

Tegu Talk

Work on the New Highway South
out of Tegus, toward CRC

Tegu Talk is the newsletter of Jim & Teri Riley,
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Not Just a Walk in the Park

At the end of February our team led the church youth and some of their friends on an all day hike in *La Tigra* National Park. We divided into five teams and took different routes through the mountains where we experienced cloud forests with huge, century old trees, pristine water and old abandon mines.

Deep in the mountains our leaders facilitated several trail-side discussions on the beauty of creation, the creativity of God, the unique role of humanity and the task of stewardship our Creator has placed on us.



Leveling Up the Left Behind

Rony & Cinthia have made inroads at three mountain elementary schools. As they teach at risk kids to read and other students to read better, they share the love of Jesus with children and teachers alike.

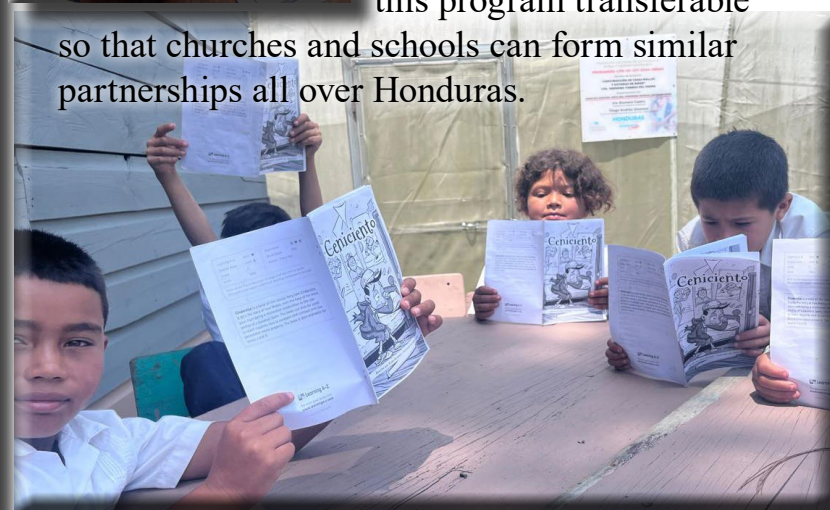
The schools have welcomed the unexpected (but much needed) help with open doors, working the tutoring into the school day and providing spaces for the tutoring. Last night Cinthia told us how just this week two of their students realized excitedly that they could now really read.



Many of these kids have been labeled as *redondo* [dull] or unable to learn much of anything. Everyone is encouraged when, with the help of the Moncadas, these students make small steps and bigger strides in learning.

We hope that many of these students and their families will begin to read the Bible in their homes with the Moncadas. Cinthia and Rony are working to make this program transferable

so that churches and schools can form similar partnerships all over Honduras.



Making Disciples



HD: "The Simplest Way to Change the World"

Is hospitality the simplest way to change the world? How has hospitality affected your own life? In April, over holy week, some of our disciples met together for four days to explore this biblical mandate that has a big impact and eternal consequences.



Women's Pre-Conference

In March, Teri hosted 19 lady-leaders for a time of planning, fellowship, personal growth and team building. These sisters will be facilitating their 16th annual International Christian Women's Retreat this September. This year's theme is Radiant and focuses on joy through gratitude.



In Honduras

*View of one of the fires from
Rony's house*

Friends, Family & Fires

This year by the end of April the dry season seemed to be over. We had cut our fire breaks early in the season, but now the first rains had come with almost no fires. Then we saw it: smoke rising from the river at the foot of a nearby mountain. Fire raced up the mountain with a vengeance spilling over the top and crawling down the other side. Crawling also in the direction of our *Las Crucitas* Retreat Center. This was going to be a fight.

Jeni, Manuel, Rony, Cinthia with our neighbors went to work, scraping the trails and firebreaks free of debris and extending them to help contain the northern side of the fire while friends, farmers and fire fighters worked the south side of the fire. The government sent a big helicopter with baskets of water to douse the fire in areas that were hard to reach.

The fire was so hot in places that it scorched 80 foot pine trees. Thanks to our friends and family, the retreat center is fine. The nearby farms and villages were also saved for the most part. This week rain is finally soaking the last of the fires all over Honduras. God is good!

*San Pedro
de Tutule*

✓ Prayer Checklist

Pray with us for:

- The 6 small teams coming to Honduras this year to help us with our camps & ministry.
- Upcoming Men's & Women's Retreats.
- A harvest of kingdom workers in Honduras.
- Present/future school tutoring partnerships.
- New home discovery studies.
- Health, safety & wisdom for our kids & folks.
- Our team of disciples in & around Tegus.

Praise God with us for:

- The rains have arrived and the fires are out.
- Our friends, neighbors & church families.
- Our partnership with you in the Gospel.

The Road Ahead

July 13-20	Team from South Carolina
July 27- Aug. 3	Team from Texas
July 31- Aug 2	Men's Camp
Aug. 10-17	Team from Oklahoma
Sept. 1-8	Women's Team
Sept. 4-6	Women's Conference

Support Team

Checks for the work can be made out to Nortonville Christian Church with *Honduras Mission* in the memo & sent to:

Nortonville Christian Church
PO Box 347
Nortonville, Kansas 66060

We recently posted a new video to accompany this update. If you would like to see past or future Tegutalks & videos of our work in Honduras, visit rileys.nroads.org.

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