



NEWS FROM THE ANDERSONS

WHEAT AND TARES BOTH GROW, BUT ONLY ONE PRODUCES FRUIT!

Fruit trees, such as oranges, mangos, and cashews are common here in Honduras. However, all too often and for various reasons, the trees prematurely lose their fruit. Jesus, in John 15, promises that as we abide in Him, we will produce much fruit and that fruit will remain. Galatians 5:21-23 tells about what types of fruit Jesus refers to. Love is the tree on which all the other fruit is produced. Fruit is a sign of maturity. This is what we are seeing in the lives of the people that God has brought to us at the churches. I observed one particular manifestation of love and growth in our people that I will relate through the following story.

Since the beginning of 2007, we have held evening services at both feeding centers on the mountain sides. The folks desire to fellowship

with those of the body at the mother church on Sunday mornings but have been limited by their low income status. For a family of six, it requires half a day's wage to catch the bus to and from worship service. So, at Pastor Marcus' suggestion, all the men attending our Monday evening men's discipleship group now chip in with a freewill offering that is used to charter a large bus that passes near both centers; bringing folks from the mountainside congregations down to the main facility every Sunday morning.

Both of our Centers now serve as multi-purpose buildings. Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. they host our daycare program. Our paid staff teaches 55 children between the ages of three and five years about hygiene, colors, shapes, sizes, and share the Gospel

Of Jesus Christ. On Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. local leaders conduct worship services. Center Number 2 hosts sewing classes for fifteen area teen-age girls from 2-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Center Number 2 is also the headquarters for our medical clinic that frequently attends to more than sixty children who make up part of the children in our child sponsorship program.



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SOME GIFTS, SOME FRUIT: ONE TEMPORARY, THE OTHER PERMANENT!

I Corinthians tells us of Gifts given to us by God's Holy Spirit. There are nine gifts listed. Likewise, there are nine fruits listed in Galatians 5. We give gifts on special occasions: Christmas, birthdays, weddings, etc. However; fruit like family, should be a permanent part of our lives. Whether the person is seen or not, they are still family!

Nelly and I are blessed to have family (and fruit) in our lives. In fact, we have her mother (who is now in much better health), her 82 year old grandmother, three of her aunts, one of her brothers, and one of her sisters visiting with us this month...all at once!! (Talk about a test of the fruit of patience, it's growing, baby!) We're loving 'em! They are truly enjoying the ministry that God has called us to here in Honduras and our people here are honored

to have them fellowship with us.

One thing we really desire to emphasize is that we LOVE company! Please know that you are welcome to visit us anytime you desire. We deeply appreciate knowing that you are standing with us from wherever you are, in prayer and financial support, and you need to know that you are welcomed here among us!! Getting together is important for the Body of Christ and we are seeing a lot of that these days. For example, during the past three months, we have had three weddings within the congregation. We are a people that love to "hook up."

Also, thanks to all of you who made it possible for us to purchase the 4X4 van that I desired for the ministry. It is a white, 2001 diesel Toyota, with front and rear A/C that seats twelve passengers. We bought it for \$13,600.