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HONDURAS

What a delight to work along side of Alvin and Nelly Anderson (www.mehonduras.org) and PAOC Missionaries Randy and Judy Lundrigan. My time was spent in three areas of ministry; church services, leadership training and outdoor services. In 1998 Hurricane Mitch slammed Honduras for days killing 13,000 and leaving 2 million homeless with an estimated 5 billion in damages. Many have re-settled in barrios in the hills surrounding Tegucigalpa. The poverty is extreme as is the gang violence. The make shift houses are perched on a few feet of flat land with no running water or inside facilities.

I enjoyed preaching in a number of churches. The worship was a little bit of heaven and each service people responded to the Word.

The leadership training was held at Pastor Alvin's Church, Manos Extendidas (Extended Hands). The church is about 120 people, average age maybe 22 with 70% being ex-gang members, drug dealers and addicts etc... It was awesome to see the redeeming grace of God in action!

I spent an afternoon in a prison for girls sharing my faith and hope for the future. The picture will stay in my mind forever as we stood in the courtyard and prayed. On my immediate left a murderer, on my right an attempted murderer, then an arsonist, then a kidnapper, the Presence of God was so real.

What I enjoyed the most...the outdoor services at the feeding centers in the Barrio's. Standing on a mountain overlooking the city declaring freedom to a people that God loves and Jesus Christ died for.

We had the pleasure of seeing 80 people saved and others re-dedicate their lives to Christ. The gangs have a saying in Honduras, "You don't play with the gang and you don't play with God." Pick one. Or it will cost you your life.



Bringing Overseas Missions

HOME

REAPERS IN THE RAIN LEADERSHIP RETREAT Recapturing our Roots

Wed. Aug. 20th - Sat. Aug. 23rd

Mount Zion Retreat Centre
Check the website for details

Snapshot from my Journal

We can cripple growth by waiting too long.

Why storm Heaven when you can storm Hell?

If we lose our flavor, we lose our identity.

Purpose is found in the heart of our Creator.

With your help this year we have blessed hundreds of people in 5 countries with clothes, food, medical, Christian education and school supplies.

The biggest thrill has been the 300 new converts!

RELEASE THE LABOURERS .. REVIVE THE CHURCH .. RESTORE THE FALLEN .. REACH THE LOST

15 Years

May marked my sixth missions trip to the Ukraine since 1993. Back then there was no currency, food was scarce and gasoline was like gold. It's amazing to see the changes over the last 15 years. Missionaries Terry and Heather Burns were kind enough to host me and set my itinerary (www.burnsmisson.org). My time was spent in the cities of Kiev and Krivoy Rog along with the region of Crimea.

Just one quick highlight from each place. Saturday evening in Kiev, I preached in a park band shell, it was cold and wet. People stopped to listen; some



joined us in the band shell while others listened from the tree line. When I gave the invitation, people responded from both the park and the band shell to receive Christ. Got to love those big bass bins!

While in Crimea, I spoke at an outreach concert in the city of Bakhchisaray. The Tatars were celebrating a Memorial Day remembering those who were killed and deported under Stalin. The city authorities, concerned with any large gathering, waited until the last minute to give us a permit. I'm so glad they did, as 15 were saved and three healed. One of a spinal injury, the other a tumor and another a deaf ear. I love it when God does that, it sends a clear message of who Jesus really is.

In Krivoy Rog, a two day Pastor's Conference was held. Terry Burns and Murray Cornelius spoke the first day and I the second day. What a time in worship, prayer and the Word. These men and women are ferocious for souls and consumed with church planting and discipleship. They are living Acts 2:47 to the max!

Anticipation

by: Trish

Picture with me, casually strolling down a quiet tree-lined street when you encounter the welcoming aroma of fresh baking wafting out of the bakery just ahead. Your nose leads you to the bakery, the aroma beckons you in. As your mouth begins to water, your eyes search for each tempting morsel of bread, pastry and cookie just waiting to be enjoyed. Anticipation - you can taste it.

Euro Cup conjured up feelings of excitement and energy. Weeks before the event advertisements began popping up announcing its soon arrival. It seemed, for the moment, the sports world and fans 'stopped' to take in every movement of the game, cheering and shouting on their team. Anticipation - you could feel it.

Eternity - we are one day closer than yesterday. Each day there seems to be another announcement proclaiming "I am Coming". Wild weather, earthquakes, floods, war, famine, disease, violence. Throughout the world the proclamation is resounding. Can you hear it? For the Church it is two-fold: an assurance *I am coming* - it won't be long. And yet, it is also a proclamation to pay attention, to be diligent with our limited time for there is a world searching not knowing Who/ what they search for. It is a call to the Church to step out of herself and openly, blatantly profess the love of God. "When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matt.9:36-38)

True to His Word the Lord is coming; in fact look up, really Look UP! I think I can see the silhouette of His foot on the clouds. Heaven - can you sense it?

Harvest Principles

Great Supper Luke 14:15-24

Our commission is to "Go out".

Go out... Where vs.21, 23

*streets, alley's, road's, lanes

Go out... When vs.21

*quickly

Go out... How vs. 21, 23

*bring them, make them

Go out... Who vs. 12

*poor, crippled, blind, lame

Go out... Why vs.17, 23

*ready, full

Upcoming Missions Trips

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES – OCT

✓ Youth Quest

WESTERN CANADA – NOV

✓ Pastors Conference

✓ School of the Spirit

COSTA RICA – DEC

✓ Kids Christmas Celebration

✓ Leadership Training

✓ Outdoor Crusades



Faith-Based Ministry

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THREE MONTH CALENDAR

July 9 – 13
July 20 a.m.
July 20 – 25
Aug 10 a.m.
Aug 17
Aug 20 - 23
Aug 31 a.m.
Sept 5 – 7
Sept 28

Mt. Zion Camp
House Of All Nations
Silver Birches Camp
Queensway Cathedral
Family Worship Centre
Reapers Leadership Retreat
Evangel Temple
Men's Retreat
Bancroft Pent. Tabernacle

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