

# Salt & Light Ministry Foundation

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

Beloved brothers and sisters, Greetings from Lake Yojoa, Honduras. I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for another year to serve Him through this ministry. It is also an honor for me to join efforts with all of you to share the love of God in word and action. Sal y Luz (Salt and Light) is one of the main channels of blessings for hundreds of families living in extreme poverty in our region of Honduras. Our commitment is to contribute Physically, Financially and Spiritually in our mission communities. We strive to promote positive changes in the lifestyles of those whose lives we touch, while remembering our primary mission is to proclaim the good news of Salvation.



Starting this year, our ministry will focus its efforts in specific communities we call "Impact Zones". In each impact zone the inhabitants will set their goals and priorities. The mission teams from the USA as well as the full time Sal y Luz staff will help them reach their goals over a period of time. By doing this we hope to establish local ownership of self-sustaining programs that these communities will maintain long after the mission teams have left the impact zone.

Our Honduran staff is committed to this vision and the Lord has already given us the wisdom and strength to begin the process that is bringing success in these "Impact Zones".



Sal y Luz Staff, Honduras

Thank you for being an active part of this ministry and it's vision. Your financial support and prayers are invaluable to make our mission possible. I am sure our Lord will continue to place men and women who are sensitive to his Spirit and his call into the Sal y Luz ministry for many years. By His grace through you God continues to show favor to the people of Honduras.

*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*

# *The Habitat for Humanity Connection*

*By: Slade Exley*

Q: How did this ministry, Salt & Light, begin?

A: Habitat for Humanity

When teams from Jackson started going to Honduras in the late 1990's, we were going to build Habitat for Humanity houses. The first village I worked in was in El Eden. A few years later, Melvin Flores, the Director of Habitat in Honduras, left Habitat and formed Ministerio Sal y Luz. We continued going to Honduras with expanded mission opportunities with this new ministry.

Fast forward 15 years. When Susan and I were in Honduras a few years ago, we were having a conversation with Daniel Tercero about how the ministry grew out of trips teams were taking to work for Habitat. Daniel asked us if we thought he might qualify for a Habitat house for his family. We thought he might and encouraged him to pursue it. Last summer when we were in Honduras with our team, Daniel wanted to show us his new Habitat house that he was thrilled to purchase in El Eden.

Daniel was very thankful and grateful for his new home. We mentioned that our church does a Habitat house project each fall and we would like to show him some of the Habitat houses in Jackson when he visited Jackson. He went on to tell us that he would actually like to work on a Habitat house in Jackson as an act of gratitude for the opportunity the Habitat organization had given him and his family to have a new house.

Daniel arrived on Friday, September 16, 2016. The next day his wish came true when he went to work on a Habitat rehab house project on Kevin Garnett Street in Jackson. For the entire morning and most of the afternoon, Daniel sweated and labored hard to bust up and remove a tile floor in the bathroom. You could tell from his enthusiasm that he felt committed to give back to Habitat in some way and to thank them for the good work the organization does worldwide.

Like Daniel is grateful for this opportunity in life because of Habitat, we are grateful to God for the great leadership and service Daniel, the Director of Salt & Light provides to our ministry in Honduras. Just think, all of this started in Honduras with Habitat about 20 years ago. God has a great, big plan. Let's listen and not miss an opportunity to participate.





## *4 New Staff Members Join our Honduras Team*



**Carlos Augusto Reyes Fuentes, Doctor**

I am a Medical Doctor and Surgeon. I graduated from the National Autonomous University of Honduras 6 years ago, I am married to Merari Ortiz Bu, we currently do not have any children. My work experience is medical school, Atlántida Regional Hospital, also in various positions within the decentralized community health services, as well as clinics and private hospitals in different parts of the country. I am currently living in Peña Blanca Cortes. Favorite Biblical passage for my life is Philippians 4:13



**Claudia Aracely Rodríguez Hernández, Education Coordinator.**

I am a teacher in technical industrial education and I am currently studying for a second degree in Basic Education. My professional experience has always been in the educational area working as a director of a school and director of a kindergarten. I am married to José Matute and we have three children: Estefany, Irene and Francisco. We live in the community of El Edén. My favorite scripture is Romans 5: 8



**Norma Leticia Paredes Murillo, Dental Assistant**

From the time I finished my H.S. studies in Sciences and Arts and while waiting for a job opportunity, I volunteered at the Ministry Sal y Luz in the accounting area as well as in the dental area. I am currently studying in the university for a degree in Marketing. I live in Tapiquiales Cortes with my parents María Murillo and Felipe Paredes and three brothers.



**Bayron Leonel Gamero, Security Guard**

I am 35 years old, and I have 5 years experience working as a security guard in Aquafinca St. Peters Fish S.A. My wife Maria Julia Sorto and I have 3 children ages 16, 14 and 10 years old and we live in the Tapiquiales Community

# Teaching Medicine and Christ's Love

by: Anthony Cloy, M.D.



I have had the pleasure of going to Honduras as a medical team member for some 7 or 8 years now. It is especially rewarding when I am able to take medical students with me. It gives these young learners a rare opportunity to share both their knowledge of medicine and their love for Christ in a way rarely possible in the medical school setting. As medical missionaries, we fully realize the universality of a smile, a warm touch and a chance to interact with a patient on his or her turf.

Both clinical and pre-clinical students have participated and are able to practice the medical training they have received to reach out to the Honduran people. Whether taking a chief complaint, working in the pharmacy or examining and treating a patient, the experience is most rewarding. I have had students pray with the patient during the encounter – something that rarely occurs during our usual “business of medicine” in our busy academic medical center.

A few of us Salt & Light board members recently exhibited at the UMC Global Health Fair and found that students are eager to share their gifts with people from all walks of life and from around the globe.

As Health Committee chair, I am happy to reach out to some of these medical, dental or pharmacy students if your team has a medical brigade and could use the extra help, please let me know. It is truly heartwarming to be able to not only minister to the people of Honduras through healthcare but to see budding Humanitarianism and Christian love develop in these future healthcare providers.





## *Sponsored Student Testimonies:*



My name is **Astrid Fernanda Márquez**, I am in the sixth grade at the Marco Aurelio Soto School, I live in Aguazul Sierra and I am 11 years old. I have received scholarship sponsorship since the first grade and thanks to my scholarship I have always been able to get shoes, a backpack with many notebooks and all the other supplies needed for my studies. I always thought that my dad would not be able to provide, but we always have the hope that the next year they will give me my supplies for school and I always receive them. My parents always count on the Salt and Light sponsorship for me every year. I hope I will be able to go to college. With the tutoring I am receiving in the afternoons, I know that I will do well with my grades. I am

happy with Salt and Light, I am a good student and I want you to be happy with me. Thanks to my donor and to Salt and Light for everything you give me. I'm happy because this next year I'm going to start secondary school and I promise to get good grades.



My name is **Carlos Garcia**, I am in the eighth grade and I study in a school in Peña Blanca. I live alone with my mom and I see how she cares about me. This year my mother could no longer pay for my studies so we had plans to go to live in San Pedro Sula and find a job. But we always prayed with my mom about that, it was then that I received a call from Salt and Light to offer me a scholarship and that's why I'm in school now, and that makes me very happy. When they gave me the backpack and the uniform we couldn't believe it and my mom said that it was the answer to what we prayed for. The previous years were difficult to get the supplies and materials and we had to talk to the teachers explaining that I could not turn in the

assignments or make the payments on time... but now everything is easier. Now my mom is calmer. Thank you all for supporting me, God bless you and always support young people like me who need help from someone.

### ***Micro Business***

My name is **Martha Selenia Hernández**, from the community of Virtud. I have eight children, five studying and one of them who graduated from high school last year. My husband works planting yucca and banana and I tend to my children at home. I also run a small grocery store, where I also sell cow's milk, curd and cottage cheese.

Some time ago, the Sal y Luz Ministry with its micro-business economic support program, came to this community to invite us to be a part of this program and support us to start a business with small loans of easy access.

And thanks to it, I have been able to start my business, I have been trained and motivated to go ahead and above all generate income to help my family, especially in their studies.



Thanks to this program, not only have they helped me with loans, but also have motivated me to save, so I can have capital of my own for my business. I thank Salt and Light for the help they give me and my partners.

## ***THE 2016 SALT & LIGHT MINISTRY FOUNDATION BANQUET:*** ***By: Cassie Carroll & Cherry Duckworth***

On September 27, 2016, Bellwether Church hosted the Salt & Light Foundation Banquet. Located in Jackson, MS, Bellwether Church converted its sanctuary into a large, engaging dining hall filled with cozy round tables seating 8 guests each. These beautifully decorated tables (donated by Steve King with Space Jumps of Jackson) had greenery centerpieces using landscape from Bellwether Church. They were graciously put together by Kristy Clayton, a Bellwether Church member. Lillian Brown, a Salt & Light Board Member, donated the lovely tablecloths and napkins for the event. Bellwether Church volunteers and past Honduras Mission Trip participants served our many guests.



This was the second year in a row that Bellwether Church has hosted the banquet with one of the biggest turn-outs in the last few years. There were 189 tickets sold with 160+ guests in attendance. During the evening, there was beautiful music performed by Chris Kellum and Tracy Metcalf, both Bellwether church members. Daniel A. Tercero, Sal Y Luz Coordinator in Pena Blanca, Cortez, Honduras, was the main speaker. This was Daniel's first time in America and first time attending the banquet. Many guests noted what a humble and heart-felt presentation he made. Other speakers were Bobby Blake, Rev. John Hugh Tate, Kevie O'Haver, Slade Exley and Lillian Brown. The delicious dinner consisted of chicken fettuccine, green beans, and garlic bread. It was generously donated by Amerigo's Restaurant for the second year in a row. Also, during the evening, volunteers sold Honduras coffee, t-shirts, and raffle tickets. The evening was overall a huge success. The goodwill and fellowship generated through the volunteers, church members, mission trip participants, and other guests were the greatest successes of all. It was a very moving experience in a lovely spiritual atmosphere.



It is so important for our Team Leaders to encourage everyone to attend this wonderful banquet as it is integral to funding this important ministry.







By: *Lillian Brown*

"Evangelism always means proclamation, and it always involves communicating the message of the gospel using language the lost can understand."

Salt and Light has sent teams into the various villages year after year. Whether it was through Vacation Bible School, Bible studies with the men and women, worship services, on a construction site or a water project.... the love of Jesus was displayed through our deeds.

This year, Salt and Light is taking a more intentional step in Evangelism. We want to continue to be a blessing to the people of Honduras in all the wonderful tangible ways we always have. We will continue to partner and assist in improving education, health and accessibility to clean water. But this year... we have gone before you into new targeted communities. We've met our neighbors, we know how many children they have, we know their names and ages. We even know whether they know Jesus!!! Daniel Tercero Hernandez, Sal Y Luz, Director, and his team have paved the way for you. So this year, we want you to arm yourself with tracts, New Testaments, Bibles, Wordless Book, Roman Road, The Jesus Film, etc. Teams can start with the simple plan of salvation that they can comfortably share. Let's go visit our neighbors.. in their homes... and share the "Buenas Nuevas " (Good News) of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



One tool that is readily available at the Clinic in Honduras is the "Evange-Cube" which the teams are welcome to use. Here is a link that will help you prepare to utilize it:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhVldzsGEck>



We are available to meet with the teams and help you explore exciting ways to share the Gospel during your missions trip. Together, let's cause a great celebration in heaven....

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10 NIV

### *Costs for 2017*

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 (\$60/month)
Feed a child one meal a day at S&L feeding center (includes medical & dental) .....	\$14/month

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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**.

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