

Family Outreach

News from Honduras

October 2007

Garage Sale to Help the Work in Honduras

The Lord is so good. When I was in Honduras, one of the things he told me to do when I went back to the States was that I was to "set my house in order". I knew that one of those things was to fast and study more, as well as pay off my debts. He also told me he wanted me to sell the things that I had in storage. So I planned to have a garage sale.

After I got back to the States, I did some more praying about it and the Lord showed me a figure of \$700.00. I said, "Lord, how am I going to do that? I don't have enough stuff to sell to make that much money." Well, at church I heard about a lady who was giving stuff away because she had moved. While talking with her, I mentioned some things that I was going to do to help raise money for the work in Honduras. She donated all her stuff to add to my garage sale saying that the proceeds could go to Honduras and the Sperry's.

In my prayers I asked the Lord to bless the garage sale financially as well as a way to share the gospel with people. Thursday, setting up for the garage sale was stressful. When I got home that

night I asked the Lord about it. He filled me with peace and said that all he wanted me to do during the garage sale was sing to him. I was having some problems with that because my mind kept going back to certain concerns about the garage sale.

Friday morning, a Christian I had known while working at Walmart came to the garage sale. While looking around she asked me to sing to her gospel hymns. I knew that my difficulty with praising the Lord was because my thoughts were dwelling on problems instead of the Lord. He had opened an opportunity to share with this woman. I started sharing testimonies of the Lord and the songs that he has inspired me to write. She purchased quite a few things. Later she came back and confessed that she had not paid her tithing in a while because of things in her church, and then gave me her tithing money to help with missionaries in Honduras, and even helped with setting out things, lifting, organizing and other things to get the garage sale ready for customers.

Later another woman came. I was sharing testimonies from

Honduras, and she asked if we could pray together. So we did. She prayed a blessing on the garage sale, Chuck and the family, and the work in Honduras. She also shared a couple testimonies of the Lord's work in her life. On Saturday, Connie had the opportunity to share with a lady about the shooting in Guatemala, and the Lord's protection. That lady and her children eagerly helped with the tearing down and packing up at the end of the garage sale and were a wonderful help. There was another woman who wrote a check with a large donation.

I was still hoping for the 700 dollars. After the garage sale, Connie said that she hoped we'd make \$1000. When I finally counted up all the money made, it was \$900.19. Wow! Praise the Lord.

Hugh Caldwell will be going down to Honduras soon and \$275 from the garage sale money will be used to purchase Book of Mormons and D&C for him to take with him. The rest I'm hoping will go towards getting the engine fixed on the Sperry's vehicle.

One in Christ,
Katrina

Benefit Concert For Ministry in Honduras

There will be a benefit concert put on by youth in the church this fall. It will be on November 15 at Waldo Ave. Restoration Branch at 7pm. Tickets are sold at the door - \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. All proceeds will go to Honduras. Please join us for this night of entertainment, as well as to support the ministry that is going forth in Honduras by the Sperry family and others.

Ministry to Teach Children

My name is Elizabeth Sperry. I am 17 years old and I would like to share with you the wonderful things that the Lord is doing.

Since I was very young, God has given me the opportunity and desire to share the gospel with children. When I was nine years old, I was asked to teach a Sunday school class in a village where my dad was giving church services. I was pleased to be able to teach a class of 20-25 children. A young lady from the congregation would sit in on the classes. She learned how to give the classes and was given the responsibility to teach the children when my family made a trip to the United States.

A few years later I was asked again to teach a Sunday school class in a town near Lake Yojoa. This time reaching out to the children was rather difficult. Many of the children in the town were not interested in receiving classes. There were other things that attracted their attention, so my class was small. There were about 15 children who came. After two years, my family and I visited the States for about three months. My father asked a couple of the ministers that live about a half an hour from there to visit the mission once a week. They said that they would, but only one of them visited there once during the entire time that we were gone. Another minister, that lives only fifteen minutes from there, volunteered to visit them on a regular basis also, but he never visited them at all. When we got back, the mission was dead. The people felt that if no one really cared enough to visit them, then why continue to have classes.

Two months ago, a neighbor girl came to visit us. She had attended previous church school classes that my mom had given in our home on Sunday afternoons several years ago. One day, while she was visiting, she asked us if we could give Sunday school classes again. She said that she would be willing to go with me and invite the children of the neighborhood. We agreed on a day and went together inviting children to come to Sunday afternoon classes. This time it would be my sister Tikva and I who would be teaching the classes. We have anywhere from 15-25 children come to class. They all seem to be so eager to learn new stories and songs. We have a scripture story, an art page, sing songs, and then we go outside and play. Everyone has a good time. I hope that one day some of these children will accept Christ and want to be baptized.

Recently I began to pray to the Lord and ask Him to provide work for me. I wanted to save money for college and help my family financially. The very next day a neighbor lady came and asked me if I could tutor her son who was in second grade during summer break. When he began school I no longer tutored him. A week passed and I heard that there was a position open at a bilingual school. The teacher that they had lined up to come from the United States was not able to come. I interviewed for the job and am now teaching English to preschool and kindergarten children weekday mornings. I spend afternoons doing my own schoolwork because I am home-schooled. The job does not pay very much. I get \$250.00 a month, but it helps the family and I will be able to save some money in order to go to the States to study.

I would like to get a degree in teaching English as a second language. God is our provider. I am grateful that he not only heard my prayers, but has answered them also. God bless each of you as you serve Him.

~Elizabeth Sperry



Update on Baptisms, Blessings and Classes

We greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, praying that His hand is upon each of you. For many months Chuck has been sharing the gospel with several individuals. In October there will be some baptisms. In el Progreso, several families are participating in the church services held there. Three people have asked for baptism. There will also be two baby blessings. There are several others in el Progreso that are receiving classes. Some of these individuals want to continue classes before they are baptized.

Chuck gives each person who wants to be baptized classes over the fundamental doctrines of the church. We use a program very

similar to "I will build my Church". The candidates must also realize and understand subjects such as: authority, Zion, sanctification, and why the church uses the Book of Mormon. These subjects are taught over a period of several months. After the baptism in water, classes continue to be taught until each person understands priesthood and church member responsibilities.

In Siguatepeque there are several families that are also receiving classes. There are four who have asked to be baptized, but only two are ready at this time. We ask that you continue to pray for these individuals that are receiving classes.

Twenty-two members of the Siguatepeque branch went to visit a village called las Delicias on Aug 26th. There is a family there that asked us to go and have church services. The drive took about two hours. There were approximately twenty-four people from las Delicias present that Sunday morning. We had a church service and Sunday school classes for adults, youth, and children. The individuals from las Delicias provided lunch for everyone. Sharing with this group was enjoyable. Please pray for the village of las Delicias. We will continue to visit there from time to time in hopes that a mission will be established.

Financial Report from the Sperry Family May-August 2008

	May	June	July	August
Income	\$2040.81	2000.00	304.72	2213.23
Shelter	\$ 22.24	138.22	115.66	154.28
Food	\$ 545.75	572.69	507.86	521.08
Clothing	\$ 51.16	0.00	0.00	47.67
Pers./school	\$ 306.32	11.36	82.06	63.52
Medical	\$ 111.50	20.43	13.22	42.35
Transp.	\$ 395.57	271.10	298.43	687.96
Taxes	\$ 0.00	31.1	0.00	0.00
Misc. Nec.	\$ 33.18	54.57	43.94	9.85
Tithe	\$ 204.28	204.81	26.67	221.32
Misc. Unnec.	\$ 11.14	4.50	96.21	6.89
TOTALS:	\$ 359.67	691.22	879.33	458.31

FOUR MONTH TOTAL: \$ 629.87

This \$629.87 is what we are using to live on for the month of September. Thank you.

*We appreciate any donations that are made to help support this ministry as it goes forth in Latin America. Please make any donations to Family Outreach at P.O. Box 22 Indep. MO 64051. Thanks again for your prayers and support. May God bless you.

Prayer Requests

- * Mission in El Progreso
- * The church in Siguatepeque
- * Pray for Elizabeth and Charles as they prepare and plan for what the Lord wants them to do in the near future
- * Pray for the Sperry vehicle as it needs repairs so they can continue to use it
- * The people in las Delicias
- * The church body in Honduras



las Delicias



Yulissa and Fernando

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