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Where in the world are we going? Thanks to you...

I Could Have Stayed the Whole Summer

by Morgan Hoffman (St. David's, San Antonio)

As a newly driving sixteen-year-old, you would expect my summer to be filled with road trips, vacations with friends, and, of course, using my time wisely, otherwise known as sleeping. And up until a few weeks ago, I thought that my summer would go just that way.



When Sarah [Cates] first told me about going to Honduras, I instantly came up with thousands of excuses. I didn't think mission work was for me. I don't like being sweaty, I don't like getting dirty, and I especially do not like to be hot. Well, I was wrong. Going to Honduras has been one of the best choices I have ever made.

The School in the Clouds was one of the most beautiful places I have seen. I have never seen so many kids that are just happy to have our company. My favorite place was the day care because that's where I met my buddy, Marlo. He was a three-year-old boy with Down Syndrome. Marlo and I instantly clicked. He loved blowing bubbles, but his favorite activity was playing catch. He didn't care what was being thrown back and forth—we used everything from a ball to a Lego. Leaving the day care was so sad because the kiddoes were definitely not ready to stop the fun, and neither was I.

When it came time for us to leave Siguatepeque, it was a bittersweet feeling. Sure, I missed my friends and my house, but I would miss the feeling of helpfulness way more. If I could have stayed the whole summer, I would have, and I can't wait until next year.

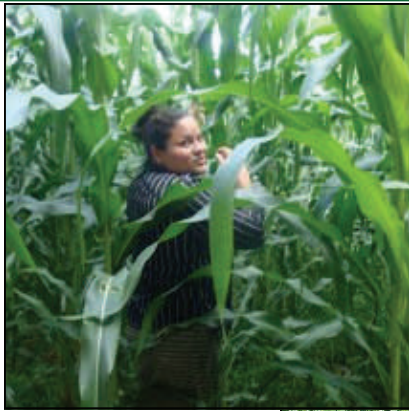
2012 Mission Trips

Contact us (World Mission 800/210-824-5387, chumneyb@aol.com, mcurry09@sbcglobal.net) if you want to be part of a mission team this upcoming year.

Short term teams will be working in the following countries:

1. Mexico
2. Honduras
3. Guatemala
4. Haiti
5. Uganda
6. Ethiopia
7. Kenya
8. Belarus
9. Russia

“The Corn Is As High As An Elephant’s Eye” from Patricia Perea



The church of La Esperanza in Danli, Honduras, added a community garden a couple of years ago and practices organic gardening with natural pesticides. After the Manos de Dios team left last January the church planted corn and onions. The corn has actually taken over the whole front of the church property.



Dr. Henry Moore and Patricia Perea will be traveling to Honduras and will arrive in time for the corn harvest. They have been promised roasted corn and will participate in the Corn Festival.

The church is taking the corn festivities to a whole new level.

Changes...



Ginny and George **Olson** will be relocating to Manila as they carry on the ministry to the tribes in the Philippines. The national church and ministers are being empowered to work with unreached peoples, and George is training to be a language consultant. Ginny will be teaching at Faith Academy where their children go to school.

Kristin and Keith **Chapman** and their three children will be moving to Nashville next June to accommodate the special educational needs of one of the children. Keith will continue to do short-term mission work. The co-founder of Trinity Clinic will oversee the work in Liberia, and one of the Liberians who worked with Keith will stay on to ensure the sustainability of the ministry.



Pray for these missionary families in transition.

Thank You from El Buen Pastor from Padre Miguel & Maria Elena Cristerna

From the bottom of our hearts we want to thank you for your valuable help and support during our VBS 2011. This year the seed of the Word of our Lord was planted in the hearts of more than 1600 children from the different colonias in Piedras Negras. In addition to the children of the neighborhoods, we also had about 150 people joining us for lunch at noon at the church.

The number of children went beyond any attendance we have ever had. We sincerely thank you for your support.



Progress in San Lorenzo from Jeannie Loving

San Lorenzo has finished their water project which included laying pipe to the school, a major accomplishment. Only one-fourth of the budget allocated was used.

Students from the agriculture school at Zamorano came to teach about use and misuse of chemicals, cultivation of multiple crops in a field, how to make organic compost, how to make natural pesticides, how to graft trees, how to preserve plant wastes to make cattle feed, how to prevent erosion, how to make cheese, and many other things. They stocked the lake with tilapia and taught the villagers how to manage the fish without feeding them commercial feed.

The corn has begun ripening, and everyone is eating vegetarian tamales made of ground sweet corn, wrapped in banana leaves, and steamed.

David Spencer of DWTX came to San Lorenzo to start a rabbit project.

Talk about teaching the people how to fish...



Skype Video Conferencing: A Useful Tool from Tony Price

Skype is a communication tool that has been around for people communicating computer-to-computer, the cost of maintained zero. There is a small initial cost in adding a lit-web camera to an existing computer, but even those standard features on new laptops. The main point is: is Internet and Skype ready, it doesn't cost anything to another Skype computer anywhere in the world. And now there is Skype Video Conferencing, the ability to see and talk to several people at once without cost when one of the users has a subscription to Skype Premium (about \$50/yr.). If you regularly use Skype with friends and family, you are sure to like the new video conferencing feature — a great tool for missions.

*There are three stages in the
work of God: impossible,
difficult, done.
Hudson Taylor*

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A Timely Gift from Dr. John Nganga



We write this to acknowledge your kind donation to Marafiki Global AIDS Ministry [for orphans]. This will go towards the purchase of 50 lockers as we get ready to start the Rafiki Academy on January 2012. Thank you so much on behalf of the children that we have been helping since 1998... Thank you for your generous and faithful contributions to our work. Your continued support enables us to provide many benefits to the children so deeply affected by AIDS in Kenya.

This is very timely. God bless you abundantly.

Upcoming Mission Trips and Prayer List

DATE	LOCATION	TEAM LEADER	DETAILS
September 23– October 8	Viet Nam	Dr. Bill Smith	Medical: teaching doctors how to do sinus surgeries.
October 13-22	Honduras	Jack Martin	Water ministry.
October 22-29	Guatemala	Jorge & Lorena Rojas	Medical mission.
December	Mexico	Sandy Graciano	Children’s ministry.

PRAY FOR OUR LONG-TERM MISSIONARIES: Olson Family (Philippines), Chapman Family (Liberia), Miller Family (Israel), Alison Barfoot (Uganda), Jeannie Loving (Honduras), Harry Gunkel (Israel), Dori and Pedro Zubizarreta (Mexico), Erin Cottos (Haiti).

Another Step Closer to Sustainability: La Gran Familia, Mexico

La Gran Familia Orphanage, Cuauhtémoc, has received a grant from the Mexican government for \$10,000 to provide two psychologists and two tutors for the children in the orphanage for the upcoming school year. Director Goretty has also negotiated a partnership for an after school program at the local elementary school that will provide supervision and programs for neighborhood children until their parents get off work.

The daycare program at LGF is supported almost entirely by tuition from the parents and grants from the Mexican government. Local funds have now stretched from caring for 30 children in the orphanage to 30 more in the daycare and now 210 in the after school program.

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