

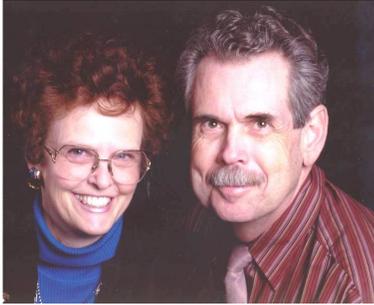
# ***ESPERANZA ETERNA***

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## **Mission-Ministry Newsletter**

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“Busy” is the best word to describe the beginning of the New Year. I spent 35 days on the road during the first two months of the year. The first weekend of January was devoted to the work at Baxter as Jan and I hosted Steve and Dianna Teel for a weekend in Tulsa. [Steve is the new president at Baxter.] We had a special dinner for church leaders, mission committee members, and other interested persons at Park Plaza and visited both the English and Spanish services Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon we went to Edmond for a meeting at Memorial Road. After spending Monday in the Oklahoma City area, on Tuesday we went to Dallas for more meetings. After four intense days, I was tired by the time I returned home Tuesday night.

The next weekend I was in Houston to plan more 2013 mission activities. On Sunday I presented a mission report at Livingston and we had the opportunity to meet with the elders about various mission matters.

### **Honduras--Catacamas**

On Tuesday January 22 I flew to Honduras. I was scheduled to travel on Monday, but when I arrived at the airport just before 5 AM, the agent told me there was no way to get to Honduras that day due to delays from the day before. The Tuesday flight was smooth and I spent the night at Baxter, primarily so I could spend more time with Steve and Dianna Teel. We went to Cascadas Mall for dinner, and as I sat eating ice cream at Sarita’s, I saw David Chacon across the mall. We sat and visited for a several minutes about the plans for my trip to Catacamas the next day. David was also able to meet the Teels.

On Wednesday I traveled to Catacamas by bus, ready for daily seminar sessions with area preachers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In about 10 hours of seminar presentations, I tried to condense the major points of a semester class in sermon development. *[Pictured at right, some of the brothers who attended the seminar.]* In addition, I accepted preaching and teaching opportunities every day. On Sunday I preached at Colonia Agricola and Hormiguero (Ant Hill). On the way to Hormiguero I saw a sign that indicated we could choose either to go to Ant Hill or to Culebrero (Snake Pit). Interesting names!

On Sunday I preached at Colonia Agricola. There were 80 present—45 adults and 35 children. This is a new church plant which is being helped by a nearby congregation. They meet one month at the new location, then one month at the location of the older church, continuing until the new church is sufficiently strong. The goal is to establish a chain of churches; the next locations have already been selected. This is being done for the most part without US dollars! In summary, I taught and preached 15 hours during the four days, visiting five congregations and spending time with leaders from three other congregations.



### **Honduras--Baxter**

On Monday, I returned to Tegucigalpa to spend a couple of days at Baxter. Tuesday was the first day of classes at Baxter and I was present to assist with a brief presidential inauguration ceremony. It was good to spend time with Jason Tenison who was on campus before he went to Talanga to visit the work in which Park

Plaza has been involved. *[Pictured at right, Jason Tenison and the Teels on campus.]* On Wednesday I visited with and met more of the students, especially first year students. While on campus, I was able to take care of several details.



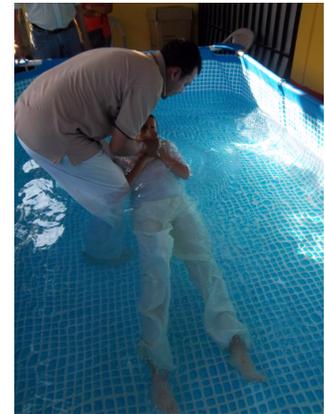
### **Honduras—San Pedro Sula/Barrio Cabañas, Omoa**

Thursday I flew to San Pedro Sula for a weekend with the church in Barrio Cabañas. Jacobo Chalco, Baxter graduate from 1971, originally from Peru but now preaching in Tennessee, joined me in this effort. During the weekend of teaching and preaching with various visits and evangelistic Bible studies, there were three baptisms. On Saturday, at



the request of the current elders, we met with an elder candidate and his wife to answer their questions and help evaluate their potential service. It was a privilege to assist with the installation of the new elder on Sunday. The church now has three elders. *[Pictured at left, elder installation service.]*

Monday and Tuesday I spent in Omoa where there was another baptism. We spent the days visiting and encouraging the church, with two hours of Bible teaching on Monday night, resulting in one sister requesting restoration. *[Pictured at right, one of the four baptisms on this trip.]*



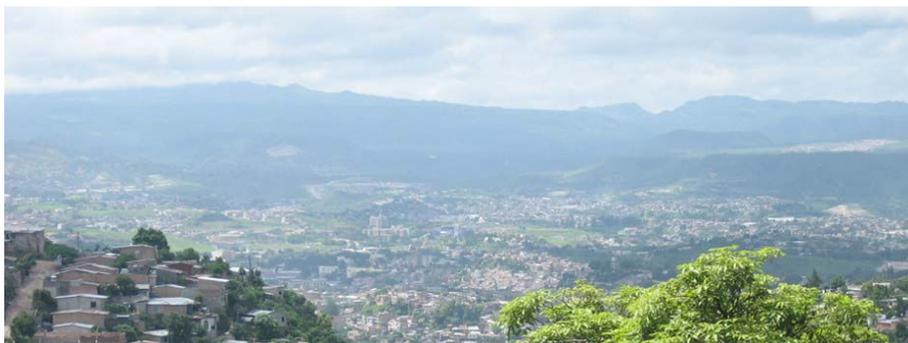
### **Iglesias de Cristo--Kentucky and Tennessee**

I spent the last half of February presenting seminars at Iglesia de Cristo--Southside in Lexington, KY and Iglesia de Cristo--Crieve Hall in Nashville. In Lexington, we began with a full day on Sunday, but we met only two hours each evening because the brothers and sisters have work obligations and could not meet during the day. In Nashville, seminar sessions were held four hours each day--two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening. The churches were strengthened and encouraged and I had the opportunity to make contact with and interview Baxter graduates.

### **March—Looking Ahead**

I am posting and sending this report a couple of days early since I leave for about two weeks in Guatemala on February 28.

*Que Dios le bendiga (may God bless you),*  
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*[In the great cities of Latin America many people are receptive to the gospel of Jesus Christ]*