

Heaven's Reach Ministries

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Mission Honduras

Showing, Teaching, and Releasing God's Love

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I can't believe it's been another month. Time is flying. It has been very busy and

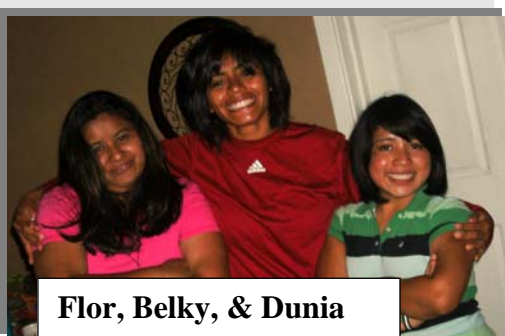


Our Spanish teachers

adventuresome. We completed a full month of Spanish School. We really feel like we are learning not only the language but the

culture. We are speaking more and more Spanish, learning to read and write it as well, adjusting to the lifestyle of the Honduran family we are living with, and adjusting to all of the new flavors and types of foods they serve.

We decided to put our newfound Spanish to the test by traveling back to Yamaranguila for two weeks to help Henry with a couple of teams, but before we left I slipped in the rain and tore a ligament and tendon in my right knee. I was placed in a leg immobilizer. Although I couldn't help with the



Flor, Belky, & Dunia

teams Dean did. I however was able to sit around and talk to the Honduran staff and students. I passed the test I was able to talk to them

for hours in Spanish...I really was learning. Dean found in the work he was doing that his Spanish has greatly improved as well! PRAISE GOD!

Dean, Henry, & Jim took the first team back to the airport last Monday and received the second team the same day. While they were in the city (4 hours away) I fell in the shower landing face first. Flor (a Honduran missionary intern), Martin (a team member from Fayetteville AR.), and Carlos (a Honduran missionary intern) helped me and got me to the local medical clinic. My cheek was not

broken just bruised however; I broke my right elbow and tore the MCL ligament as well as re-injured my knee. I now have a bright green cast for 6 weeks to go with my leg immobilizer. This has been very difficult for me but at the same time has shown me just how wonderful Dean is. He is taking wonderful care of me.



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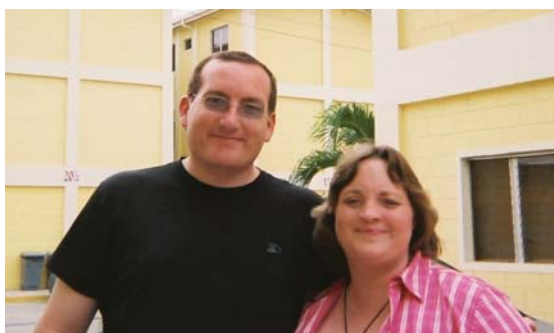
The first team Dean helped Henry with was from Peoria Illinois, they finished a house in the Invasion for a family. This was a mile stone, it was the twentieth house built in the invasion by Mercy International since starting work there three years ago. That team also poured a concrete floor for a church building in the mountains that the second team would put walls on. The second team came from KC Kansas; they stayed in the mountains to build the walls for the church. Due to my accident Dean wasn't able to stay with them but made many trips to the mountains to get them there and to get the needed supplies to them. Despite the accidents it has been a great month!

We have decided to stay in Yamaranguila for a couple weeks before returning to Spanish school



Henry

to allow me to heal some. We will be able to hang out with the Honduran staff and attend the high school graduation of several of the Hope and A Future students. Belky (a Honduran missionary) is going to give us Spanish lessons while we are here to keep us going forward!



God Bless you all!

Dean & Melissa Lowman