Trip Calendar

- 11/1 Cannon
- 12/27 Northside
- 1/17 Northway
- 1/17 Peachtree Road
- 1/24 Tarrytown
- 1/31 Hamilton Mill & Duluth
- 1/31 FBC Newnan
- 2/7 Mountain Park
- 2/7 Decatur First
- 2/13 Newnan Methodists
- 2/14 Greater ATL Christian School
- 2/21 Conyers FUMC
- 2/21 Alpharetta FUMC
- 2/28 Mayo Rehab
- 3/7 Tampa/ St. James
- 3/21 Smoke Rise Baptist
- 3/28 Wilderness Team
- 4/18 Glen Ellyn
- 4/18 Westminster
- 4/25 Kingswood
- 5/16 FBC Thomson
- 5/16 Christian Vets
- 5/23 Christian Vets
- 5/30 Christian Vets
- 5/30 Simpsonwood
- 5/30 Wesley Memorial
- 6/6 Mission McDuffie
- 6/13 Peter Mather
- 6/13 St. Luke's

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What's New

- HOI together with the University of Georgia School of Agriculture and Food Science and the Rotary Clubs of Honduras are driving the delivery of a Hunger Eradication Program in Honduras headed by Emelisa Callejas. The Ranch hosts a workshop organized by UGA and HOI for the National Rotary Clubs in November.

- Delta Airlines begins operations from Atlanta to Tegucigalpa on December 18, 2008. Delta is currently conducting test runs and pilot training on landings and takeoffs from Tocontin.

- HOI has been requested by FEDEHCO, a Honduran NGO, to study the feasibility of operating a second facility near the municipality of Gracias called El Molino. Gracias is located in the Department of Lempira in North Central Honduras, two hours outside of San Pedro Sula and 45 minutes from Copan.

- The Youth Sports Ministry is taking legs in Honduras. Mike Leone of *Mountain Park UMC*, Stone Mountain and Don Wright of *Saint Paul's UMC,* Gainesville are commissioners for the first multi-village soccer tournament to be held in San Martin in February. The teams will have official uniforms thanks to *Aldersgate UMC,* Augusta who donated 15 sets of uniforms to HOI for distribution to the villages.

Delta Tests-Tegucigalpa Airport

- HOI has organized a development committee for the Lone Star State of Texas. The committee consists of Diane Lacina of *Grapevine Presbyterian,* Shari Sims *of Northway Christian,* and Molly Goodrich of *Midway Hills Christian.* The goal is to increase participation from groups in Texas to work with the HOI ministry in Honduras.

Honduras Newz from Midway Hills by Molly Goodrich- Youth Pastor

Where do I begin? I asked the group to send me the stories that they would like to have published. Then I realized that I needed to write the first one. Where do I begin?

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". Sometimes when one is flying in the heavens, one needs a second try to reach the earth. It is customary to applaud when the pilot lands the plane in Tegucigalpa. His first attempt did not feel right so he came in for a second landing and did a great job! We were safe in the land God created called Honduras.

God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." The lands in Honduras are so full of God's vegetation and seed, it's a spiritual thing driving through the peaks and valleys of the mountains. A variety of trees and bushes make up forests that we have never seen in Texas, and the green is a green that God hand painted that will never fade.

"So God created human beings in his own image." The people of San Pedro Cruz in Olancho are members of True community who express True hospitality. Their eyes are brown and you can see their spirit in them. Their faces have a smile so genuine that you are unable to look away. And the laughs are so contagious and the language is spoken with smiles, facial expressions, and lots of hand gestures.

"In the beginning, God created" and I am pretty sure he started in Honduras. These words do not nearly express the beauty that is Honduras. Maybe pictures will help. But they will still not be exact until you go there yourself. God is calling.

"Sometimes when one is flying in the heavens, one needs a second try to reach the earth"

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

- We have 14 vehicles at Rancho El Paraiso and if you've ridden on the roads of the Agalta Valley, you'll understand why each vehicle goes through two complete sets of tires and shocks every year. The vehicle maintenance program needs help. It costs HOI $65,000 per year to maintain our vehicles and we are in need of raising $20,000 in the next three months. If you feel a call to help, please send your checks in any amount to our office in Atlanta and designate the donation as "vehicle maintenance".
- We treat 10,000 patients a year out of our clinics in Honduras. We charge 50 cents for a visit to the doctor or dentist– and that includes any medication the patient needs. It costs HOI $120,000 to run our clinics and we are not supported by any foundations. We are currently looking at a deficit of $65,000 for the medical program for 2008. If you want to help, please designate your check with "medical program" in the memo line.

GROUPS AND THE VILLAGES THEY SERVED:

Aldersgate UMC– 17 missionaries– Las Manzanas, Pacura, Ranch
Alpharetta FUMC– 22 missionaries– Pacura
Barnesbille UMC– 19 missionaries- St. Augustin Blanco
Cannon UMC– 7 missionaries– Cocalito
Conyers FUMC– 20 missionaries– Jocomico
Covenant Presbyterian– 15 missionaries– Juan XXXIII
Covington UMC– 13 missionaries– La Lima
Christian Vets Mission– 18– various villages
Decatur FUMC– 24 missionaries– Las Joyas
Dr. Ingle's Group– 7 missionaries– various villages
FBC Arcadia– 10 missionaries– Las Manzanas
FBC Newnan– 33 missionaries– Buen Pais
Greater ATL Christian School– 20 missionaries– Coronado
Glen Ellyn Presbyterian– 8 missionaries– Santa Ana
Glenn Memorial UMC– 15 missionaries –San Augustin Arriba (Prieto)
Grace Presbyterian– 13 missionaries– Quebrachal San Esteban
Grapevine Presbyterian– 8 missionaries– San Martin Centro
Hamilton Mill-Duluth UMC– 11 missionaries– Coronado
Hillside UMC– 13 missionaries– Rincon Grande
Holy Trinity Parish– 20 missionaries- La Higera
Horizon Presbyterian– 16 missionaries– La Laguna Pech
Kingswood UMC– 12 missionaries– San Martin Centro
Midway Hills Christian– 14 missionaries– San Pedro de la Cruz Gualaco
Mission del Sol Presbyterian– 18 missionaries– el Tablon
Mountain Park UMC– 6 missionaries—Las Joyas
Mt. Bethel UMC– 14 missionaries– el Mico
Mt. Vernon Presbyterian– 13 missionaries- Brio Peru San Esteban
North GA Youth (H2)- 7 missionaries– Culuco
Newnan Methodists– 12 missionaries– San Augustin Blanco
Northside UMC– 25 missionaries– Culuco
Northway Christian– 14 missionaries- Agua Amarilla
Pleasant Hill Presbyterian– 10 missionaries– Las Manzanas
Priebe Rehab Team– 10 missionaries– various villages, Ranch
Rob Tolley/Tampa Adults– 10 missionaries– Las Delicias
Shandon Presbyterian– 18 missionaries- Guayabillas

DID YOU KNOW

* HOI's clinics enjoy the highest rate of childhood vaccination compliance in Honduras? Our 98% vaccination rate exceeds even national norms for the U.S.
* Malaria has reduced in the areas where our clinics operate by 99% - from 133 cases in 2004 to 1 in 2008.
* Dr. Jim Robinson of Atlanta went to the ranch with a couple of childhood friends, Dave DeFrancis and Kevin Reed, to look at several well projects in the Agalta Valley.
* We have sent 98 pastors into different communities through our seminary on the Ranch.

Smoke Rise Baptist– 10 missionaries– San Martin Arriba

St. Andrews Presbyterian– 9 missionaries– Quebrachal San Esteban

St. Mark's UMC– 6 missionaries- El Ocote San Esteban

St. Paul UMC– 16 missionaries- Cerro Chele

Steven's Creek Church– 10 missionaries– Dos Rios

Tampa Young Life– 9 missionaries– Las Delicias

Tarrytown UMC– 30 missionaries– various villages

Texahoma/FUMC Sherman– 10 missionaries– el Jobo

Wesley Memorial UMC– 12 missionaries– Rancho

Westminster Presbyterian– 15 missionaries– Los Patios

Wilderness Team– 24 missionaries– Las Delicias

What's Happening at the Ranch

* The Tienda at the ranch gives local craftsmen a place to showcase their wares– beadwork, pottery and more. And we now have the ability to accept credit cards.
* A beautification project is underway at the ranch. Interns from a local agriculture school are putting in flower beds near the dorms and the offices.
* The Director of our Education Program, Leslie Bobadilla, is expecting a child in February 2009. Congratulations to the proud parents!
* Plans are being made to put in a new water supply at the Ranch, with the eventual goal of providing potable water from the tap.

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DID YOU KNOW

* We have provided 184 scholarships to students in Honduras in 2008 thanks to the generosity of many givers. We want to particularly thank the members of Grace Presbyterian in Springfield VA, Simpsonwood UMC in Norcross GA, and St. Mark UMC in Augusta, GA for their combined support totaling 45 scholarship students!
* Potrero de Casas has asked for Peachtree Road UMC in Atlanta to help them build a church in their community and they are sending a seminary student to our next class to be their pastor.

Each newsletter will feature the blessings which partnership brings to a village. Please submit a short summary of the village in which you worked so we can share your story.