

# Salt & Light Ministry Foundation

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

I thank God for bringing me into the Salt and Light Ministry several years ago. During this time I have seen how God's mercy moved to favor the people of Honduras everyday. I have learned to completely trust Jesus. Now in my role as Executive Director of Sal y Luz Honduras it is my desire to continue strengthening the Kingdom of God and to reach more and more people in need of His infinite mercy. It is a real privilege to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and I humbly accept this new challenge in my life. I am reminded of God's words to Joshua when he took leadership of the Israelites, "*As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you or forsake you.*" Joshua 1:5

As a ministry we are entering a new stage, implementing new strategies and initiatives that will promote positive holistic changes in the communities we serve. These changes will generate long term sustainability which will help families improve their living conditions while actively participating in their own development.

The Sal y Luz staff receives these changes positively and with joy. We have hope in God that the best for the ministry is yet to come. We thank all those who contribute to Salt and Light with their time, resources, and prayers. It is through your efforts that we are able to reach so many people in our country, and to be the *SALT* that gives flavor to the world, and the *LIGHT* in a world full of darkness.

Amen



**Alejandrina (Alie), Benjamin, Daniel Tercero, Daniela**



## ***President's Message: Bobby Blake***

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Salt and Light Ministry Foundation USA, I welcome Daniel Tercero as the Executive Director of Sal y Luz Honduras.

Daniel is no stranger to our ministry. For the last 3-1/2 years he served as the coordinator of Education for Sal y Luz. Daniel has a teaching degree in mathematics. His leadership skills and his love for Jesus Christ have already made a positive impact on the staff and the people we serve in Honduras.

We also wish to welcome Daniel's family; his wife Alejandrina (Alie), daughter Daniela who is 3 years old and his son Benjamin who is 2. Daniel and his family live in El Eden.

Please remember to pray for Daniel, his staff, and his family as our ministry to the poor grows with God's help in Honduras.

## *Child Abuse Conference*

*By: Kelly Blackwood and Kevie O'Haver*

In July 2014, team members from Grace Bible Church in Oxford, MS visited the Home of Blessings, a ministry to socially at risk children in the Pena Blanca area. We learned that many of the children had been physically or sexually abused, neglected, or exposed to situations that children should never have to experience. The Home of Blessings Directors spoke of their desire for training and resources to help the children more effectively. Grace team member Kevie O'Haver, a child therapist, offered to provide child abuse training through Sal Y Luz, and soon plans were underway for a child abuse workshop to take place in Pena Blanca.



In preparing for the workshop, God provided excellent translated materials through Back2Back Ministries. Trauma Competent Caregiver training was already in place to equip adults working with and caring for traumatized children. In July 2015, our team returned to Honduras and with the amazing organizational skills of the Sal Y Luz staff and the help of a dedicated godly translator, O'Haver presented a two-day workshop and guided discussion for 100 participants that focused on understanding the impact trauma has on a developing child, and how youth workers and caregivers can connect with these wounded children to help them heal.

Sal Y Luz asked us to build upon the 2015 conference, so the Grace Bible team is preparing to return and present the two-day trauma caregiver training at the hospital in San Pedro Sula, and also conduct a follow-up workshop in Pena Blanca.

We are thankful that God opened this door, and for the work God is doing through the Sal Y Luz *ministry*.



***Victor P. Smith  
Honored at the Salt and Light  
Annual Banquet***

The Salt and Light Banquet for 2015 was held at Bellwhether Church in Northeast Jackson, MS on September 17th. The annual event was attended by friends of Salt & Light from all parts of the state and Honduras. The food was provided by Char Restaurant.

The guest of honor that evening was Victor P. Smith, a Jackson businessman, who along with other missionaries founded the Salt and Light Ministry Foundation, USA and Sal y Luz Ministries Honduras 13 years ago.

Melvin Flores the first executive director of Sal y Luz Honduras, flew to Jackson to honor Victor on this special occasion. Melvin was instrumental in organizing the ministry in Honduras during the early days. Victor was also honored that evening by Donald Buckner from Starkville, MS. Donald was part of the early teams who visited Honduras along with Victor, which ultimately resulted in creating the ministry as we know it today.



We are truly indebted to the vision of these missionaries along with the dedicated leadership of Victor Smith, for being the **SALT** and **LIGHT** to the poor in Honduras.



**Victor Smith**

***“You are the Salt of the earth... you are the Light of the world.” Matthew 5:13a, 14a***



**Donald Buckner**



**Bobby Blake, Mildred & Victor Smith, Melvin Flores**

## *Galloway Mission Team* *by: Elizabeth Henry*

In partnership with Salt and Light, a group from Galloway United Methodist Church in Jackson, MS, worked alongside local masons and volunteers to provide concrete floors, wood-burning stoves, and new roofs for our neighbors in the El Eden community over the course of one week in mid-January. For the cost of construction for one two-bedroom house start to finish, six families are experiencing a huge boost in quality of life with these simple renovations that make a world of difference to their health and comfort. Additionally, instead of building relationships with only one family on a single construction site all week, we got to enjoy fellowship with lots of folks in the neighborhood as we worked alongside them to renovate the homes. It was a treat to see how these projects strengthened not only the structure of the houses involved but also the bonds within the community as members of each family unit showed up to work and serve in one another's homes. We were blown away by Salt and Light's organization and vision to grow beyond their normal way of doing things and embrace fresh opportunities to become the hands and feet of Christ. Through their creativity our resources went further than we could have ever imagined!

*Muchissimas gracias  
por su fidelidad nuestros hermanos!*



*“The same One who has put seed into the hands of the sower and brought bread to fill our stomachs will provide and multiply the resources you invest and produce an abundant harvest from your righteous actions.”*

1 Corinthians 9:10,  
The Voice

**Sponsored Student Testimonies:**



**Juan Miguel Perez**

My name is Juan Miguel Perez, I have been sponsored by Sal y Luz since 2008. Last year, I finished high school and started my career as an electrical technician. During that time the ministry provided all my needs in school. Praise the Lord!

I already got a job at a hydropower company as one of the electricians, and I am gaining much experience. My dream is to become one of the electrical engineers of the company someday. It is a joy for me to be able now to help with the needs of my mother and my family, which was always one of my dreams. I know now I am going to have better opportunities. I am very thankful for my sponsor, the ministry, and the Lord for giving me this new life.

God bless Sal y Luz and all who are part of this ministry. I pray that He always provides for you and prospers you to continue your work to support young people like me to realize our dreams.

Thank you.



**Martir Hernandez**

My name is Martir Hernandez. I am a local Pastor at Ebenezer Church. I'm studying Business Administration in college. My experience over the years in Sal y Luz has been very special. I have seen the hand of God opening doors. I am grateful to have received this blessing and to obtain a career. University education has given me a variety of experiences to develop as a person and I have learned useful things in life.

Some of the things that I have learned will be a great support of my ministry in the Church, such as properly managing the resources the Lord puts at our disposal and having better guidance when making decisions. It also will serve during the time of teaching the word of God because now I am counting on methods and techniques that will make my sermons more effective.

I am very grateful to Sal y Luz, which has been a great blessing for me and for my family. May the Lord continue opening doors for you because it is in giving that we receive.

**Costs for 2016**

<b>2 bedroom house</b> .....	<b>\$.6,300</b>
<b>3 bedroom house</b> .....	<b>\$.7,300</b>
<b>Sponsor an Elementary School Child for 1 Year</b> .....	<b>\$.240 (\$20/month)</b>
<b>Sponsor a High School Child for 1 Year</b> .....	<b>\$.360 (\$30/month)</b>
<b>Sponsor a University Student for 1 Year</b> .....	<b>\$.688 (\$58/month)</b>
<b>Feed a child one meal a day for one month</b> .....	<b>\$.14</b>

## ***FEEDING CENTERS - MORE THAN JUST FOOD***

***By: Susan Exley***

Sal y Luz oversees four feeding centers, Buena Vista, El Eden, El Jaral and Miraflores. These “feeding centers” provide meals as well as vitamins, worm medicine, exams, bloodwork and dental work. The medical staff monitors the total wellness of each child. Volunteers from these communities prepare meals each weekday from February to November. Each child gets an exam annually by the Sal y Luz doctor. Some children were found to be anemic last year and were given medication for three months in hopes of eliminating the anemia. These children will be tested again soon and repeat the treatment if necessary. Dental check-ups are administered annually and teeth are cleaned and filled or pulled as needed. Brigades are welcome and encouraged to volunteer to help to prepare and serve meals at noon in any of these communities. Feeding centers often need new paint, minor furniture repair and improved or replaced stoves. Brigades can provide funds and or labor to help if team funds are available and workers are available.



Food preparation takes place each weekday morning and repairs could

take place in the afternoon or on Saturday. Your team leader can add this to your brigade plans.

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

### **2016 Mission Team Dates and Contact Information**

<b>TEAM NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TEAM LEADERS</b>	
Galloway UMC	January 14-21	Elizabeth Henry	601-326-3443
Covenant Presbyterian	February 19-26	Slade/Susan Exley	601-992-9681
Brigada de Oido	May 30 - June 6	Diane Kenworthy	dikenworthy@gmail.com
The Happening	June 2-9	Cathey Plunkett	catheypl@comcast.net
St. Mark's & Madison UMC	June 9-16	Bobby/Julie Blake	601-397-8880
Covenant Presbyterian	June 16-23	Slade/Susan Exley	601-212-8072
Clemson Baptist Church	June 23-30	Karen Lahaman	864-903-9336
Bellwether	July 7-14	Cherry Duckworth/Lori Reed	601-941-9103
Grace Church	July 14-21	Kelly Blackwood	601-400-0992

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



## ***MEDICAL UPDATE: ZIKA VIRUS***

***By: Dr. Anthony Cloy***

As some of our mission teams have expressed concerns over the spread of the Zika virus, and in some cases cancelled travel, I wanted to update everyone on the latest CDC information.

Current recommendations are as follows:

- Pregnant women, or women planning to get pregnant, should not travel to affected countries or areas
- To prevent spreading Zika virus to local mosquitoes, all returning travelers should take every measure possible to avoid mosquitoes for the 3 weeks after returning to Mississippi.
- Returning travelers should not donate blood for at least 4 weeks after return from an affected country
- Women with possible Zika virus exposure (travel to areas with active disease transmission or exposure through sexual contact), or women who have been diagnosed with Zika virus infection, should wait at least 8 weeks after last exposure or at least 8 weeks after onset of symptoms before attempting conception.
- Men who have traveled to an area with active Zika virus transmission but did not develop symptoms of Zika virus disease should wait at least 8 weeks after last exposure before attempting conception and should use condoms or abstain from sex during that timeframe.
- Men who have been diagnosed with Zika virus infection should wait at least 6 months after the onset of symptoms to attempt conception and should use condoms or abstain from sex during that timeframe
- Men who have traveled to areas with active Zika virus transmission, with pregnant sex partners, should abstain from sex for the duration of the pregnancy or should use condoms correctly and consistently for the entire pregnancy

*As a reminder, the infection in non-pregnant humans is usually non life-threatening and consists of a flu-like syndrome.*



## ***LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD (LWW)***

***By: Slade Exley***

On February 24, the members of Las Vegas Iglesia Evangelica Reformada (reformed church of Las Vegas) celebrated the gift of clean water during the dedication of the newest Living Waters for the World clean water system. The team of Susan, Slade and Tim Exley and Bill Krech installed the system and conducted training for the members of the church during their time in Las Vegas. Olvin Duron, LWW in-country technician, assisted in the installation and conducted training for the system operators. There are now 136 active LWW systems in Honduras.

This project is another example of the great partnership LWW in Honduras has had with Ministerio Sal y Luz for the past 10 years

when the first system was installed in the Sal y Luz clinic to support the medical work of this facility. The clean water system was financed through a gift from the Covenant Presbyterian Church Foundation. Funding from this foundation has also paid for the backup electric generator at the Sal y Luz clinic and for a portion of the Sal y Luz passenger van.

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**The Impact of Your Financial, Volunteer & Prayer Support is Truly Immeasurable**

We all expect donations to charities to be used to efficiently fulfill the mission of the organization receiving the gift. Your financial help is particularly significant to the **Salt & Light Ministry**.

**Sal y Luz Honduras** works in partnership with the **Salt & Light Ministry Foundation** in Jackson, Mississippi. The **S&LMF** is tax-exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is eligible to receive contributions deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes.

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