

It has been a while since we have written and wanted to give an update on what has been happening this last year and what our goals are for the following year. Frank has finished building the riverboat and has taken several trips. They have done medical/dental work as well as evangelical. The boat is nice since you can cook and sleep on it, so you can go several days up river. It has been a blessing. We have put in 3 water systems this spring and 2 of them are run by solar systems. One other was done in Wampu (north of Kurpa). Frank will be going back down to Honduras in August and will be putting in another water system in a remote village up river as well as several medical riverboat trips. He will also have two pastoral training outreach seminars. The dental clinic in Kurpa is finished and up and running. We have a dentist named Hector who has been up there this last year and he has been keeping busy. He also has been in training with other dentists there and from the U.S. He has been learning to do fillings and we hope this will save more teeth than having to pull them. We also continue with a nurse on the mosquito coast who goes throughout the villages handing out vitamins to children and prenatal vitamins to pregnant women. Nathan and Becca are still in Palacios running the school and will be busy this summer with several youth events. Our youngest daughter, Megan, went down to teach the kindergarten class. She has been down there since January. A young lady from Mississippi just went down to help teach that class and is staying until the end of the school term. Another couple (Chris and Naomi) went down last year to help in the school and when they were returning for the holidays, she became ill. They were not able to return but now are praying about returning. They were such a blessing to Nathan and Becca and we ask that you pray for them for guidance. Katie has been down in Honduras this past year and finished up her nursing training and is working on her year that they have to work for the government. She will be getting married this October to a young man (Chuck) who has been working down there with Frank this year and last year as well. They will be spend this next year in Belen with us so Katie can finish up her work there. After that, they are hoping to move to Kurpa and oversee the work there. He will be working with our water projects as well as construction projects. Katie wants to set up a clinic there and work in the community as well as go up river. She has had her first group on her own this past week. It is good training and she has enjoyed it. There are 2 young ladies there and they have been going into the schools in the morning to teach on HIV education and "Why Wait" programs. And then in the afternoons they are doing VBS with the children.

Along with Chuck working with Frank and helping him with the water projects, construction projects and the riverboat ministries, a young man named Phil is helping this year. He has been down several times and has been a great help.

As some of you know, about 7 years ago, we went from full time missionaries to being there 6 months and here 6 months. We felt it was necessary for our girls to get familiar with this culture since they had been away from it so long. So we built a house here in Mississippi. They were getting older and wanted them to have opportunities for schooling here as well. Now as Katie gets married, we only have our youngest (Megan) left. And she wants to be in Honduras as well. And our oldest daughter, Laura, and her family also want to return. They will be living in Belen as well. Gracie, who got married this last January, lives here in Mississippi. She is the only one of our daughters who wants to stay in the U.S. So with much prayer, Frank and I will be returning to Honduras full time once again. Gracie and Todd have bought our house here and in January we will return to Belen. Since we will have one of our children in each of the areas we work, Frank and I will be able to let them shoulder the work and we can supervise them and do more ministry. We look forward to another "round" and ask for your prayers. We will continue with teams and encourage "short term" missionaries.