

Women's Retreat 2025



Marta Ortiz speaking

In April we held our annual women's retreat. The theme was "God Orders My Steps," and the special speaker was Marta Ortiz. It was a refreshing time spiritually as the ladies encouraged one another and drew closer to God. The Lord anointed Marta as she challenged the women to surrender completely to God, to allow Him to take full control, and to live according to His will. Many of the ladies received spiritual help and renewal and returned home determined more than ever to please God.



Reading God's Word

Each day was filled with activities and crafts along with the services. They made foot scrubs with essential oils and decorated the jars. Esther Hopkins led with Bible games and icebreakers. They had a special moment "talking with Jesus," and many of them opened their hearts, confessing their needs and surrendering their lives to God. There was an evening around the campfire singing and sharing together. It was an event marked with God's help and presence, and we thank the Lord for the spiritual victories.



Working on a foot scrub

We were thrilled to have several new ladies come all the way from Nicaragua. They had never been to a women's retreat before. They left super excited and want to come again. Thank the Lord for His blessings!

Visiting New Contacts

A group of nine pastors has reached out to us about the possibility of becoming part of our church denomination here in Honduras. They have been working independently for many years and desire to have accountability and fellowship. We have been taking the rest of this year to get to know them and to visit their churches.

In May I was privileged to visit three of their churches in the mountains of Comayagua. They were so kind and very excited for our visit. The one church meets in a house; they would eventually like to build. The other two have churches constructed. It was a blessing getting to meet them, and we are praying for God's direction as to what the future holds. Will you please pray that God will give us peace and clarity about the next steps we need to take concerning this offer. They definitely need help and support.



Pastor Nehemías and his family are working in the village of Quelepa.



The house church in Quelepa



Sermons all organized!



Speaking in Nicaragua

Internship Blessing

Regina Hoffman has a heart for missions! She grew up a missionary kid in the Dominican Republic and is currently teaching at Hobe Sound Christian Academy. But instead of relaxing and taking it easy during her summer break, she came to Honduras to be a help for three and a half weeks. And what a help she was!

She loves to organize, so we put her to work organizing all my sermons. She took hours arranging them by theme and putting them into ring binders. Now instead of wasting time trying to find the sermon I want, I know exactly where to look! This has made my life so much easier.

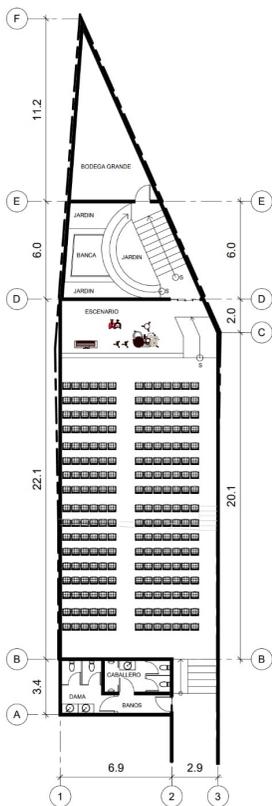
Regina stayed very busy while she was here, helping with the after-school classes in Las Uvas, teaching youth lessons, and even preaching during a trip to Nicaragua. She loved the people, and the people loved her. You could certainly tell she was no stranger to ministry and to the mission field. We and the Hopkins were both blessed by her visit, and we hope she can come again very soon!

Building Project

We are getting closer to finalizing the design and blueprints for our church-building project in Tiloarque. The Beavertown God's Missionary Church, our home church, raised a good amount of money to help us with this project. This is a dream come true! The process to this point has been slow, but once we get the plans together and get our building permit, things should start moving forward.

The design in the picture will follow the boundary lines of our property behind the house that we have been using as our church. The bathrooms toward the bottom of the blueprint will actually be inside the current building. The architect believes our new sanctuary should seat close to 200 or so people! Behind the pulpit toward the top in the triangular shaped area will be a room for storage. We are very excited about this! The house we have currently been using for our services will continue to be used for Sunday School rooms, events, and for housing for visitors and mission teams.

Please pray that God will guide us through this and that we can finish a beautiful church where the gospel will continue to be preached for many years to come!



Heaven Got Sweeter

In the early hours of July 14 one of our faithful church leaders made her crossing into heaven. Mirtha Hernandez encouraged and inspired others. She worked for many years as a nurse at one of the major hospitals in the city, where she helped countless people. She was instrumental in helping us open new places of ministry, such as in the Nacaome prison. She was very active in our churches, helping with fundraisers and special events. She was always smiling, always positive, making others laugh, and enjoying life to the fullest.

In November of last year she was diagnosed with stomach cancer. She went through months of chemotherapy and later four surgeries. Even in her pain she praised the Lord, prayed for others, and remained strong in her faith. She left a lasting legacy. We will greatly miss her, but we praise the Lord that she left a clear testimony that she was ready to go and everything was right with God. Please pray for her grieving family that she leaves behind.



Mirtha Hernández



She loved serving.

Ministry in Guyana

In early 2024 God began to burden our heart about the small South American country of Guyana. We felt that we were to do an exploratory trip, which we did in April of last year. During our furlough, we talked about the opportunities that abound in Guyana and how we were praying for someone to feel God's call to go and minister to the precious people of Guyana. The country is a melting pot of Amerindians, Hindus, Muslims, and Caribbeans.

A young missions student by the name of Jennifer Scott contacted us and wanted to know if she could accompany us on another exploratory trip to the country. We planned a trip for late July to go with her and show her a little of the people and culture. We spent seven days together exploring, witnessing to Hindus, passing out tracts, street preaching, and visiting the interior. The people are so friendly and open to evangelistic conversations!

One man told us there is just a small window of time to reach the people of Guyana. A few years ago a large oil reserve was discovered just offshore, and money is now pouring into the country, infrastructure is being upgraded, and it is one of the fastest growing economies in the world. The pastor said, "Once people get money and comforts, they soon forget about God. Now is the time to reach them." We were struck once again with the urgency of getting the gospel into the country.

This is the only English-speaking nation in South America, and there is complete freedom to minister! Please pray for Jennifer as she prays for God's guidance, and pray that God will raise up workers for this strategic country. Also pray for the seeds that were sown for the gospel. We had some great opportunities to talk to people about their spiritual needs. God is working and calling, and we are excited about the potential in this little country.



Jennifer handing out Bible to some of the children



Making new friends



One of the many Hindu temples that dot the landscape. Nearly 25% of the population identify as Hindu.



Joseph during a closing VBS service in Kentucky



Daniel at his desk. We have been surprised at some of the things he has been learning this year. Pray he will really learn to like school!

Family Update

We as a family are doing very well. Our home feels a little different now that Joseph is away at Bible college. He already finished his freshman year. He did very well in his studies and has really applied himself. This summer he decided to travel with a group of students from Hobe Sound Bible College who did VBSs in different churches. He said that he learned so much and really enjoyed it. They had VBSs in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kentucky, and Alabama. He does plan to spend about two weeks with us before heading back for his sophomore year.

Daniel is fourteen now. He homeschools, using Abeka online. He really enjoys Bible class and math. Hannah stays busy working with him and trying to keep him caught up. (Dan does not always like going to school.) He misses his big brother and cannot wait to see him. He likes to help me on Sunday mornings get the church ready, the music on, and the hymn books passed out.

It was a joy to have Joseph home for a few days before heading back to Bible college. Daniel had really been missing him! It is hard to believe he is already starting his sophomore year. Keep him in your prayers.

It is a privilege to work together as a family for God's kingdom. Thank you for praying and supporting us! We would especially appreciate your prayers for upcoming trips to Guatemala, Mexico, and Nicaragua later this year.

Thank you for your **faithful prayers** and your **generous giving**.

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