

Missions Prayer UPDATE

"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

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Missions Focus:

A New Season for Honduras

Honduras has been a field of outreach for Applegate Christian Fellowship since the mid 1980s. We have had the opportunity to reach out to this impoverished Central American country in many ways over the years.

Our missionary work began with short-term evangelistic trips to minister to Nicaraguan refugees and Hondurans alike. Matt and Cyndy McCollum moved there in January of 1992 as full time "resident missionaries." From the 1990s until the summer of 2004, the ministry under Matt's leadership focused on Bible schools, short-wave radio broadcasting and church planting.

In our 20 years of outreach to Honduras we as a body have seen the reaping of both "much fruit" (*John 15:5*) as well as "fruit that remains" (*John 15:16*). Dozens of young men have been able to study through the scriptures in the Bible schools, many of them eventually becoming pastors. Of them, three have stood out. Pedro, Ludy and Eduardo have excelled in evangelism, Bible teaching and pastoring. They have each started a fellowship and are tirelessly devoted to discipling the next generation of Godly leaders in their communities for the Gospel of Jesus and His Word. In August 2004 leadership of the Honduras Mission was passed to Vicente Pintor. Vicente has diligently co-labored in our missions work and has invested years of service dedicated to reaching the lost in Honduras, Mexico, the USA and elsewhere.



The Vicente & Heidi Pintor family

A New Season Brings New Growth

In an effort to reach a larger audience of natives in the Miskito and Garifuna languages, our "Through the Bible" teaching ministry

which was previously heard on short-wave radio will now be aired on several FM stations. Vicente, who has both the heart and talent for evangelism, takes to the streets of La Ceiba each week to reach out to some of the roughest and most neglected areas of the city. In early October Vicente brought Creation Science Seminars, presented by our own Dr. Lee Ryker, to La Ceiba area high school science teachers, Honduran pastors and local youth groups.

With five growing fellowships, monthly evangelistic outreaches, discipleship ministry in three geographical areas and languages, and the “Through the Bible” radio programs—the Applegate Christian Fellowship has never been more active and zeroed-in on the ministry God has given us in Honduras.



*Creation Science Seminars
with Dr. Lee Ryker*

Read more in the “Native Missionaries” section.

Mexico



Jim & Julie Courson

Resident Missionaries

Praise Reports: We were very blessed recently by a visit from the “Single Devotion Bible Study” group led by Jim Wright. This group spent time loving on the orphans of “The Mission” as well as the impoverished Indian families of a nearby migrant worker camp.

Prayer Requests:

- That the Lord would bring young men to join the mission staff for the fall/winter season.
- That the orphans would continue to enjoy good health though faced with challenging disabilities.
- For the adoptions that are in progress. . . that the process of paperwork might conclude.

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Honduras



**Vicente & Heidi
Pintor**

Praise Reports: We are thankful for the faithfulness of God in this new season (see *Mission Focus*, front cover). The death of Vicente’s dear friend and co-laborer Julio, although a deeply felt loss, has given many opportunities to share Jesus to grieving family and friends.

Prayer Requests:

- That the Lord would comfort Vicente’s heart from the loss of Julio as well as bring him a new disciple and co-laborer for the street evangelism.
- That the Pintor family residency papers be signed soon.
- Good health for the Pintor family.

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Praise Reports: The Doells are noticeably excited about their new missions ministry at the Calvary Chapel Castle in Austria. They help oversee a six-week discipleship course called "A Vision for Life." They are daily encouraging and instructing young disciples from around Europe and the U.S. Matt teaches daily Bible classes and helps administrate the school. Anika is both "mom" to their 8-month-old daughter Emerie, as well as many of the gals attending the school. Matt and Anika take students on weekly Sunday visits to nearby Calvary Chapels in Austria and Hungary. You can check out their complete newsletter on line at www.applegatefellowship.org/missions/austria.asp

Prayer Requests:

- Anointing for their calling as disciplers.
- Favor and speed getting their residencies.
- For the many adjustments, and for settling into this new life & ministry.
- Health of body, family, marriage and witness.

Zambia

**AIDS Orphans**

Praise Reports: Praise the Lord for a profitable time of "searching out the land" and getting direction for our future ministry there.

Prayer Requests:

- Wisdom in setting up this new mission opportunity.
- Ed Young and family as they travel to further facilitate the construction of an orphanage and the establishment of our future ministry in Zambia.
- The hand of the Lord to extend love and blessing through the house moms to Dorothy, Josephine, Sampson, Barbara, Dorcas, Joseph, Mapalo, Doris, Ruth, Fred and Cecilia, the present AIDS orphans.

Native Missionaries

**Pedro Zapata
Honduras**

Praise Reports: Pedro has had some unique ministry opportunities lately. In recent months he has overseen the construction of Batalla Christian Fellowship's first church building. While in this costal Garifuna village he continued to pour himself into his disciple Gildo who now pastors that congregation. Pedro, increasingly in demand as a Bible teacher, just finished sharing at an interdenominational Garifuna youth rally near La Ceiba. He is presently teaching through Acts for the Garifuna audio Bible commentary we are building.

Prayer Requests:

- A U.S. visa to travel to Virginia to marry his long time fiancé, Elsa.
- Permission to broadcast his teachings on a large FM station covering much of the north coast of Honduras.

**Ludy Washington
Honduras**

Praise Reports: Ludy has been pastoring his fellowship in the city of La Ceiba for six years. As the Bible teacher for our "Through the Bible" broadcast in the Miskito language, many teaching opportunities have opened for Ludy. His teachings now air five days a week on a local FM station that cover much of the Mosquito Coast.

Prayer Requests:

- Wisdom to pace himself with the overwhelming demand for his instruction.
- Health for his wife Mordicia who is often sick.





Eduardo Bonifacio
Honduras

Praise Reports: Eduardo is known as an articulate Bible teacher and a levelheaded leader. He has begun to oversee the other Garifuna pastors Gregorio and Gildo while Pedro is in transition. On top of pastoring a Garifuna congregation in La Ceiba, Eduardo also travels bi-monthly to teach the Bible and evangelize in different Garifuna villages of the North Coast of Honduras.

Prayer Requests:

- Spiritual impact for the village of Punta Piedra where Eduardo will hold his next evangelistic crusade in December.
- Health and Encouragement for his wife Denaisi who recently suffered the miscarriage of their first child.

Short-term Trips

Burkina Faso

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January 21 – Feb 21

Trip Summary: Jerry will be traveling to Burkina once again to carry out this strategic outreach combining Bible teaching, food distribution, and building roofs for eager congregations which have already put up the adobe walls of their churches. Jerry is always up to taking visitors with him to help in this physically challenging yet spiritually exciting outreach.

Prayer Requests:

- Spiritual impact of the pastors that will be receiving teaching in the conferences and Bible schools.
- Relief for the ongoing economic hardships that are faced daily by the 13 million citizens of this country where the annual per capita income is only \$320 (0.7% of US).

Siberia

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March 3 – 14, 2005

Trip Summary: Pray about joining us for this opportunity in personal evangelism in the city of Novosibirsk. This city of Siberia Russia has very, very few Christians at present and only one Calvary Chapel. We will be street witnessing through translators as well as doing follow-up and counseling after evangelistic music concerts.

Prayer Requests:

- Trip logistics.
- Provision of a quality youth band for the concerts.

Ukraine

Team leaders:

**Brian & Denise
Leblanc**

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June 2005

Trip Summary: "The harvest is always plentiful in the Ukraine" says Brian Leblanc. You are invited to be a part of planting a new church in a town near the Black Sea where there is virtually no Christian testimony at present. We will be evangelizing in schools, marketplaces, orphanages and on the streets through translators.

Prayer Requests:

- Laborers for the ever-present harvest.