

## A Trip To Burger King...Or A Trip To The Mission Field?

I don't know if it amazes me more to know that many of the kids we work with have never gone inside a Burger King or McDonald's down here, or that most believers in the USA have never been on a missions trip!!

Nevertheless, because of the efforts of a team from South Carolina, our children at Day Care Number 1 do not have to go to Burger King, or a park to enjoy fun

play equipment. The group built excellent equipment



during their recent trip to Honduras.

Several of the team

members returned to the USA with impressionable lifetime memories of the faces of kids that got on a swing for the first time in their lives. Several of the kids have lifetime memories of grown men with tears in their eyes because they didn't realize their (the kids) every day lifestyle of lack... and hunger, is normal.

## Just A Missions Trip?

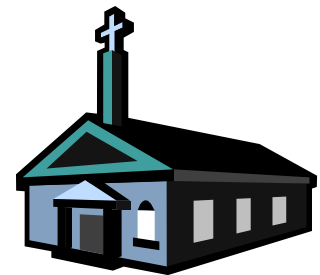
When the mission is to know Jesus and make Him known, things happen. When the Gospel is preached and sinners are converted; when believers place their hands on others' in prayer and bodies and souls are healed; when the body of Christ is encouraged and strengthened by the Word and testimonies of those around them and boldness fills the heart to be a witness yet another day for Christ; and when visitors return to their homeland with a renewed vision for their lives and for others with the fire of God burning in their hearts—that is when we can

begin to say, "It wasn't just another missions trip."

At the end of May we had two visitors from Outreach Christian Fellowship Ministries of Tyler, Texas that preached and demonstrated the love and counsel of God in ways we rarely experience in our day. The body of Christ among us grew from the milk and the meat of the Word shared by these Godly men.

Also, we were built up in faith and the Lord added three souls to the body of Christ during the visit of the ten-member team this May

from Rock Hill, South Carolina. The group of three women and seven men ministered on several occasions at the Church downtown and at the Day Care Centers. These were the folks that built the play ground equipment mentioned earlier.



## Improvements Looking Good

Through your sponsorship of various children and your general offerings that help provide for my family, plus the various operating expenses, we have been able to improve the quality of meals, medical care and education for many of the children to whom we minister.

The walls around Day Care/Feeding Center Number 1 are completed. We plan to have future teams help us get the new walls painted.

The clinic at Center Number 2 is completed and stocked with medications. A volunteer doctor comes up twice a month to check the kids. We have been able to give Victor, our keyboard player at church, a full time job working directly with

the ministry.

This may be sad news for some of you that have visited previ-



ously, but we sold the 1980 model green jeep I refer to as our mountain goat. Many of you have fond memories of being bounced around the city as we hauled you up and down the mountain in that truck!! Sorry if you're going to miss her!!

Likewise, we sold the 1991 van we had. One of our greatest

expenses and the consuming efforts were vehicle repairs.

Many of you have been aware that we have been saving and asking the Lord for a 4X4 Land Cruiser van. This type of vehicle is not sold, or seen, in the USA. It is a Toyota, ten passenger, diesel vehicle--very strong, dependable, and mostly used here for ambulances because they are able to go just about anywhere. As Pastor Marcus and I sit and talk on many occasions about getting another vehicle, our conversation always comes back around to the one kind of vehicle that *best* suits our needs and it is always a Land Cruiser. A 2007 model costs \$38,000.00 dollars. We have been looking at a 2001 model that is selling for \$20,000.00.

## Coming and Growing

At the time of writing this letter I am in the USA as I have brought our daughters for Camp. Annie attended this camp three years ago, but this is the first time for Amy. Both girls are extremely excited.

After camp we will visit my family in South Carolina. November 2001 was the last time the girls saw their grandfather and uncles. All of us are looking forward to that. And to wrap up their vacation, the

girls will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July while visiting their aunt, cousins, and grandmother (Nelly's mother) in South Florida. We will be returning to Tegucigalpa on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July.

Nelly is in Honduras, missing us, and really desiring to be here. My mother-in-law has been hospitalized for the past ten days, and two days ago had surgery to remove a large tumor from her back. She is expected to be hospitalized for a

least another week. Therefore, please pray for my mother-in-law and wife, whose names are both Nelly.

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