

# PROMISE HOME Honduras



Edition 5



PH Mission News



2014

## Prayer Requests

*Please pray for...*

*God's direction in all that we do in Honduras and the US.*

*HIS protection for traveling safety and for HIS leading of the 2015 teams.*

*God's direction in helping us hire the staff for the new children's division.*

*God's help in raising the necessary funds to complete the Director's home and to expand the tilapia business.*

*Favor upon our self-sustaining projects that the harvest will be plentiful in 2015.*

### **2015 Team Schedule** as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

**Pleasant Hope:** Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

**The Heights Church:** March 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

**Jim Murphy's team:** March

**FBC Vincennes Church:** April 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

**The Heights Church:** April 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

**The Heights Church:** July 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**Genesis Metro:** Summer

**Frisco Sunrise Rotary Club:** Summer

**North Texas Missions:** June 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

**The Heights Church:** August 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**The Heights Church:** October 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Dear Friends,

In 2014, we began the transition to prepare for children after seven years of construction and building business units.

Promise Home had fifteen teams visit us this year. We were able to complete our first casita which will be home for sixteen children. We were able to almost complete the new cafeteria building and we started construction on the new preschool/administration building and the Director's home.

Promise Home is forming a partnership with a non-profit organization in Plano Texas called Orphan Outreach. Orphan Outreach will be responsible for starting and developing the children's division into a first class children's home. We will be able to provide residential care and foster care for the children of Honduras. Our plan is to start receiving children in the fourth quarter of 2015. We are planning to have the first casita, cafeteria and new preschool/administration buildings completed by the end of summer 2015.

Our tilapia business expanded from 225,000 fish to over 500,000 fish. The demand for tilapia fish in Honduras has exceeded our expectations.

Our plans for teams in 2015 would be to help us complete the construction of our buildings, minister to the people in our village and to help us expand the reach of our church.

Be sure to look at our 2015 Team Schedule. To schedule a 2015 trip, please contact Bill Hayden at [bill.hayden@promisehome.org](mailto:bill.hayden@promisehome.org) to reserve your spot.



## ***Promise Home Partners:***

Anderson Mill Baptist Church –  
Austin, Texas

First Baptist Church –  
Frisco, Texas

First Baptist Church –  
Vincennes, Indiana

Frisco Sunrise Rotary Club –  
Frisco, Texas

Genesis Metro Church –  
Frisco, Texas

Heights Baptist Church –  
Richardson, Texas

Koke Mill Church –  
Springfield, Illinois

North Texas Missions –  
Frisco, Texas

Pleasant Hope Baptist Church –  
Calhoun, Kentucky



## **2014 – Construction Team projects:**

### **January:**

In the first week of January a **team led by Steve Drew** from Kentucky and Indiana completed the trusses on the new cafeteria.



The team completed the installation of the roof with the help of our Honduran friends.





## February:

In the first week of February, we had a team from Indiana come to Promise Home to finish wiring the children's casita and the cafeteria.



**This team led by Duke Hampsch** was able to be the first team to have a meal in our new cafeteria.

The next team to arrive in late February was from Illinois and **led by Jim Murphy**.



They laid tile in the children's casita main room and the hall ways. Wow, the tile makes the casita look great. Jim's team was also able to paint part of the remodeled fish processing building.

## March:

On March 8<sup>th</sup> a **team from Genesis Metro of Frisco, Texas** arrived.



They led a VBS at our village school, painted the side of our fish processing building and installed a fence in our tilapia area.

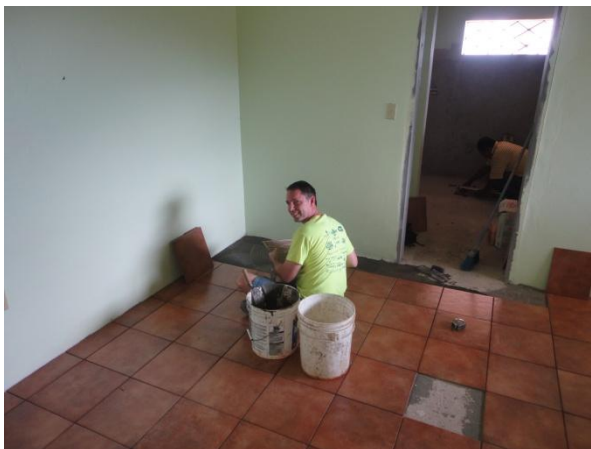
## May:

In the second week of May, we had **Katie Stuckey** from Indiana come to Promise Home to build an organic garden.



One of our needs will be to provide healthy food for our children next year. Katie took over the old Promise Home nursery and built an organic garden, planted a variety of vegetables and trained Andre (one of our Honduran workers) on how to maintain the garden.

**Jim Murphy, his wife Sandra and their friend Georgette McKenzie** came to Promise Home the second week of May.



Jim took on the hard project of tiling the floor for the children's casita while the ladies finish painting the walls in the children's casita and the back wall of our fish processing building. Jim was also working with his Honduran friend Saul to find a location for a water well project for his team later in the year.

## June:

In June, **Family Bible Church of Highland, Illinois** painted the cafeteria, held a vacation Bible school, and ran a clothing distribution with a focus on the employees of Promise Home.







They also did most of the wiring for a new aeration system for the fish ponds.

These aerators are going to allow us to more than double our fish production annually. These improvements will help us in our financial goal of receiving our first children in 2015.

June 22-29<sup>th</sup>, a team from **First Baptist Church of Vincennes, Indiana** came and did 4 days of medical/dental clinics.



The clinics were held in Toyos, Los Olivos, and La Montanita. The team partnered with local churches and pastors, as well as Honduran doctors, dentists, and nurses to treat over 1,000 patients. And each patient heard the Gospel message and received a Bible. This team worked tirelessly and did a fantastic ministry.

## July:

From June 29-July 3 another team from **First Baptist of Vincennes** came to do a variety of ministries in and around Promise Home.

This team installed several pilas in Aguacate and finalized the painting of the cafeteria. They also spent time in a local school and worked on the new electricity at the fish ponds.





During the week of July 6-12, a few folks from **FBC Vincennes** joined the youth group from Lebanon Baptist Church in Jasonville, IN came and worked tirelessly on a variety of ministries. This team did several days of vacation Bible school, built nearly 750 feet of fence around the new fish ponds, and installed several more pilas in Aguacate. This team again reaffirmed our belief that God is raising a generation who care passionately for the poor, oppressed, orphan and widow.



From July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 12<sup>th</sup>, a **medical/dental team from First Baptist Church of Frisco Texas** was working in our area. **Barbara Barlthrop** (a retired nurse) was a member of that team. She had a one day clinic at Promise Home providing care for our neighbors and our workers.



Every year Barbara comes to Promise Home and spends a day with us and we all really appreciate her help.



During the week of July 25 through July 30<sup>th</sup>, we had a team from **The Heights Church in Richardson, Texas** come to Promise Home to work on construction projects and to minister to the people in our community.

They had three major projects. They installed the soffit purlins on our new cafeteria and worked on the tilapia security fence.



They also installed a water line from our water well to the village water tank and spent a morning providing a VBS program for the children in our village.



## October:

**The first team was from the Heights Church in Richardson, Texas.** This is the third year that this team has been here in October. Each time the team starts a new building with the rough out plumbing. This year the team installed the rough out plumbing for the new preschool/admin building and the Director's home.





Since they were a plumbing team, they also installed all of the plumbing fixtures in the children's casita. This is eleven toilets, nine showers, and eleven bathroom sinks.

For an offsite ministry, the team had a half day VBS for a school (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) in our area and installed two pilas for two poor families in our community.

**The second team was also from the Heights Church.** Since the plumbing was complete, the team worked on a punch list of things to do to complete the children's casita.



The team also built 300 feet of security fence for our tilapia business. In Honduras, everything has to be guarded or fenced in to keep it safe. For their offsite ministry project, they installed two pilas.

During the third week of October, **Jim and Sandra Murphy led a new team from Koke Mill Church in Springfield, IL.** The team was given the chance to explore a wide range of ministry opportunities. Their primary focus at Promise Home was to complete the remaining 500' of security fence to enclose the tilapia farm. They were also able to put the finishing touches on the first casita.

One morning the team installed two pilas, which they used as an opportunity to share the gospel, and to pray with the people in the area.



The team also did a three day crusade, with VBS, and planted a church in a small community between San Pedro Sula and Villa Nueva.





There were approximately twenty adults, mostly younger men, who received Christ during the revival. Then the following week another four people made the decision.

***Our God is great!*** The third day ended with a food distribution of 1600 pounds of rice and beans.

### November:

**We had a team from Austin, Texas** come for one week to install a bridge across a river that cuts our village in half. The children have to cross the river to attend school and family members have to cross the river just to visit. **The Frisco Texas Sunrise Rotary** provided the funds to build the bridge and our friends from Austin volunteered to build it.



While the team was building the bridge, we watched a girl dressed for school fall into the water while trying to cross the river. We watched a young mother carrying her baby cross the water in waist deep water.





Our friends in the village were anxious to help and provided most of the hard work but we were most grateful to the small team from Austin that designed and provided the leadership to build the bridge.

### 2014 Ministry Team Pila Projects:

This is our second year with the pila ministry. Our teams really get a blessing from this ministry, and the families get a chance to see God's love.

It takes about an hour to install a pila. This gives the team a chance to touch poverty and pray for the family receiving the pila.





This year we installed twenty pilas. *Jim Murphy's team holds the record of installing seven pilas in one day.*



In Honduras the poorest families will build a mud home just off of the highway between the highway and someone's property. If no one tears down the home, they will later build a better home. These people have nothing. They do their laundry, dishes and bath with the system shown below.







## Church Ministries:

Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> marked the third anniversary of our church at Promise Home. They had quite a celebration with BBQ and a musical group.



Our church was blessed this year when **The Heights Church from Richardson, Texas** decided to fund the church for three years and to come along side Aldemo, our pastor, and work with him to improve the church ministry and to help make it financially independent. The Heights Church has also agreed to provide the funds for a used bus to be used by the church and the children's home.



## Tilapia Business Unit:

The tilapia business has exceeded our expectations. To meet the higher demand for tilapia fish, we decided to expand the business by adding ten new ponds.

The second week of January, we started on the dirt work required to add the new ponds. We had an excavator reroute the creek on the West side of the property and grading the area for the new ponds.



**God has blessed Promise Home and its ministries this year with teams and churches that understand the children's needs here in Honduras. God has answered our prayers for help with the children's division and provided a partnership with Orpan Outreach. All of these blessings helps us move closer to our long term goal of providing for the abused and abandoned children of Honduras.**

