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## First Presbyterian Church Of Winter Haven Florida

Issue 288

September 6 & 13, 2009

### Returning to Two Worship Services

**Sunday, September 13** we will return to two worship services. Join us at 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Our Fall Sunday School classes will begin September 20 at 9:45 a.m. Our LAST single service for the summer will be Sunday, September 6.



### Service of Wholeness

On Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel we will have our last Service of Wholeness for this calendar year. For the last few years we have had two Services of Wholeness, one in the spring and one in late summer or early fall. The Services of Wholeness have been included as worship events in our church calendar for those seeking healing of broken or strained relationships as well as healing of the body; for those seeking wholeness in their lives ... to be whole in body, mind and spirit. This service includes hymns, prayers, scripture and a brief meditation. Our last Service of Wholeness each year includes the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Those attending also have the opportunity to have a pastor offer a special prayer for his or her needs as well as to be anointed with oil. Please join us for this special worship service and prepare yourself to receive Communion. by intinction.

### First Presbyterian Connections Board

The Membership Development Committee has undertaken a new project to bolster communication within the congregation. The board is in McLeod Hall, near the coffee pots. You are invited to post notices on the bulletin board to inform the congregation if you are having a yard sale, if you are wanting to give a possession away, if you have services you are willing to provide, if you are in need of community service hours, if you are looking for work, etc. Each notice is to have the member or friend's name, phone number and the date it was placed on the board. Ordinarily notices will be removed no more than two weeks after posting. Those wishing to leave a long-standing notice on the board need to speak to Dr. Harvey or Barbara Crowder, Chair of the Membership Development Committee. We hope this will serve the needs of our congregation and facilitate better communication between our members and friends.

### Rally Day



**Rally Day** will be held on Sunday, September 13 beginning with breakfast at **9:15 a.m.** This fellowship breakfast allows everyone a chance to learn about the exciting Sunday School programs offered this Fall at First Presbyterian, as well as provide a time to catch up with everyone after a busy summer. Please sign up on the tear off if you are planning on joining us for breakfast. A sign up sheet is also available in McLeod Hall.

### Rally Day Breakfast-September 13, 2009

**The menu: omelets, bacon, biscuits, donuts, cereal, milk, and orange juice**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

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**Church Calendar****Sunday, September 6**

10:00 a.m. Worship

**Monday, September 7**

Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 8**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, MCR  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch, McLeod Hall  
 12:00 p.m. Finance, UR  
 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon, GR  
 4:00 p.m. Memorial Garden, MCR  
 5:15 p.m. Personnel, MCR  
 5:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders, GR  
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers, GR

**Wednesday, September 9**

8:30 a.m. M.O.M.  
 12:00 p.m. Buildings and Grounds, MH  
 3:30 p.m. Christ Kids  
 5:30 p.m. MS Youth, SC  
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells, MS  
 6:30 p.m. Children's Committee, GR  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, MS

**Thursday, September 10**

3:30 p.m. Membership Committee, MCR  
 4:00 p.m. Symphony Guild, CE103  
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Jewels, GSH  
 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells, MS  
 7:00 p.m. Stamp Club, GR  
 7:00 p.m. Overeaters, CE103

**Friday, September 11**

8:30 a.m. M.O.M.  
 4:30 p.m. HSYG "Rock the Universe"

**Saturday, September 12**

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep., Kitchen  
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, 737 Building

**Bag Lunch & Soup Kitchen  
Weeks of****8/17/09 & 8/24/09**

558 Bag Lunches Given Out  
 202 Fed at the Soup Kitchen

**Orange Juice Fellowship Begins September 20**

Orange Juice Fellowship is a time of light refreshments and fellowship (from 9:30—9:45 a.m.) when those coming from early worship and those coming to Sunday School meet in McLeod Hall. Volunteers staff OJ Fellowship and they are asked to provide two or three gallons of orange juice and snacks (usually mini doughnuts or doughnut holes, coffeecake, cookies, pastries, pretzels, cheese crackers, Chex mix or any combination thereof). We usually try to have something sweet and something salty. Sometimes people have added fresh fruit, cheese cubes, mini quiches, etc. Ann Reynolds sets up the table, prepares the coffee and has the punch bowl out on the table. The hosts/hostesses put out the napkins, cups and food items and preside at the serving table and replenish items as may be needed. If you would be willing to volunteer to staff OJ Fellowship, please sign up on the small bulletin board to the left of the coffee pots. If you have any questions about this ministry, please speak to Dr. Harvey or Ann Reynolds.

**First Facts**

**Len Porter** received a second place for one of four portraits he painted in the juried art show, *My People of Winter Haven*. His winning entry was of the late **Douglas Henry**, who served as sexton of First Presbyterian Church for 44 years from 1931 to 1975. The other three portraits were of the late Dick Pope, Sr. and Cornelia Snively Wallace, and of architect Gene Leedy. The exhibition continues at City Hall until March 31, 2010. **Congratulations Len!** (see the winning entry to the right)

**Church Calendar****Sunday, September 13****Rally Day**

8:30 a.m. Worship  
 9:15 a.m. Rally Day Breakfast  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 12:00 p.m. Playground Picnic  
 5:30 p.m. HSYG, SC  
 6:00 p.m. Serv. of Wholeness, Chapel

**Monday, September 14**

8:30 a.m. MOM  
 1:30 p.m. Sarah Circle, MH  
 6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts, CE101  
 7:00 p.m. Worship and Music, MCR  
 7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle, GR

**Tuesday, September 15**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, MCR  
 10:00 a.m. Hospice, CE 103  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch, McLeod Hall  
 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Geneva Room  
 5:00 p.m. Hospice, CE 103  
 6:30 p.m. Generous Orthodox Stdy, CE 103  
 6:30 p.m. Deacons, GR

**Wednesday, September 16**

8:30 a.m. M.O.M.  
 3:30 p.m. Christ Kids  
 5:30 p.m. MSYG, SC  
 6:00 p.m. Chancels Bells, MS  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, MS

**Thursday, September 17**

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells, MS  
 7:00 p.m. Magic Club, GR  
 7:00 p.m. Overeaters, CE103  
 8:00 p.m. Bell Ensemble, MS

**Friday, September 18**

8:30 a.m. M.O.M.  
 6:30 p.m. Movie/Game Night, MH

**Saturday, September 19**

10:00 a.m. Fiber Guild, GSH  
 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep., Kitchen  
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, 737 Building  
 6:00 p.m. Downs Syndrome, GSH  
 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live, MH

**Remember in Prayer****Winter Haven Hospital**

Bonnie Ryan

**Lakeland Regional Medical Center**

Dee Palmore

**Geisinger Medical Center-Danville, PA**

Kathryn Marshall

**In Need of Your Prayers:**

Richard Ashby	Bob Lindstrom
Anna Marie Barton	Jerry Maranda
Barbara Bissett	Grayce McNamara
Geraldine Chilton	John Metzgar
Peggy Chun	Joan Murphy
Sondra Cole	Jeane Parks
Rich & Buddie Daniel	Judy Partain
Eunice Dishman	Jackie Pinckney
Helen Dunaway	Dee Palmore
Nick Glenn	Rick Reass
Helen Gross	Dave Ryan
Marge Goodman	Marguerite Sowards
Marilyn Hearn	Bert Schulz
Esther Huehn	Myrtice Stolz
Mary Pat Harding	Hazel Thomas
Ann & Al Hays	Shirley Thompson
Marj Howe	Ben Tucker
Dick Kingham	Sandra Turley
Jared Lockhart	Ann Wilford

**Friends & Relatives:**

Brenda Chandler	(Carol Anne Golden's friend)
Charles Crews	(Phyllis Gilbert's friend)
Jon Gardner	(Gary & Pat Gardner's grandson)
Barbara Greathouse	(Michelle Morgan's mother)
Barbara Grimes	(Lois Frakes' friend)
Faye Harris	(Kay Gray's friend)
Fernando Huentes	(Pastor in Suapa Honduras)
Joanne Iewns	(Gene Aspy's friend)
Jim Joiner	(Carol Anne Golden's friend)
A.J. Kayntma	(Lois Frakes' friend)
Frances Lilly	(Gloria Allen's mother)
Dick Madaus	(Dale Smith's friend)
Pat Marshall	(Larry & Candy Marshall's sister-in-law)
	(Kathy Michaels' daughter)
	(Barbara Crowder's cousin)
Laurie Miller	
Andy Porter	
Don Price	(former pastor)
Dana Richardson	(Bob Hines' friend)
Joan Russell	(Betty Johnson's friend)
Bill Shockley	(Carol Anne Golden's friend)
Ann Tullis	(Judy Winfree's mom)
Scarlett Turner	(Rick & Pat Reass' granddaughter)
Anne Vega	(Susan Wales' friend)
Charlene Verworn	(Roxanne McCann's mother)
Carol and Harvey White	(Gary Gardner's sister and brother-in-law)

**In Military Service:**

Eddie Gray	Michael Dobler	Ryan Beissinger
Jacob Spence	Derek Shelton	Adam Rooney
Leah (Doty) Fuscina	Adam McPhail	David Knowles
Sean Harp	Daniel Harp	Brian Parrish
James E. Baker	Jarrett Abbott	Aaron Ashley

**With Sympathy**

*We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Arlene Wing**, who died on August 17, 2009, in Maitland, Florida.*



## Worship, Christian Education and Youth Ministries

**Fall Sunday School**

**Begins on Sunday, September 20  
from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.**

**Preschool Children** will meet in Room 108 at 9:45 for their fabulous Sunday School time filled with singing, crafts, and a Bible Story.

**Children in kindergarten through fifth grade** will *Dig into the Bible* this Fall with their Workshop Rotation. During this six week lesson, children will be able to experience the Bible story through computers, art, science, storytelling, cooking, and movies.

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**First Pres 101** – will be led by Dr. Steve Negley and Dr. Alan Harvey. This class will focus on the history of First Presbyterian, history of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., mission, ministry, and enjoy a church tour. All are welcome to attend. This class meets in the rear of McLeod Hall.

**Thank You from our Youth**

The youth groups of First Presbyterian Church would like to say a very special thank you to Bob and Carol Carter and SS designs for providing our new youth group T-shirts!



Due to their generosity we have been able to offer each student that takes part in our youth ministry a FREE T-shirt. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Carter for sharing the gifts that God has given you in this very special way.

**FPC Youth Groups**

Summer is over, school is back in session, and our youth groups have resumed their regularly scheduled meeting times! After an event filled summer, the youth celebrated the beginning of a new school year with meetings that included games, a cookout, and a parent/family information session. If you missed these meetings please don't worry! You are always welcome at any of our youth group meetings. Our high school youth group meets on Sundays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Student Center and our middle school youth group meets on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Student Center. Please check the calendar for special events/ trips. You can find information about what's going on by reading the Tower Chimes, checking the bulletin and website, or contacting Josh Peters for a schedule of events. Please contact Josh, (863) 294-3121 or [jpeters@firstpreswh.org](mailto:jpeters@firstpreswh.org), with any questions you have regarding this ministry. We value open communication and continue to do our best to honor God by providing a safe place and program to encourage young people as they live out their faith!

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Christ Kids**—Mark your calendars for 9/9/09! Our weekly Christ Kids children's program will begin that day at 3:00 p.m. out on the playground with snack. All children age four – fifth grade are encouraged to attend. The children will enjoy an afternoon of music, recreation, Bible stories, craft, fellowship, and fun. Registration forms are available. Please see Amy Smith if you have any questions.

**Playground Picnic**—September Playground Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 13 immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The menu will be hamburgers and hotdogs. Please RSVP to Amy Smith by Wednesday, September 9. We will meet in the Geneva Room for lunch, and then venture out to the Playground after lunch. Hope to see you all there!

**Movie/Game Night**—September Movie/Game Night will be held on Friday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. in McLeod Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share and come enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship and food with your friends from First Presbyterian. After dinner, the children are invited to have their own Movie Night in the Movie Room, while the adults play games in McLeod Hall. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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**RESERVE YOUR  
COPY NOW!**

**The 2009 Advent Devotional is going to be unlike any we have previously done! The cover and the three page appendix will be in full color!** This may be a keepsake issue for many of you. Especially as we are under some tight budgetary restrictions this year, we want to be good stewards of our resources. Sometimes we have had many copies of the Advent devotionals left over and with the cost of paper, color printing and distinctive assembling, we want to avoid that situation this year. *We want everyone who may visit with us during the holiday season!* Printing of the devotionals will begin in the next couple of weeks so please call the church office 294-3121 to reserve a copy or complete the tear off found in the bulletins on Sundays September 6, 13 or 20. Thanks for your cooperation!

**Our Purpose**

*As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven exists to show God's kingdom to the world as we*

*...Share the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ*

*...Develop and nurture God's children into disciples*

*...Provide a place and a program for praising God*

*...Live our lives according to the word, guided by the spirit*

*...Commit to justice for all God's people.*

*Adopted by Session, 2003*

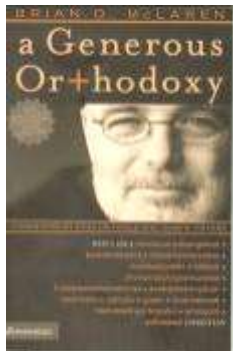
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**A Generous Orthodoxy Discussion Group**

**Announcing a Book Discussion Group** for the fall/winter/spring. Dr. Steve Negley is interested in gathering a group of folks together for a monthly discussion on a great book about the Christian faith by author Brian McLaren:



**A Generous Orthodoxy** or **WHY I AM A** **missional + evangelical + post/protestant + liberal/conservative + mystical/poetic + biblical + charismatic/contemplative + fundamentalist/calvinist + Anabaptist/anglican + methodist + catholic + green + incarnational + depressed-yet-hopeful + emergent + unfinished CHRISTIAN.**

A bold attempt to define a Christian faith that is both “orthodox” and “generous”, Brian McLaren has given voice to many in the Christian faith in our day and time. (From the cover) *A Generous Orthodoxy* rediscovers the mysterious and compelling ways that Jesus can be embraced across the entire Christian horizon. Rather than establishing what is and is not “orthodox”,

McLaren walks through the many traditions of faith, bringing to the center a way of life that draws us closer to Christ and to each other...envisioning an orthodoxy that aims for Jesus, is driven by love, and is defined by missional intent.

Over the past couple of years, Steve has read (and re-read) this book, and attended a week-long continuing education event with Brian McLaren. Members of the discussion group will prepare by reading selected chapters from *A Generous Orthodoxy*, and share in a guided discussion. The group will meet on the third Tuesday night of each month (September 2009—May 2010, except December) from 6:30—8:30 p.m.

**TRY IT BEFORE YOU BUY THE BOOK**—The first month’s discussion will center around the chapter “The Seven Jesuses I have Known.” If you don’t have a copy of *A Generous Orthodoxy*, call (294-3121) or email (snegley@firstpreswh.org) the church office and we will arrange to get you a copy of this one chapter in preparation for the first class. The first gathering will be on Tuesday, September 15, 6:30—8:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Christian Education building.

**You're invited**

to



into Sunday  
School

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First Pres 101 – Dr. Steve Negley and Dr. Alan Harvey will be orienting folks to our church around the topics: First Presbyterian Church Tour, The History of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), What is a Presbyterian?, and a Presbyterian Presence in Winter Haven. This four week long class meets in the back of McLeod Hall (first floor of the sanctuary building).

# *Come and See What God is Doing at First Presbyterian Church . . .* **Christ Kids Program**



Every Wednesday afternoon, September - May, children ages four through fifth grade are invited to an afternoon of fellowship, recreation, music, Bible story, crafts, and fun for all from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Children from First Presbyterian as well as the surrounding community are encouraged to participate.

Parents and members of the congregation volunteer as teachers to help make this program possible. If you would like to give of your time and energy, helping out with this



Fall, we would love to have you!

## CK Schedule

- 3:00 - 3:30 - Snack out on the Playground
- 3:30 - 4:00 - Chapel/Music Time
- 4:00 - 4:30 - Older Kids - Recreation
- 4:00 - 5:00 - Younger Kids - Bible Study
- 4:30 - 5:30 - Older Kids - Bible Study
- 5:00 - 5:30 - Young Kids - Recreation



## September 2009 Birthdays

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09/02	Hugh Folkard	09/12	Guy Bostick
	Patrick T. Bentley		Meg Tucker
	Richard A. White		Shirley G. Turner
09/03	Chris Lyons	09/13	Megan M. Johnson
	Heather Hart		Morris "Spike" G. Lucia
	Lynn M. Baker		Nancy Dobler
	Sawyer Speer	09/14	Angela Rollins
09/04	Christa Varnadoe		John A. McCoy
	Kathryn W. Threlkel		Kelly L. Conner
	Sarah J. Pickos		Kenzi Rauth
09/05	James Miller		Pamala C. Trent
	Jonathan Owen		Scott R. Girouard
	Kristen B. Abbott	09/16	Bradley D. Weihrauch
09/06	Ben Tucker		Jane Abner
	Lauren Clarke		Jennifer Rowker
09/07	Alan Tiner		Robert J. Neale
	Bobby F. McKown	09/17	Cynthia B. Roberts
	Heather M. Snively		Phyllis W. Ruble
	Herman F. Fleig	09/18	Brownyn "Bo" Palo
	Julia Strang		Justin Bentley
	Ken Jorgensen		Kathryn Michaels
	Krista Endres	09/19	Gary L. Chilton
	Sherie Ray		Jose Batista
09/08	Bill Taylor		Rebecca McMahon
	Dalton Weihrauch		Winifred L. Betrus
	Linda A. Fairchild	09/20	Jerry Williams
	Lindsay Snyder		Mary Ann Koon
09/09	Deborah L. Rayfield	09/21	Al Porter
	Frances Stapor		Carl Huehn Jr.
	Shannon Thompson		Courtney Floyd
09/10	Hunter S. Smith		Cynthia H. Bruce
	Rick A. Reass		
	Shelby Abner		





## September 2009 Birthdays

## September 2009 Anniversaries

09/22	Betty Y. Barber Katrina Hoffman Maggie Beeland Michael Harris	09/02	George & Pat Roeback Richard & Julia Trachy Jr.
		09/03	Fred & Dorothy Lenfestey
		09/04	Maurice & Margaret Patrick
09/23	Elsie R. Savant Gary Stevens Helene P. Schulz Kathleen Garner	09/06	J.P. & Kim Powell Rick & Pat Reass Thomas & Lynn Oakley
		09/08	Gary & Pat Gardner Ken & Pat Miller
09/24	Billye-Mullins Smith Elizabeth Dantzler John W. Clarke Jr. Merle M. Griffin Pete Borowski	09/10	Kenneth & Sue Anne Dixon Robert & Isobel Hubbard
		09/11	Jonathan & Bethany Owen Morris "Spike" & Jane Lucia
09/25	Betty von Hahmann Heidi A. Van Allen Lois C. Burrell Sam Sheffield Taylor Plowden	09/14	Harry & Judith Denlinger
		09/17	Ed & Donna Rounsley Wade & Tina Groetsch
		09/19	Quentin & Lori Roe
		09/20	Eugene & Carol Marotti
09/26	Beth Koon Judy H. Lindsay Nikki Gann Vivian R. Zeuthen	09/21	Larry & Peggy Davis Robert & Martha Bentley Scott & Kathy Girouard
		09/23	Richard & Rebecca Chilton
09/28	Elizabeth Hart  Lara LeVasseur Scott L. Hedden	09/24	Dave & Jean Tannahill
		09/25	T. Michael & Charlotte Stavres
		09/27	Ernest & Elizabeth Purnell
09/29	Jackson Gray		Richard & Doris Hill
09/30	Melissa E. Rowker Thomas R. Davy	09/29	Mark & Eva Chambers

## Mission Honduras 2009 — In Their Own Words

From June 20-27, 2009, our congregation sponsored a 29-member mission team to the country of Honduras. This group was our church's sixth week-long mission adventure over the past 11 years, in partnership with the churches in the Presbytery of Honduras and the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The generous support of our congregation has made this continuing ministry possible. God is doing marvelous things in the lives of our members and our Honduran Christian brothers and sisters. **Here's how Gene Aspy, a member of our congregation, describes the experience:**

As a part of an advanced group, Gale Waters, Stewart Negley and I arrived in Tegucigalpa, Honduras on Friday before the main group on Saturday. Unfortunately all of our luggage, some crucial, did not arrive with us. This was the first in a string of obstacles for us to overcome.



After a three-hour wait our luggage arrived followed by an hour of paperwork. We were then ready to go forth trouble free. But no, God was going to teach us patience. Obstacle two, there was no one at the airport to meet us. **We had no way of contacting them. We couldn't understand the language if we could contact them and we didn't know the way to the hotel.** With a map (?) in four sections from Frederico who runs the car rental, we were finally on our way. Stewart, who had never driven in Tegucigalpa, did a magnificent job, arriving at our destination with AMAZING speed.

**I declined to be one the principle drivers because I've had that experience so many times that it has lost its allure.** As you have heard before, the laws of the jungle are the only driving rules in Tegucigalpa. If you establish eye contact you have given up the right of way. One toot of the horn means go ahead. Two or more toots mean move and die (it may **also mean "hello" to a friend, relative, or a good looking woman on the sidewalk**). And a stoplight is merely a suggestion that if you **weren't in a real hurry it would be kind of you to stop.** Later on, while riding on bone-jarring roads I realized the tremendous stress on the drivers. As we all slid from side to side, bouncing up and down, they have to navigate around potholes and boulders, and also be responsible for the lives of four other people. They deserve a special star in their crown.





When I think about the people of Honduras, I'm amazed at their grateful and happy behavior. How they praise God for every little thing. We worshipped twice at the church in Nacaome, singing to the accompaniment of loud voices, clapping hands, guitar and tambourines. What a wonderful religious experience, I felt the true **spirit of God even though I couldn't understand a single word.** One little boy of maybe five played the tambourine like an expert. I think I grinned the whole service at him. He was so serious and sooooo cute.

Our work in Honduras is so important. Some people see a doctor once a year, when a group from America is there. Many mothers want reassurance their babies are okay. Almost everyone has parasites. Some are more serious but treatable. People with chronic conditions can be diagnosed but there is not follow-up. The people are so remote there is no place to purchase medicine. Doctors are so frustrated at this condition, but do what they can.



There is nothing more rewarding than seeing yourself in the eyes of a child or a woman who realizes her child is fine. Nothing is so heart-wrenching as telling a 14-year-old **she's pregnant.** **Thank you God** for allowing us to help the people of Honduras in our way. And thank you God for renewing our true values and renewing in us, your Spirit through our brothers and sisters in Honduras. I believe we get more than they. Also no works can express our appreciation for your prayers and your contributions in behalf of this mission.



Thank you, members and friends of First Pres., for the prayerful and generous support of Mission Honduras.