. He is our new medical coordinator. This summer he had the opportunity to work with some of our teams from the USA and they noticed his great spirit of service and hard work. We invite more teams to come with health brigades and meet our doctor and work with him and his staff.

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10*

## ***St. Matthew's UMC, Madison, MS***

***June 16-22, 2018***

***By: David Allen***

Our 2018 Honduras mission group had a construction team and a medical team, so we had a variety of experiences that we were able to share with each other. Early in the trip, Salt and Light arranged for our group to meet the children and families directly benefitting from current and previous education sponsorships. I was able to meet a child and his mother that our Sunday School class has been sponsoring. The kids were so genuinely appreciative for what they have and the educational opportunities that they have gotten through the sponsorships.



I was part of a construction team that helped build a small cinder block house with the help of a mason, the future home owner, and others in the area that wanted to help. The work was difficult but very rewarding. At the end of each day I did not want to leave the work site. The families who were getting the house and their neighbors were on the work site throughout most of the day. Even the translators helped with construction at times. One of my most memorable moments was interacting with a child at the construction site. I was having a difficult time learning his name because I wasn't sure how to say it. After writing my name in the dirt with a stick, he then wrote his! It was a very simple name but the pronunciation was tricking me!

On the last day the Honduras community and our entire team met at each of the newly constructed homes for a dedication ceremony. It was very emotional to see the joy on their faces and hear the joy in their voices. God was and is present in Honduras as evidenced by the joy that was shared between our team and the families that we encountered there. Missions for me, serve as an opportunity for humans to connect. Missions are a reminder that we are all God's creation and we all care about each other.





***St. Mark's UMC Brandon, Madison UMC & First Baptist Church of Fannin***  
***June 21-28, 2018***

***By: John Smith***

**SALT & LIGHT HONDURAS 2018**

In June I was fortunate enough to participate in my sixth Salt & Light trip to Honduras. For the last two years my wife was able to join me and witness firsthand the wonderful people of Honduras. I find as each June draws near, my desire for the journey gets stronger and stronger. I have developed many friends in Honduras and my anticipation of seeing them again grows with each passing year.



Our large team (52 members) this year was blessed to work in many different ministry areas. We focused on two villages located in Impact Zone 1. Our team's mission included: medical and dental health, door to door evangelism, women's Bible study and knitting, a teenage girls retreat, VBS for the children, gardening, and our construction teams built or improved six homes and poured the floor for a new church.

This year was special in many ways. I was able to do two things I really love – house construction along with evangelism with the families and neighbors of the houses we constructed.

The three homes I worked on were for three special families to whom we grew attached. The three families each supported the construction of not only their houses, but also the houses of the other two families. The wife and mother on house #1 mixed concrete (mescala) at a pace that put all the men on the Madison team to shame. The crowning of a great week occurred when we realized the families needed mattresses. The whole team took up an offering and bought new beds and mattresses for their new homes.

The Sal Y Luz staff has done an excellent job developing the impact zones and this focused approach is certainly making an impact within these communities in Honduras.



## ***Happening Honduras Becomes Realty***

***by: Mickey Plunkett***

The first Salt & Light team of 2018 was not a typical S&L mission trip but we could not have been successful without the support of Daniel and the rest of his team in Honduras. “The Happening” is a weekend youth retreat ministry for high school aged young people from all over Mississippi. It was started about 30 years ago and, to date, has conducted more than 100 retreat weekends involving about 100 young people in each retreat. Cathey Plunkett is the Director of the ministry and for several years has organized summer mission trips for the young people who have been involved in The Happening. Four years ago, a team of adults and students traveled to Nairobi, Kenya to establish “The Happening” ministry there. That ministry has now conducted 7-8 retreat weekends and continues to grow. The last two summer trips to Honduras have been laying the ground work for this year’s trip to establish “The Happening” ministry in Honduras.



Four adults and 21 students met at the Jackson airport at 4:30 AM on May 31 to start the adventure and Satan immediately went to work trying to fowl up the luggage waiver that had been granted to offset the cost of 11 suitcases full of supplies. After almost missing the flight due to that mix-up the team arrived in Honduras only to be told that the team’s Spiritual Director, Bones Kiprotich, who is a resident of Kenya and the director of “The Happening Kenya”, couldn’t stay in Honduras because he didn’t have a Honduran visa. He was sent back to Mississippi and, after a week of assistance from Bobby Blake and friends and a trip to the Honduras consulate in New Orleans, was able to return to Honduras the following Thursday and rejoin the team

### ***Costs for 2018***

2 bedroom house .....	\$6,300
3 bedroom house .....	\$7,300
Approximate cost to repair and improve living conditions for 1 home .....	\$700-\$1000
Sponsor an Elementary School Child for 1 Year .....	\$240 (\$20/month)
Sponsor a High School Child for 1 Year .....	\$360 (\$30/month)
Sponsor a University Student for 1 Year .....	approximately \$700 - \$1200 per year
Feed a child one meal a day at S&L feeding center (includes medical & dental)	\$14/month



Satan continued to throw curve balls at our team by changing the rooms we were allowed to use at the local school where the retreat was to be held, limiting access to the school when we were planning to set up the retreat, changing the attendee list daily and sometimes hourly, sending daily rainstorms, and even shutting down the electrical grid in the entire region, but we serve an awesome God and by His grace, both of the retreat weekends were a huge success.

Our students demonstrated what love, faith, and servanthood looks like to the students that attended both weekends and the result was that 14 Honduran students and 3 adults experienced the love of Christ during Honduras Happening #1 June 1-3. Six of those Honduran students then joined our students to staff Happening #2 the following weekend where we ministered to 28 students and 3 adults. During a planning meeting after Happening #2 Edwin Rodrigues, one of the Honduran adults who attended Happening #1, made the commitment to serve as the Director of Happening Honduras and will be coming to Mississippi later this year to serve on a Happening staff here and to get additional training. God is certainly in control.

There were many instances during our 13-day trip where God demonstrated His faithfulness to those who are working to expand His kingdom and, as a result, the faith of all who participated was strengthened. We were all reminded again that you simply cannot out give God. We always give out of our weakness and limited resources and He always gives out of His power and unlimited resources. It was certainly a treat to have a front row seat to see God work in Honduras.



## ***FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A MISSION TEAM:***

### **2019 Mission Team Dates and Contact Information**

<b>TEAM NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TEAM LEADERS</b>	
Covenant Presbyterian	February 14-21	Slade/Susan Exley	601-212-8072 susanexley@bellsouth.net
St. Mathew's UMC	February 23-March 1	David Smith	601-720-8806 dsmith6094@aol.com
St. Mark's, Madison UMC & First Baptist Fannin	June 6-13	Bobby/Julie Blake	601-397-8880 blake3033@gmail.com
Covenant Presbyterian	June 13-20	Slade/Susan Exley	601-212-8072 susanexley@bellsouth.net
Grace Church	July 11-18	Kelly Blackwood	601-400-0992 Kriley7@hotmail.com
Bellwether	July 18-25	Jay Fielder	504-981-6062 jay@nurays4u.com
Woodland Church	July 18-25	Robert Followell	901-378-8030 robert.followell@gmail.com
Medical (Hearing Aids)	July 21-26	Diane Kenworthy	dikenworthy@gmail.com

**Please keep all our teams in your prayers**

## ***Adult Literacy Ministry***

***by: Claudia Hernández, Sal y Luz Education Coordinator***



It is estimated that 12.1% of Hondurans over 15 years of age cannot read and write, the vast majority of them being residents living in rural areas of the country. One of the goals of Salt and Light is to reduce these rates in the communities located in our Impact Zones. Through our education ministry we implemented a literacy program aimed at anyone; young or old, who did not have the opportunity to attend school. Our teachers are Sal y Luz scholarship students and other volunteers. Through literacy we hope to help students to develop the ability to read and write their own personal documents, to read the Bible, and qualify for better jobs. Literacy will instill the confidence to perform many other activities in their lives. We currently teach adult literacy in Las Lomitas (13 students) and El Ocote (17 students).



## ***Grace Bible Church, Oxford, MS***

***by: Drew Narmour***



We had 16 team members make the trip to Honduras this year. This team accomplished so much and the relationships that were made and rekindled were a blessing for all of us. We began construction on the walls of a church, worked in the local garden in El Ocote, distributed resources, prayed, and lead a Vacation Bible School in Zone One.



One of our team members, Nicki Jones, decided to put on a spa day for the women in the village that ended up spanning the entire week. We were able to see around seventy five women, a couple of whom remarked that it felt like they were on vacation. Something else we tried this year was a community lunch. Everyone in town was invited to eat a good meal we were able to provide. One of the community leaders commented that this day needed to be marked in history as it was the first time they had ever done something like this. We thank God for blessing the people of Honduras and our team through the Salt & Light Ministry.





## ***Woodland Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN July 22-28, 2018***

***By: Gwen Garibaldi Wolford***

Woodland Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN commissioned 11 members to return to Honduras July 22-28, 2018. Five members including a nurse practitioner, a nurse, and a nursing student made up the medical team that worked with the Salt and Light Ministries medical clinic in Pena Blanca. An extensive pharmacy was purchased through Crosslink Memphis and numerous medical supplies including syringes, needles, alcohol swabs,

povidine iodine swabs, sterile gauze, wound cleansers and bandages were donated by Crosslink Memphis. Woodland Presbyterian Church members also collected simple toiletries, including soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste to give to the patients with their medicines. The



medical team that also included Dr. Javier from the Sal y Luz clinic and our wonderful translators saw over 200 patients in 3 different villages over 4 days. Our team was also joined by Vanik, a local missionary, and a translator who came to pray with our patients while they were waiting to be seen. The week ended with a fundraiser for a children's home on the grounds of Las Glorias. It was a beautiful event listening to the Honduran symphony and

singers. We are thankful to those that contributed to the mission trip, especially Robert Followell. We are thankful for the relationships that were built, hearts that were reached and the needs that were met through the efforts of many and may all the glory be given to God as we are blessed to be His hands and feet in the world.



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