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TORCH Missions Honduras



Here is a report from Tyler Steffy on the work completed in Honduras during their team's leg (July 3-14) of the of TORCH Missions summer mission work there. TORCH focuses on five specific areas, construction, evangelism, be-

nevolence, visitation, and medical, so the work accomplished is broken down into those five areas.

The Team:

- 114 participants (+5 children under 12): 7 from NJ, 46 from FL, 37 from TN, 7 from KY, 11 from PA, 1 from MS, 1 from CA, 4 from AR
 - From Pitman Road: Cassidy and Logan Davis, Carlos and Isabella Isaziga, Elizabeth Lazar, and Tyler, Kathryn, and Truett Steffy.

Construction:

Nineteen
 16'x16' wood
 houses were
 built, each having wood floors
 and a tin roof;
 each built using
 hammers,
 chainsaws, levels, and tape
 measures in 4-6
 hours.



- Spent several days building a concrete block school and concrete sidewalk in Tierra los Padres. Painted the boys dormitory, fixed the playground, delivered a load of food at Didasko.
- Painted a garage at Clinica de Esperanza.

Evangelism:

- VBS at Diamante, the children's hospital, and Didasko.
- 4 Baptisms
- Devotionals almost every morning (Donald Ballard) and evening (Carlos Isaziga).
- Devotional at the Jesus Statue (El Picacho) at night.

Benevolence:

- On the last day of work in Tierra los Padres, TORCH members gave their shoes away to the community members.
- Several days helping with the feeding center and daycare in Mololoa.
- Two food distributions to separate communities feeding about 500 families for 2-3 weeks.
- Preparing and distributing 600 lunches for the community that lives in the city dump.
- Multiple Gatorade blitzes.

Visitation:

- Multiple visits to the children's hospital to play and pray with the patients and families.
- Visit to the blind school to play with the children.
- Worshiped at two different local congregations
- Two visits to work with the Mi Esperanza cosmetology students.
- Carnival at Didasko for 30-40 children (a poorly funded orphanage outside of Tegucigalpa).

Medical:

- Visits to two different special needs orphanages to play, and two physical therapists worked with the children and staff on exercises.
- Saw 615 patients in five medical clinics, gave out 54 pairs of glasses.
- Hygiene packs created with donated items and distributed to different locations.

Worth Mentioning:

• Taco Loco (street tacos made on the spot by a local vendor) for dinner one night (Carlos' favorite meal of the trip).

Tyler says, "Thank you all for your support and hard work over the last year to make this trip possible! If you're interested in possibly going on a TORCH trip in the future, please email me at ty_steffy@hotmail.com."

From Daniel's Den

Your Legacy...What will it be?

The definition of **legacy** is "anything handed down from, or as from, an ancestor" (Webster's New World Dictionary).

Katherine and I attended a family reunion last week at Center Hill Lake Retreat Center near Smith-ville, TN, about 60 miles due east of Nashville. (It is the newest outreach effort of Timothy Hill Children's Ranch.) It turned out to be a wonderful family time from beginning to end! About 30 members of our Cooper family spent some amount of time there during the week. One of the reasons for our gathering was to honor my father, Lee Cooper, now 87 years old. Several times during the week he would say, "I'm just so proud of you kids. Your mom would be proud, too." Likewise, we let him know how grateful we are for his impact for good on us and on countless others. We took time on Friday, what would have been my Mom's 88th birthday, to share memories of her. She passed away nearly four years ago.

As I reflect on our reunion and my parents' lives, I started thinking about their **legacy**. Dad was a gospel preacher, and Mom his loyal co-laborer. Together they brought many people to Jesus and raised a family of Christ followers. They served churches in Montana, Colorado, Vermont, Indiana, Israel, and Virginia. They never had much of this world's goods and they were not famous or well known. But, they kept the faith and shared it profusely. What a legacy!

What are the three greatest parts of their **legacy?** I would use a phrase used often in scripture, they gave us "faith, hope and love."

My parents helped us grow in **faith** by making sure we were at church and involved in church activities. We were taught about **faith** from our earliest age. We prayed at mealtimes, bedtimes, in times of trouble and times of blessings. We read the Bible together and learned the basic Bible facts. They modeled **faith** by teaching others, both in our home and by taking us on evangelistic Bible studies in other's homes.

May we as a church, and as parents, leave a legacy of faith, hope and love. (More next week.)

-Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

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Derrick Busch Deacon, Visitation Minister

Are we still trying to be friends with our sinful nature?

A Servant Speaks

"We Can't be Friends!"

"We can't be friends!" These are words that we never want to say to anyone that we really care about. Think with me for a few minutes. Think about a lifelong friend you have had the pleasure of knowing and experiencing life with. This friend is well acquainted with your likes, dislikes, your favorite sport and sports team, and your favorite place to shop. This friend knows your habits and what makes you tick. This person really knows you! So the thought of having to end this relationship evokes feelings of sadness, confusion and even anger. Just the thought of having to go to your lifelong friend to say, "We can't be friends" is perhaps unimaginable. Turning away from a friend that you have trusted, relied on and comforted is again, unimaginable!

What if I told you that God has in fact called every Christian to declare, "We can't be friends," to our lifelong friend? This "friend," has been tagged with the following identifying characteristics: deceitful, corrupt, sexually immoral, impure, idolatrous, indulges in sorcery (palm readers and the like) strife, selfishness and the characteristics continue. Does this sound like a friend that will help us transform into the likeness of Jesus Christ? Have you guessed what lifelong "friend" God has called us to declare, "We can't be friends?"

Yes! It's our sinful nature. Are we still trying to be friends with our sinful nature? This relationship will never work! We have to accept the fact that our sinful mind is hostile to God. The sinful mind does not, and cannot submit to God's laws (Romans 8:7). So it is fitting for the Apostle Paul to inform us that we do have an obligation, "but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it." (Romans 8:12) Sinful Nature, "We can't be friends!"

A Message From France



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Just a few days after our most
powerful Christians on Mission
summer session ever, (90 Christians on a week of mission!) and
just hours after French President
Hollande declared that the State of
Emergency in France would be
coming to an end, as you undoubtedly know, a terrible terrorist
attack took place in Nice, France.

Please continue to keep France in your prayers. Beyond the terrible tragedies in the headlines lurks a spiritual battle. As terrorist acts go today, no place is off limits, no means is off limits, and seemingly (in France) anyone of North African descent can be the next terrorist.

This is creating a state of total distrust and fear that impacts everyone.

Please pray for us as we seek to engage the battle with the armor of Christ, as we continue to love, pray for, and see come to Christ people from every ethnic group, like Romain, who was baptized last week and whose family is from Syria.

Pray for Khaled and Djedjiga, for Rania and Christopher, and their families as they, coming from a North African background, stand for Christ in this difficult time.

Finally, personally, I ask your continued prayers for my father, now in hospice care.

Thank you Pitman family for being a never ending source of blessing to us.

-Craig Young



If you would like to make Pitman Road church your church, or simply find out more about our Vision, Mission, Beliefs, and Values, then we would love for you to join us at our next Starting Point meeting. Starting Point is an informational meeting for anyone interested in being part of the Pitman Road church. Starting Point lasts 2 hours and provides a great opportunity to meet some of our leaders, ask questions, and discover ways in which you can move into our church in a deeper way. We also will provide lunch & childcare for these 2 hours. You can sign up to attend Starting Point in the lobby at our Information Center. Our Starting Point meeting occurs on the 1st Sunday of every month. Our next meeting is on August 7th at 11:45 am in room B-2. Hope to see you there!

This Week's Prayer Requests

<u>Praise:</u> Praise and thanks for all who are serving at Camp Manatawny this week!

Prayers Requested:

Pat Schuehler sees the surgeon tomorrow to follow up on her throat surgery. She asks for prayers for a good report!

Barbie Jo Crema had her sixth embolism treatment She covets our prayers. These treatments will continue once a month, until further notice. The next week will be tough. Please pray for minimal side effects, and that the treatment will do exactly what the doctors want it to do.

Dorothy Cunningham, Brenda Peoples' mother, hospitalized due to various complications of auto-immune disease, most serious: kidney failure, fluid in lungs and around heart, difficulty breathing.

Charles Ward, Sue Ward's father, is now back in assisted living facility and has entered hospice.

Joe Schneider, Jay's dad, follow up x-ray shows his broken arm is healing!

Mary Schneider, Jay's mom, recovering from carotid artery surgery this past Friday. She's had some recent strokes, diagnosed with atrial fibrillation.

Caleb Hall, severely broken arm, recovering from surgery to insert two screws.

Harold Pearl will be having another heart catherization and additional stent. Date TBA.

Gwen Phillip, Praise that she had completed radiation, but prayers needed for severe burns.

Vince Holland, 26 years old, suffered a stroke and cannot walk or speak.

Jim Edwards, friend of the Points, has taken a turn for the worse. Please continue to pray for him.

Missions

Diana, Lucas, and Claire Hutchinson serving at Camp Harmonie Bible Camp in France (July 13-27), returning to the US on August 2.



LIFE Group Vision and Planning Meeting

Who: All who are interested in hosting or leading a LIFE Group this fall.

What: A brunch meeting is planned. Discussions will center around our vision for LIFE Groups, planning, and training for leaders.

When: Saturday, August 20th, 9:00-11:00 am

Where: Family Life Center

RSVP to Glynn Durham or the church office at

856-589-1500.

Our Schedule Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes 10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes 7:45 pm Fellowship

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Last Week	
Bible Class	135
Worship	226
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	97
Contribution	\$8,152.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	NA
Contribution YTD	NA
Under Budget	NA

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Kids For Christ Summer Break

Jr. Worship Summer Break

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Greeters: Back Entrance Linda Prenger & Joe Marshall

Ushers Rebecca Cruz

Information Center Justin Guy & John Steiner

Shepherd's Call Brian Holden

Song Leader Garth Hutchinson

Communion Luke Olley







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Popcorn and Snacks • Fun for all! • Bring a friend! Pajamas welcome! ADMISSION TO MOVIE:

Bring one or more of the following Food Pantry items:

peanut butter • jelly • canned tuna • saltines

mac & cheese • canned pasta • 1lb box of sugar

donations of money also accepted

Sign up at the Information Center!



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are not rushing "Back to School," so continue to enjoy your summer! However, we are collecting school supplies to help children in need this fall. Since the retail stores are already running sales on these items, we wanted to make sure to get the word out early. Deadline for collection is August 21st. Drop off your donation in the marked bin at the Information Center. We are collecting the following items:

backpacks/book bags
pencils and pens/erasers/pencil cases
crayons and colored pencils
pencil sharpeners (that hold the shavings)
highlighters and markers
folders

composition books/notebooks binders and loose leaf paper graph paper index cards/flash cards

scissors/rulers/calculators
"Book Soxs"

