

LENDHAND missionteams

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LENDHAND SERVES IN FOUR CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS



LendAHand Mission Teams touched the lives of many people this Summer and early Fall. Teams carried out the "Go Ye" directive given to us in Matthew 28:19-20 in four different CA countries – Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Nicaragua. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to serve so many people in so many locations within such a short period of time. We are also grateful for God's protective hand and for providing the means to reach into the lives of so many people. Read below of several of the accounts.

LENDHAND BREAKS INTO NICARAGUA

On June 28th, team leaders Michael and Jamie Worley took a team of nine people to join with Mike and Jo Beth Simpson and Bishop Julio and Estrella Areas in Rivas, Nicaragua. The purpose of the trip was to train teachers and youth leaders and minister to hundreds of children. It was such a blessing to be able to partner with the dedicated church leaders of Nicaragua and help provide training and supplies that were so desperately needed.

The team's time was split between two locations: Sendero De Luz and Centro Harmonia. The mornings were spent training teachers from twenty different churches with vital information on how to effectively teach, lead, and minister to children. The afternoons were filled with lessons, music, crafts, and activities for 80-120 children each day. The

team was able to leave each teacher with a box of supplies, a children's Spanish Bible and a Spanish Testament to be used in their classrooms.

The team also had the opportunity to have Tre Ward minister to the people in their native language in the evenings as he delivered powerful messages. It is always a great experience to be able to worship with those so hungry for God.

This team was small in size but large



in effectiveness. Each team member had a specific job or a specific topic to teach. The teachers from Nicaragua were ready to receive the information and apply it. It was truly a pleasure to see the local Nicaraguans and the team become one as they worked together. The team has already been invited to return next summer to minister in the northern part of the country. A very special "Thank You" to Twyla Eades and Kellye Schroeder who worked stateside and prepared the lessons and activities.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012

February 23 – 25	Costa Rica	Pastor training
March 10 – 18	Guatemala	Work at home for battered women and their children
May TBD	El Salvador	Construction work on a new orphanage
June TBD	Nicaragua	Teacher training, VBS

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PRAYER REQUEST

We at LENDHAND ask that you join us in prayer for Chet Howell who is experiencing serious health issues. Chet is a committed LAH Team Member that has touched the lives of many people as he ministered on missions trips throughout Central America.

MEET OUR TEAM LEADERS

Over the next several newsletters we want to introduce you to the LENDAHAND team leaders. In this issue, we want you to meet Michael and Jamie Worley.



Michael and Jamie Worley have been part of LAH Mission Teams for over ten years. During this time and even before connecting with LAH, they have been experiencing the culture, lifestyle, and how people worship from many international people.

While traveling thousands of miles and ministering in dozens of villages and towns, it has become Michael and Jamie's goal to introduce scores of people to what it means to do effective missions work. They have been leading teams for LAH for the last four and half years. They are team leaders who live out what it is like to minister to the hurting and less fortunate.

Jamie, a Registered Dental Hygienist, often puts her vocational skills to work as she ministers with medical and dental missions teams. Jamie says that she especially loves working with the children.

Michael, a 31 year employee of a Fortune 100 Health Care Company, has ministered in Asia, Central America, and South America in many capacities. Whether leading a medical team, construction team or one that trains children and youth ministers, Michael demonstrates what it is like to have Missions work as a priority in your life.



June 29th was no ordinary day for seven new LAH team members

GUATEMALA OUTREACH

as they boarded a plane in Greensboro, NC. This would be the first time they stepped on soil in Guatemala to minister to over 1000 children. Five other team members joined them as they spent 9 days touching the lives of Guatemalans in the villages of Siquinala, Santa Lucia, La Gomera, La Democracia, Esquintla and Guatemala City.

The outreach included teaching VBS, door-to-door witnessing, and children's ministry. When team leaders Rick and Christy Menear were asked what they would always remember about this trip, they responded, "We will always remember this being the first trip we led, the fact that our son was with us, being able to minister in the orphanages, and seeing the hearts of those who went with us changed forever."

Read what Austin Menear (12 year old son of Rick and Christy Menear) had to say about his first international missions trip:

"I enjoyed going from door to door giving out food. In one home, a lady was saved! I enjoyed playing with all of the kids. Just watching the kids laugh and have fun made me feel good and happy. I especially liked going to the orphanages. I played with one little boy named Jonathan. We laughed and bounced a ball together. Just watching Jonathan laugh and laugh filled my heart with the Spirit. The best thing about the trip was doing it all for Jesus and teaching the kids the word of the Bible."

COSTA RICA TRAINING TRIP

In early July, Pastor Jorge Fernandez welcomed a team led by Bobby and Kathryn Hoyle. The team had arrived in Costa Rica to work with Rev. Fernandez's church and a network of independent churches in the northern part of the country. On day 1, eight gifted team members begin training the local church teaching staff. In the afternoon the LENDAHAND Team and the Locals put into action what they had learned. At the end of the training sessions, 95 teachers were anointed and prayed for.

Not only were these teachers given excellent training, many received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It was also awesome to see nearly 800 children attend the Bible schools they conducted. Thanks to all the team members who sacrificed to make this missions trip a true success. Special "Thanks" to Wendy Bandy who came from Honduras to serve as head of Food Services. Pastor Fernandez has asked LENDAHAND to send a pastoral training team in February of 2012 for special training of all the pastors in northern Costa Rica.

SEPTEMBER IN EL SALVADOR

Twelve LENDAHAND Mission Teams personnel descended on El Salvador for five days of intense medical missions in mid September. Led by Dr. Eric Madren from Virginia Beach, the Team was joined by expert members of CBN Operation-El Salvador. Together the combined teams treated over 1200 patients while providing much needed medicines and vitamins. The most important part of the trip was that 353 people received Jesus Christ as Savior for the first time. As always, every patient received prayer and counseling before getting treatment. Thanks to Dr. Madren, three nurses, and eight support team members for a very successful trip. Most of the Team really did "descend on El Salvador" as they went "Zip Lining" on their free day! While in El Salvador, we were asked to return in May 2012 to assist in the construction of an orphanage. Want to go?