

Third Quarter Teams

- 7/2 Decatur Presbyterian Youth
- 7/9 Central Baptist Church
- 7/9 Holy Trinity Parish
- 7/16 Saint Andrews Presbyterian
- 7/23 Kentucky Conference UMC Youth
- 7/23 Mount Vernon Presbyterian Youth
- 7/30 CVM
- 7/30 St. Paul UMC & FBC Gainesville
- 7/30 Second Presbyterian Nashville
- 8/6 FBC Saginaw, Texas
- 8/20 Decatur Presbyterian
- 8/27 Northway Christian
- 9/10 Blaine Memorial
- 9/17 Westminster Presbyterian



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HOI Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament

Our biggest fundraising event of the year is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Monday, September 12, to participate in the **HOI Annual Golf Tournament at Smoke Rise Country Club** in Stone Mountain.

The cost is \$600 per foursome, which includes a box lunch. We tee off at 10:00 a.m.

If you prefer not to golf, we are looking for sponsors also. Tee sponsorships start at just \$150.

Through your support of our mission efforts over the years, many changes and improvements have occurred in the lives of the people in the Agalta Valley. By participating as a golfer or sponsor, you will help HOI continue to make an impact in the villages we serve.

Contact Melanie Toven at HOI for information on sponsorships and golf registrations. Office: 404-327-5768 mtoven@hoi.org

We hope to see you there!!!



Culuco School Matching Challenge Update



Many thanks to all of you who stepped up to meet our Matching Grant Challenge for Culuco school sponsorships! We were hoping to receive 25 new sponsors to meet this goal last month and ended up with 37!

This is a tremendous blessing to HOI as we try to continue offering a quality education to students who come to our school from over 20 villages near the Ranch. We still have many students without sponsors and ongoing financial needs in our school. A sponsorship for one year is only \$300. We hope to someday have sponsors for all 140 middle/high school students. If you wish to help us with this program, our sponsorship form is available on our website, www.hoi.org under program/education or you can call the HOI office 404-327-5768.

Email In-Box

From an HOI
Scholarship
sponsor

“It’s an honor to partner with such a worthy organization to support the spiritual and academic education of students in Honduras”
- Stephen Reiff
St. James UMC
Tampa Palms

Received in the
Mail:
“Our church members wish to thank you for your diligent work in support of those we cannot directly aidWhile we cannot personally help “the least of our brethren”, we can financially assist those who do.

-Missions Committee
Westminster
Presbyterian Church
Snellville, GA



With Fond Memories....

The board of directors and staff of Honduras Outreach sadly report the recent, unexpected deaths of two friends and former colleagues.



Julio Rodriguez

Julio Rodriguez passed away on June 30, 2011. Julio had worked for HOI from 1993- 2000, as the Manager of our Agricultural operations. Over the years, he has continued to lend assistance to our Agriculture program and has been a valuable resource to the Ranch. Our thoughts and prayers will be with Julio’s family, wife Carmen and children Julito, Angelito, Alexandre and Maria Jose.

Dr. Herbert Lloyd Sr. DVM died July 6 at his home in Rock Hill, SC. He and his wife Jeanne spent almost a year at Rancho el Paraiso in 2000 as missionaries through Christian Veterinary Missions. During his stay at the Ranch, Dr. Lloyd oversaw the Agriculture Program and Mrs. Lloyd taught ESL in the HOI schools in Culuco. Since their return to the US following this mission experience, both have traveled frequently to the Ranch where he continued to work with vet teams and she helped in the schools and with Bible School. After celebrating his 82nd birthday in April, Dr. Lloyd spent two weeks at the Ranch in late May with a veterinary team treating livestock, dogs and cats throughout the Agalta Valley.



Coincidentally during the time Dr. Lloyd served at Ranch el Paraiso, he worked closely with Mr. Rodriguez mentoring him in animal husbandry and veterinary skills.

Both men were respected in their fields of endeavor

Dr. Herbert Lloyd Sr. DVM

Birds in the Classroom– Ray Damian

My recent visit to the Ranch as a member of the One Sky Team (“Teachers teaching teachers”) to Rancho el Paraiso was a follow-up to my 2007 One Sky experience with the Culuco elementary and middle school teachers. At that time, I introduced them to the rich bird life in their Agalta Valley and Sierra de Agalta in Olancho state, central Honduras. For this, I had prepared laminated cards showing 44 species that I knew bred in their area and I also showed them how to use the 25 binoculars that had been donated to the Culuco schools by members of Watkinsville

First United Methodist Church. My June, 2011 One Sky visit was designed to introduce the teachers to the many North American birds that use central Honduras as a winter home or flyway between South and North America. This time their laminated card showed 40 migrant species. I also gave each teacher a bilingual book, Feathered Travelers/ Viajeros Alados, and other material in Spanish prepared by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center. My central themes were bird

appreciation and conservation and the potential for eco-tourism in Olancho. It is my hope that these teachers will transmit these themes to their young pupils. I thank Anna Belle Pyle, an HOI Board Member, for organizing both of the trips.



The bird design shown on the wall of the Martha Fuller Library is based on Dr. Damian’s 2007 Birding Chart

New and Noteworthy

During your week at Rancho el Paraiso, you may notice some changes. We are continuing to respond to the different needs of our communities and mission groups.

Travel to the Ranch – Before leaving the airport, you will be guided by our group leaders to areas where you may purchase a meal/snack and drinks. The first Texaco stop will no longer be in the travel plan.



Morning Gathering/Prayer – On Tuesday and Friday mornings, our Ranch staff gathers at the cross with the mission teams for a time of introductions, singing and prayer. What a great way to get to know each other and support each other in this week of service.

Lunch at the Worksite – For teams that travel a long distance to their village and do not return to the Ranch for lunch, the meal will now consist of a variety of sandwich fixings and side items, instead of the hot food. This helps us in the reduction of the high cost of fuel and maintenance on our lunch delivery trucks.

Family gardens – Some of our mission teams have participated in the planting of family gardens in their villages, depending on water availability and needs. This year, HOI is focusing heavily on nutrition education to the children and mothers and agricultural education on planting a variety of vegetables. Next on the agenda will be lessons on cooking these new vegetables!



Home visits – Another new aspect to our mission team activities in the villages is home visits. Our Ranch pastor, Wilmer Padilla, has been working with the community pastors to discuss the needs of some of the families in their villages. A few people from the mission team who are comfortable with visiting in the homes are asked to meet the family members and find out about their needs. It may be physical or relational concerns. This relationship building activity allows the team to pray with the family and take these prayer concerns back to their home church. A special bond is developed and friendships are formed through an act of caring and compassion.

We hope that your mission team will enjoy some of the new opportunities for ministry to the communities of the Agalta Valley.

Volunteers Needed!

It takes many hands and ideas to create a successful fundraising event. We need your help! If you would like to be on our Fall Fundraising Event Team, please Email Laurie Willing:

ljwilling@hoi.org



Thanks for your support!

Reflections from Mission del Sol– Kathy Elsaesser

Over the course of the week God was truly faithful, kept us safe, and allowed us to be His hands and feet in Honduras. We returned to the village of Santa Ana where, in 1999 and 2002, we helped our new friends mix and pour cement floors, build latrines, provided Bible School for the Children, and finished building their one room school house by mixing and pouring the floor and putting on a tin roof. We were hoping they would remember us but we were not prepared for the excitement that greeted us upon our arrival. A “Welcome Mission del Sol” sign was hung between two trees and the whole village was out in force in the school yard to greet us. As we visited with one another amid hugs and laughter many people brought out the Polaroid photos from our last trip – photos of their families and one or two mission team members. It was obvious the photos were a cherished possession. As we gathered together to pray, sing, and talk about our upcoming week’s work we learned they had named their school -Escuela Mission del Sol! We were and continue to be so humbled by their love, their faith, and their memories. The week flew by way too fast – the days were long, hot, and humid – the beans and rice became a bit tiresome – muscles we had long ago forgotten were strained, but no one complained and many are eager to return.



The week concluded with a celebratory fiesta shared with all of our Honduran friends and filled with singing, prayers, speeches, a Noah’s Ark pageant presented by the Bible School children, many hugs and tears, and the promise of an eventual return. Being able to go to Honduras as a team member is an amazing blessing and life changing experience. We are blessed to respond in this way to the challenge and inevitable joy of fulfilling Christ’s Great Commission.



Recipe for mixing concrete
-70 Shovelfuls of river sand
-one bag of cement
-several buckets of water.

Shovel out a pile of sand. Add bag of cement to the top. Break with a shovel and throw out the bag.



Create a volcano – hollow out center of sand/cement mountain. Add about 1 ½ buckets of water to the center of the volcano. Move dry cement/sand from the edges of the volcano into the center of the water, being careful not to let it all escape. Add more water as necessary.



Needed at the Ranch....

If you are planning a trip to the Ranch and find that you can fit any of the following items into your luggage, we would be so grateful. Our clinics always need over-the-counter medicines. Please ensure that all donated items have a minimum of 8 months validity remaining.

- * Aspirin (81 mg)
- * Acetaminophen liquid
- * Ibuprofen (200 mg tablets)
- * Ibuprofen (400 mg tablets)
- * Ibuprofen (liquid)
- * Immodium
- * Multi-vitamins (adult and children)
- * Prenatal vitamins
- * Naproxen sodium tablets
- * Robitussin
- * Triple antibiotic cream
- * Mylanta
- * Tums
- * Prilosec
- * Nexium
- * Pepto Bismal
- * Miconazole (Monistat)
- * Kitchen pots, plastic coffee cups, plastic glasses

URGENTLY NEEDED

If you can donate towards the purchase of a lawnmower, we need to keep the grass cut near the dorms to avoid creating a habitat for snakes! To donate online, please go to:

https://www.hoi.org/donate_online

Please type Lawn Maintenance in the designation box.

Mission Group Program Update

Thanks to almost 600 HOI missionaries, men, women and children in over 29 villages have been blessed so far in 2011.

Year to date, the staff at Rancho el Paraiso has hosted 34 teams which have worked in villages from one end of the Agalta Valley to beyond the other end as well as in the mountains overlooking the Valley.

Though much of the work, such as installing chimney flues, mudding room additions and sharing Bible stories with children, is familiar to many team members, other teams have shared their expertise in veterinary science and animal husbandry, furniture construction, and physical therapy.



HOI welcomes several first time mission teams at the Ranch this year: **Northridge Community Church in Opelika, AL**, the youth of the **Kentucky United Methodist Conference**, the youth from **Second Presbyterian Church of Nashville (TN)** and members of **First Baptist Church of Saginaw (TX)** and **Snellville UMC in Georgia**.

Though most of HOI's mission teams are based in the North Georgia region, teams from **Arizona, Florida, Ohio, Texas, Virginia and Washington** are regularly on our calendar. Teams invite and attract participants as widely diverse as **Brazilian, Chinese, African, Honduran-American and Japanese-American**. These mission teams provide an example to **Hondurans who live in rural, somewhat isolated villages that people of all ages, from a variety of religious backgrounds and countries can work productively and peaceably despite diversity when God is at the center of our lives.**



Common bonds among all team members, regardless of their tasks, are their energy for hard work, their compassion for their brothers and sisters in Christ and their passion for sharing God's love with all God's children. **HOI and the residents of the communities where your teams have served thank each of you for your dedication and choice to serve with HOI in the Agalta Valley.**

Dates for mission trips are still available for the fall 2011.

If you would like to make a donation to HOI for a specific program area or overall support,

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We appreciate your support!!**



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