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Church-Planting in Honduras



The Field – Honduras



In 2011, Honduras had the highest murder rate in the world, 86 Hondurans being murdered for every 100,000 residents. For comparison the murder rate in the USA is 5 per 100,000 residents. The murder rate has decreased some in recent years, but many Hondurans still attempt to flee the country to escape the drug-related violence which is largely based in Tegucigalpa.

What the neighborhoods of Tegucigalpa truly need is the influence of gospel-centered churches. Tegucigalpa, or Tegus for short as the locals call it, is home to over one million Hondurans. Nearly half of the population is Catholic. Most of the people I personally witnessed to in Honduras trusted in their works to get to heaven. Please pray that God would shed the light of the gospel on the city of Tegucigalpa. Pray that instead of being a city known for drugs and violence, Tegucigalpa would be known as a sender of gospel-preaching, church-starting men.



My Testimony

When I was seven years old, I was at my house and I received the truth of the gospel. I prayed to God that He would save me from my sins, so that I would not have to go to hell, but I could go to heaven with Him. I was saved by faith alone. I did nothing, and I was saved. Christ did all the work for me. After I was baptized by my pastor, I said that I wanted to be a missionary. I wanted to make disciples for Christ. Unfortunately, after three years my parents went through a divorce, and I no longer wanted to serve God. But it is certain that God is patient and kind. I know that He loves His children and wants us to walk with Him all of our lives. When I was fifteen I returned to the will of God for my life. I graduated from Pensacola Christian College in 2016 with a degree in Missions. I taught at a Christian School in Honduras for two years and am now returning as a church-planting, men-training missionary.



Ministry Experience

I became a member of Bluestone Baptist Church in 2009 and was able to teach some Sunday School classes occasionally. I was also involved in the weekly time of evangelism.

From 2012 to 2016, I was a student at Pensacola Christian College. I was able to visit a nursing home every Sunday with a group where I preached and spent time with the residents.

From 2016 to 2018, I was a teacher at a bilingual Christian school in Honduras. I got to teach Bible to my students every morning and had some opportunities to preach in Chapel. I went out on evangelism weekly and was part of a bus route to pick up people to bring to church.

I spent the summer of 2017 working with the Robertsons in Jala, Mexico. I had some opportunities to preach, but most of my time was spent knocking on doors, inviting people to church and sharing the gospel with them.

After a year in Honduras, I was able to help out with a Sunday School class of ten to Fourteen-year old boys and teach a lesson once a month.

My last summer in Honduras was spent with the Rolstons in Santa Rita, Honduras. I helped with odd jobs around the church, got to preach a few times, helped with some Bible clubs, and spent some time evangelizing.



Doctrinal Statement

The Bible: Every word of the Bible is inspired by God; it is not the work of man. The Bible has been preserved by God down through the ages. Although man has attempted to alter or destroy the Word of God it remains to this day, whole and complete. The Bible is our authority for faith and practice.

God: There is one God. There are three persons of the Trinity: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is none more powerful than God. He has existed forever and He will exist forever. He does not change. He has revealed himself to us through His Word.

Father: He knows all that will be. He is merciful. He sent His Son to die for us, that we may have salvation.

The Son: Jesus Christ is God's only begotten Son. He is virgin-born and sinless. He is fully God and fully man. He performed miracles. He accomplished our redemption by dying for our sins and rising from the dead. He sits at the Father's right hand interceding for us until He will return for His people.

The Holy Spirit: He indwells every believer in Christ, guiding us in our walk with God.

Man: Man is born a sinner, yet he is loved by God who is not willing that any should perish. All men have the opportunity to receive salvation from God. Those who reject Him will have eternal separation from God.

Eternity: Man is an eternal being. He will spend eternity with God in heaven or eternity in hell separated from God in hell until cast into the lake of fire.

Salvation: All who receive Jesus as Savior will be saved. His blood covers our sins forever. Man cannot be saved apart from Jesus Christ. There is no other way. Man is not saved by his own works or the works of others; He is saved by the work of Christ alone on the cross. This means that man's salvation is dependent on Christ. Man cannot lose his salvation. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Baptism: Baptism by full immersion is a public expression of faith in Jesus Christ. Baptism does not save us. Baptism is for those who have made a profession of faith, therefore baptism is not for infants.

The Church: The church consists of all Christians. The local church is part of God's plan for Christians to grow in the faith and observe the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Church has the command of spreading the gospel throughout the world and discipling Believers.

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