

COME AND SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING

through our international partnership in Honduras...

For the past nine years, the Presbytery of Tampa Bay has maintained a mission relationship with the Presbytery of Honduras. For seven of the past nine years, our congregation has sent mission teams for ministry in this field. Our fourth mission team has just returned from a weeklong project in Honduras.



Our 2005 mission team...

Dr. Gale Waters, Morris Reddout, Jay, Lia, Erin and Jack Gray, Stewart and Steve Negley, David Alexander, Robin Turley, Cameron and Mike Legaspi, Gene Aspy, Lindsay Fitzgerald, Alan Tiner, and Dr. and Mrs. Cardona (a physician and registered nurse from another church in Tampa Bay Presbytery).

The Presbytery of Honduras (which consists of 17 churches) had asked our Presbytery to send teams to assist in construction projects and medical missions. Our group worked alongside a pastor in the village of Puente Jalan, constructing a kitchen addition to his home. The money to purchase the materials was provided through the Three Cents a Meal Offering collected in the churches of our Presbytery.



For four days, our mission team was joined by Dr. Adolpho Moreno (a Honduran physician) and his family as we visited Presbyterian churches in the towns of Puenta Janan, Guaimaca, Algateca, and Candelaria. Many of the people in these remote areas of central Honduras only see a doctor once a year, when Christian medical teams such as ours visit their village.



In the four one day clinics, Dr. Moreno, Dr. Waters, Lia Gray ARNP, and Dr. and Mrs. Cardona, and the support team which weighed patients, translated, assisted, and filled prescriptions, treated 859 men, women, and children. We also paid to have a Honduran dentist accompany our team. He extracted over 150 teeth in four days. We distributed over \$3,000 worth of medications that had been donated or that we had bought with funds from our congregation. No patient had to pay to receive medical care or medications at our clinics.

The members of the mission team feel that we were sent by this congregation to support the work of Christ's church in Honduras, and show God's love. Each trip participant gave a week of their time, and contributed \$300 (for a \$4,500 total) toward the cost of the adventure. Another \$6,000 had been donated by members of the church over the past two years to help underwrite this mission, and the Session had approved up to \$10,000 from the benevolence tithe of the Securing Our Future Campaign to help make this trip possible.

Your support of the general mission budget and Securing Our Future brought hope and health to over 1000 people during our week long mission. Thanks!