

First Quarter 2012 Groups

- 1/7 Northway Christian
- 1/7 CVM
- 1/7 Raymond Walker
- 1/14 Covington UMC
- 1/21 Tarrytown UMC
- 1/28 Peachtree Road UMC
- 2/4 Decatur FUMC
- 2/4 Hamilton Mill UMC
- 2/11 Alpharetta FUMC
- 2/11 Conyers FUMC
- 2/18 GACS
- 2/18 Mt. Park UMC
- 3/3 Dr. Priebe - Physical Therapy
- 3/10 Smoke Rise Baptist
- 3/17 St. James UMC
- 3/24 Wilderness Team



Fall 2011

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HOI Fall Festival Fundraiser

Come join us, Saturday, October 15, as we bring the Georgia Mountain fun down to Decatur! Jump on our hayride, zip down our inflatable slide, bite into a fried apple pie, pick your favorite pumpkin from our patch or sit back and listen to local musical entertainment. It will be a great day as we raise funds to support our programs in Honduras. The event will be held at the United Methodist Children's Home Campus, 500 South Columbia Drive in Decatur.

Honduras Outreach Inc.
invites you to our
Fall Festival
October 15, 2011
10am-6pm

FREE ADMISSION
\$1 Tickets for
rides and food

on the campus of
the United Methodist
Children's Home
500 S. Columbia Dr.
Decatur, GA 30030

Hayrides
Live Music
Squash Cannon
Food
Games
Bounce Houses
GA Mountain fun
right here in town!

all to benefit
Honduras
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Sue Church retires from HOI as Chairperson

Sue Church has retired as Board Chairperson of HOI after serving several additional years in a "temporary" role. Sue's leadership has been outstanding and inspirational as usual, and she will remain an active board member and traveler to Honduras. Sue has also become a leader in Honduras in their recently launched Food Security program in an effort to alleviate hunger in the country. Long time board member Scott Luttrell, a businessman from Tampa, Fl. has been named as the new Board Chairman. Scott brings a great passion for the Lord and mission work to this position. Assisting Scott will be Jerry Eickhoff as CEO and Laurie Willing, the current HOI Executive Director.



HOI Board votes to Offer Services Globally

After over twenty years of incremental spiritual and physical progress in the Agalta Valley, where the broad ministries of HOI have been instrumental in helping bring infant mortality down from 68

per 1000 in 1990 to 1 per 1000 in 2010, the HOI board has felt called to explore offering the effective short term mission model that has been developed, to other areas of Honduras and the world. Under Scott Luttrell's leadership, HOI has launched an aggressive fund raising effort to underwrite this new and expanded vision. The organization has received a challenge grant of \$1,000,000 as the cornerstone of a \$3,000,000 campaign to be realized over three years. Once these funds are pledged, HOI will begin the effort to identify new areas of need where the local people desire a partnership based on the successful model developed in Honduras over the past two decades. Once adequate funding is in place, the organization will adopt a name more consistent with its broader geographic aspirations. The name of Honduras Outreach, Inc. will be retained and promoted for all Honduras based activities, which will remain central to the organization's efforts. The HOI headquarters in Honduras, Rancho el Paraiso, in addition to continuing its current ministries, will be used as a training base for new locations. The current Honduran staff will be leveraging their proven techniques with new services in its region, and will also provide support for new missions elsewhere. This will be a great time of growth and excitement for all involved with HOI as we carry God's message to more people who feel they could benefit from our Christian-centric partnership approach. We request your prayers for discernment and clarity of God's vision for us, as we move into this new and uncharted territory.

Fond Reunions

Missionaries to Rancho el Paraiso learn to be flexible and open to the unexpected. This past summer two HOI travelers had serendipitous reunions during their mission weeks. Excerpts from Miche Baskett's blog recounting her experience are reprinted below; Megan Sadowski also had a joyous, if unexpected, reunion....
 In the summer of 1992, I (Miche) volunteered with an organization called Honduras Outreach and lived for two months at their ranch in the very rural and undeveloped Agalta Valley of Olanchito. I loved being a part of Honduras Outreach efforts, and made many friends from the village near the ranch. One of the most meaningful relationships for me was one that developed between myself and an eight-year-old girl named Erika. We spent most afternoons, for two months, together. I always give Erika credit for teaching me Spanish!



This photo was taken in 1992, Miche, her friend Amy, Erica and Edwardo

This summer, I had the opportunity to work again with Honduras Outreach. ...I hadn't seen Erika since 1992, nearly twenty years ago. I had very little hope of finding Erika, or other old friends, there again, but I was, nonetheless, thrilled to have the chance to return to the Agalta Valley. To my great surprise, Erika happened to be visiting her cousin in the village near the ranch, just for the same week that I was there. I found her on my first afternoon upon arrival.... We had a very happy reunion! She is grown up now, with kids of her own.

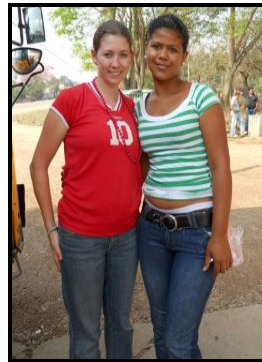


Two decades later, Miche reunited with Erika, summer 2011.

As a Spanish teacher).... I feel confident that early exposure to a second language does indeed provide (many) advantages.... However, my greatest wish, what keeps me motivated, is that every student will know how to extend a hand and start a conversation, should an innocent, curious, and delightful Erika cross your path.

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Megan Sadowski, Glenn Memorial UMC, was 13 when she and Yolanda, 9 at the time, met in Yolanda's home village of Pacayal. Both girls saw each other for the last time three years later until Glenn Memorial happened to stop in Pacayal in June 2012 and the two young women were unexpectedly reunited. In this photos Yolanda is in the green and white striped top. Megan is in the photo on the left. Her mom, Kirsten Ely, also posed with the young woman. Ms Ely said of the happy reunion:It makes me understand why people say "My, how you've grown."



Matching Challenge for Culuco School Librarian

HOI's Martha Fuller Library opened its doors in February to 250 school children. During the school day, students from elementary to high school use this facility for story time and research. We currently have a part-time librarian who monitors the usage of our facility and books. A generous donor has offered to assist with her salary through a matching challenge. The matching amount is \$2,250, so we are looking for contributions that will total this amount and help us secure the Librarian's salary for another year. If you would like to donate

to this cause you can send your donation to the HOI office or visit our donation page on our website www.hoi.org/donate



Yecelia Canelas, Librarian

Thank you for all of your support of our Education Program.

The Impact of Honduras Outreach

Each team that travels with HOI can come back home and report the number of latrines they built or cement floors they poured, but what are the actual benefits and the impact on those villages years later?

Our mission is to improve the lives of the citizens of the valley, but are we doing so? HOI has been gathering data from area medical clinics and from village leaders to identify the overall difference that our ministries have made. We analyzed statistical data and received anecdotal evidence from local community leaders. This is just a sample of what we found:

Immunization rate:

1990 – 15%

2010 – 97%

Infant mortality rate:

1990 – 68 out of 1000

2010 – 1 out of 1000



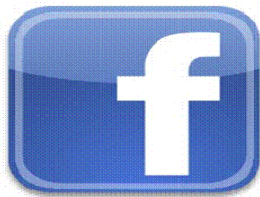
Home improvements over the past 10 years:
1260 Latrines, 2440 Cement floors, 344 Roofs,
1454 Chimneys

A message from the community leader, Donaldo Padilla, in El Tablón, sums up other benefits of the work our teams and staff have done in Honduras. He says that since HOI began supporting their community, the residents of the village support one another and show concern for the poorest people of their village. They have become more organized as a community and the different churches have learned how to work together on village projects. The living conditions have improved enormously through HOI's projects and some of the families have extra income now because of the excess produce from their garden projects.

Over the years, work projects have resulted in health benefits, from better upper respiratory health to improved nutrition. The relationships gained and education provided have moved these villages to new levels of community involvement and support. HOI continues to let God lead us to new opportunities in order to improve the lives of the people of Olancho and we hope you will continue to use your gifts and talents for this ministry.

Your donations over the years, as well as your actual work in the villages, have made a lasting impact on the Agalta Valley of Honduras.

If you would like to make a donation to HOI for a specific program area or overall support, go to www.hoi.org/donate online.



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HAVE Foundation Fundraiser



SAVE THE DATE

At the Buckhead Theater Sunday, January 29, 2012

3110 Roswell Road

Atlanta GA 30305

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The ranch devotional on Tuesday and Friday mornings were wonderful additions to our daily schedule from a year ago. I thoroughly enjoyed singing and worshipping together and seeing more of the ranch staff!

— Jennifer Filpi
2011 Participant from Decatur Presbyterian



I thought the trip was well organized and that our activities during the day were appropriate— meaning I felt I was able to contribute rather than waiting for something to do. I was also able to have some “down time” to interact with the people who live in the village, and our time at the ranch was sufficient to rest.

— Rhonda Fowler
2011 Participant from Decatur FUMC

HOI's Grace High School

Honduras Outreach is excited to report that we will be graduating our first class of seniors from Grace High School in Culuco, in November. High school students in Honduras are offered a certain track of study and each high school varies in what they offer. Our high school offers a study in Ecology/Environmental Science. To earn this degree, students are required to work in their communities to develop a social project at the end of their senior year. Three of our seniors worked on a plan to build a small incinerator behind the school, to safely burn the trash accumulated at the schools. They had to conduct research on building an incinerator, develop a budget, conduct fundraisers to raise money for this project, order the supplies and construct the project. In addition to benefitting the communities, these social work projects teach the students a lot about planning, teamwork, business and work achievement. During the next two months, the seniors will also be participating in a professional practice (internship) in San Esteban, in their area of study. Of the 17 graduating seniors, over half

of them wish to continue on to college. Three of these students have applied for a scholarship to the Agriculture College in Catacamas. HOI's school has given these students a chance for a better future and a desire to learn. Our school is funded only through donations, so our goal for 2012, is to have sponsors for all 250 students in our schools, from elementary to high school. Education is the one area that can truly inspire a young person to build a better life for themselves and their family and to make a difference in their country. If you want information on sponsoring a student in our Culuco schools, go to:

www.hoi.org/edprograms.



Grace High School senior's project— School Incinerator

Golf Tournament a Success in September

Twenty foursomes marked the ninth annual HOI golf outing in September to benefit the outreach programs at Rancho el Paraiso. A beautiful day and great volunteers made the event extra special.

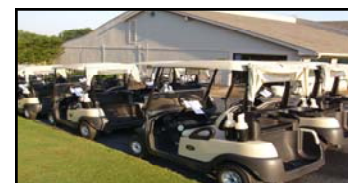
Board members Graham and Penny Stovall oversaw the planning and preparations, from recruiting players and hole sponsors to delivering the lunches. We are also thankful to our other volunteers who helped during the event, Anna Belle Pyle from Kingswood UMC, Jackie Thornberry from the Lilburn Woman's Club and Rev. Allen Hoskyn from Lawrenceville First UMC.



Three teams tied for first place with a score of 58 but after a tie-breaker, the foursome of Lee Jordan, Jared Barwick, Stan Sharp and Richie Smith took home the trophies.



HOI is grateful to Smoke Rise Baptist Church as the platinum sponsor for the event as well as to all who enjoyed a day out of the office and on the links. The 2012 golf fund raiser is scheduled for Monday, September 10, again at Summit Chase Country Club in Snellville, GA.



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I thoroughly loved this experience and learned so much! I felt like so many real relationships develop in a very short amount of time....Everyone was amazing and it's inspiring to see God working through this Ranch.
- Kelsey Bushouse
2011 Participant from CVM (Christian Veterinary Missions)



We visited different villages each day. The villagers knew we were coming as they would start to arrive with their animals soon after we arrived each day. I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people.
-Karen Campbell-Motsinger
2011 Participant from CVM

Teams With Longevity

As Honduras Outreach enters its third decade of outreach to residents of the Agalta Valley, we acknowledge that the success has been possible because of the dedication and energy of teams and individuals who have given a week of service at Rancho el Paraiso.

Reviewing the mission program, we found 20 teams which have traveled at least 10 years with the ministry.

Decatur First United Methodist Church organized the first-ever trip in 1990, followed the next year by Decatur Presbyterian Church. They were joined in 1992 by Mountain Park United Methodist Church.

Additional mission teams in the order of their years of service with Honduras Outreach, Inc. are:

- * Tarrytown and Wesley Memorial United Methodist Churches—17 years
- * St. Luke's Presbyterian—16 years
- * First Baptist Church of Newnan, Westminster Presbyterian, and Conyers First United Methodist Church—14 years
- * Hamilton Mill and Simpsonwood United Methodist Churches and Northway Christian—13 years; (Northway Christian has logged 17 trips in its 13 years with HOI!)
- * The Priebe Physical Therapy Group, Nacoochee UMC, Peachtree Road UMC and the Wilderness Team—12 years
- * Grace Presbyterian Church, Covington First UMC, Smoke Rise Baptist—11 years
- * Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church—10 years

The board of directors, the staff at Rancho el Paraiso and in Atlanta and especially the men, women and children who have benefitted thank and salute these groups.

Group Report

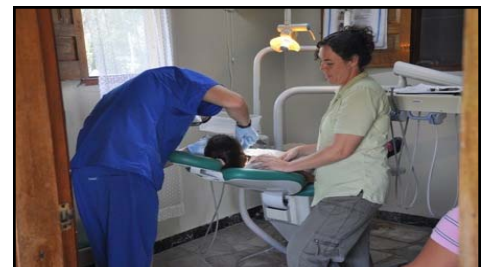
In addition to the hard work and blessings brought to the Agalta Valley by HOI's traditional mission teams, specialty teams come to the Ranch to address specific needs. This year Rancho el Paraiso welcomed three veterinary teams and five dentists who traveled with their church mission teams.



The vet teams came to treat animals and livestock throughout the Agalta Valley; their work included:

- 197 dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies,

- 415 surgeries performed on dogs, cats horses, pigs and sheep, and almost 2000 animals treated for worms.



After several years without visits by dentists, Rancho el Paraiso welcomed dentists who came from as far away as Seattle, Washington. Typically the dentists spent two days seeing patients in the villages where their teams worked and two days treating patients at either the Ranch clinic or one of the three outlying HOI clinics. In total the dentists treated over 110 patients.