

Honduras Agape Foundation Board Meeting

April 21, 2010

Trinity United Methodist Church

Attendance: Bill Bengtson, Allen Blancett, George Dewhirst, Karen Livingston, George Sewell, Jerry Taylor, Tommy Thompson, Sam Turnipseed

Excused: June and Ken Blohm, Randy Shelley, Roxanne Turnipseed

1. **Meeting opened at 6:57 pm with a devotional and prayer by Tommy.**

2. **Meeting agenda was approved as written.**

3. **Consent Agenda was approved as written.**

4. **Committee Reports—questions, motions, actions**

Executive (See Attachment #1)

Allen briefly reported on the HAF Initiatives Assessment information obtained during late March trip by Allen and the Blohms. His comprehensive community assessment of Santa Clara conducted during late March will be submitted to the Board for review. Follow-up will be done with the Blohms to determine whether comprehensive assessment data was collected from Texoxengales and La Montanita.

Finance (See Attachment #2)

Board members briefly discussed the new finance report draft prepared by the treasurer to track quarterly expenditures in relationship to proposed budgets within each committee. Because the treasurer was not able to attend this meeting, a recommendation was made that the finance committee meet to review the proposed committee budgets and develop a report format that would clearly document both the income and the expenditures and track temporary reallocation of funds between budgeted areas.

Awareness and Development (See Attachment #3)

Tommy Thompson displayed a sample t-shirt with the new design for the fundraising bicycle ride. Copies of the bicycle ride registration brochure were distributed, and Board members were encouraged to make additional copies as needed and to continue to recruit riders and obtain pledges for participants.

Construction (See Attachment #4)

--Allen reported that the bathroom/shower complex at the White Dove School in Santa Clara is progressing with funds from sources apart from HAF. By early April, the stools and sinks had been purchased and the wall construction had been completed almost to roof level.

--Sam requested an update on the status of the home additions for Lencho and Nelson in Santa Clara. Allen reported that he had discussed this with Arturo during his March visit and told him that these requests were being evaluated along with other community requests based on the new holistic, community-based approach being implemented by HAF. During tonight's meeting, it was determined that a review of the original project request (including cost of materials, labor fees, volunteer participation of home-owners, etc.) is warranted as part of the evaluation process.

Medical (See Attachment #5)

Given the current financial status of HAF and the financial obligations of the current medical outreach programs, the medical committee was requested to closely monitor spending and insure that funding to support any medical initiatives is available before it is expended (in the same way that project funding for other committees is handled).

Evangelism and Nurture (See Attachment #6)

Travel (See Attachment #7)

George reported that there are only a few people signed up for each of the summer mission teams, so recruitment for these teams is urgently needed. In addition, he requested that the IPC develop project plans for these teams that allow for advance planning and coordination by team leaders.

Agape Promises (See Attachment #8)

During the April mission team, team members identified a needy child from Francisco Bogran School. When a team member met with staff from the local Compassion program to determine her potential qualification to be included in their program, they indicated that the child was not a good candidate for their program. Several Board members discussed the possibility of referring this child for consideration for the Agape Promises program. Karen agreed to follow-up with the Blohms on this matter.

Highway (Tejeres) Ministry (See Attachment #9)

Sam and Allen provided information obtained during meetings with leaders from the Tejerés community during March and April. Because much of the new information differs from or otherwise contradicts feedback received during the initial community assessments done in February, Board members agreed that additional work is needed to develop consistency in communication among leaders of that community and HAF and to determine the real needs and relative priorities of needs expressed by the people there.

5. Topics for Discussion

In order to help identify common ground and clear up ambiguity and/or discord that has arisen in the recent past, Board members engaged in an extensive time of open dialogue to discuss HAF operating procedures and guidelines as they relate to several key areas of our ministry. Each of the eight members present was asked to share his individual thoughts on the issues as “I want . . .” statements as opposed to “We ought/need . . .,” or “We’ve always . . .” Topics addressed included: (1) the role and functioning of committees in relationship to the larger BOD, (2) the selection and management of construction projects, (3) the process for receiving, evaluating, and responding to requests for assistance, (4) financial recordkeeping and budget issues, (5) communication between HAF and our administrative assistant in Honduras, and (6) involvement with Starkville (in relation to designated funds and project implementation). Allen and Karen agreed to capture the thoughts presented at the meeting and develop a “straw man” which would identify general areas of consensus and those areas still in need of further discussion and debate.

6. Next Monthly BOD Meeting: May 19, 2010—Trinity United Methodist Church

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

8. Closing prayer given by Allen.

Consent Agenda

General Motions:

- 1. Approve the minutes of the Mar. 17, 2010 meeting as written.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Livingston

Committee Reports Follow as Attachments

Attachment #1

HAF Initiatives Assessment Trip – March, 2010

Three members of the HAF BOD visited Honduras in March to review progress on various HAF initiatives and assess needs and opportunities for future initiatives. Allen Blancett visited Santa Clara from March 18-25, then joined Ken and June Blohm in Quimistan March 26-April 1. This table is a brief overview of activities and key findings. Highlights indicate need for continuing attention or opportunity for new initiatives that can meet needs.

	Santa Clara	La Montanita	Texoxingales	Tejeres	Quimistan
Water purity	Tested—all OK from BSFs, not otherwise	Tested—v. slight contam.; assess later	Tested at new source—v. slight contam.; assess later	Discussed; crucial need; BSF demo this summer?	Tested kitchen; all OK
Water supply	Revised system piping; re-introduced storage tank, good supply now	Reviewed completed project; ample amount and pressure. Community thrilled.	Confirmed pipeline elevation & path; communicated to CC. Ready to proceed.	Discussed expectations of well; corrected false perceptions	
Justa stoves	80% excellent, 20% misused	Uniformly pleased about no smoke and less wood usage	Awaiting go-ahead to build two stoves in school kitchen		Offered to build stove for Martha; location TBD
Latrines		Examined holes dug and ready	High enthusiasm for help with latrines	Needed; unsure about dry latrines; demo offered	
AP					Observed alt. teacher (Ana Mateo)
Hospital					Delivered donations; discussed agreement and principles
Community Health Workers		“Good progress”	“Good progress”; delivered nebulizer for ready use by community		
Nurse Training					Delivered donated supplies
Home constr.					Discussed with Sandra, visited property, requested helpers
Desks & benches		Saw no progress since January team left! Expressed disappointment, got assurance of action	More requested		
Microenterprise		Met with group of ladies, brought back tortilla cloths etc., Asked them to hold up while market is being			

		assessed.			
Community Development Assessment Tool	Completed initial draft	Completed initial draft?	Completed initial draft?		
BanPais					Got security tokens required for online access; still not acceptable

Other notes:

- Men in La Montanita exhibited pride in completing their water project; women were enthusiastic about having water.
- Men in Teo are eager to work on their water project. Their water shortage is crucial.
- Confirmed our ability to get stoves built without paying for labor (once a village is trained).
- Confirmed that Teo school and kitchen both have a new roof; Teo men roofed the kitchen
- Identified key needs/interests of Teo women: community corn grinder; health center; latrines; Justa stoves
- Tejerer thought we were proceeding to buy property, drill a well, install a pump and maybe a tank, and extend their water distribution system. They weren't at all interested in BSFs or latrines at first. Now demo units may be wanted.
- Tejerer "leaders" appear to change for each visit. Did not see Omar Matute. Who are the real leaders?
- Got agreement from Suyapa to discuss health benefits of BSFs experienced in Santa Clara, when Tejerer community is interested.
- Visited family of "Baby Moises" to confirm success of surgery and closeout of ongoing support.
- Rejected proposal for help on water systems for Ocotel Tupido and El Higuero—too expensive for HAF.

Travel												
NET	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29.87	\$ 129.80					\$ 159.67	
							pending	pending				

BOD,

Above is a new way of looking at our financial status. If your committee submitted a budget, the figures in the column have been inserted as per your submitted budget. If your committee did not submit one, Allen and I agreed on a draft figure.

I am trying to get us on a quarterly wiring system to the accounts in BanPais. I have taken expenses from Oct. 2009 whether it was expenditure in the US or funds wired to the BanPais accounts to gather an "YTD spending". I have taken your "draft budget" minus "YTD spending" to show a 'Remaining balance'.

For those who are intent on collecting funds for specific projects like "Adopt a village", please do not add that info to your 'remaining balance' as those funds are included in our hope to make the total budget of \$ 78,397.00 in deposited funds for fiscal 2010.

Remember this is a work in progress. The "old" way of looking at our finances is copied below.

Unfortunately, I will be with my mother and will miss the meeting. Please forward any questions or concerns regarding my report to me via email. I will address them asap.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Turnipseed
Treasurer, HAF

	October	November	December	January	February	March	Sum, 10/1/09-9/30/10	Sum since 1/1/10
Beginning each month								
Cash on hand				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Cash in Checking Account	\$ 7,190.85	\$ 8,097.23	\$ 2,793.53	\$ 11,259.40	\$ 5,018.28	\$ 10,296.74		
Cash in Vanguard Account	\$ 8,226.07	\$ 3,227.03	\$ 4,222.38	\$ 19,222.73	\$ 16,223.21	\$ 4,223.31		
Cash in Quimistan Bank	\$ 712.62	\$ 2,277.99	\$ 3,196.47	\$ 218.34	\$ 219.00	\$ 2,808.75		
Total Cash--Beginning Month	\$ 16,129.54	\$ 13,602.25	\$ 10,212.38	\$ 30,700.47	\$ 21,460.49	\$ 17,328.80		
Deposits to Checking Account Designated								
Agape Promises	\$ 160.00	\$ 1,641.00	\$ 8,981.00	\$ 2,334.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 684.01	\$ 14,920.01	\$ 4,138.01
Mission Trips	\$ 5,014.70	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 5,710.61	\$ 2,033.00	\$ 1,110.25	\$ 4,196.39	\$ 20,696.95	\$ 7,871.64
Home Construction	\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ -
School Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Meds, Anti-parasites, fluorides	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 450.00
Adopt-a-Village	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 250.00
Higher Education Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Children's Home Fund	\$ -	\$ 187.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 187.00	\$ -
Highway Ministry	\$ 215.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 2,635.00	\$ 1,920.00
Benevolence Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Santa Clara ministry	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 857.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,107.00	\$ 150.00
Travel Scholarship Fund	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Undesignated								
General Donations	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,373.25	\$ 4,489.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 4,710.00	\$ 764.00	\$ 16,811.25	\$ 9,524.00

Newsletter Response	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,770.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 3,295.00	\$ 525.00
Fundraising Campaign Response	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 4,295.00	\$ 3,280.00
Misc.	\$ 30.00	\$ 217.50	\$ 147.50	\$ 60.25	\$ (461.00)	\$ 2,380.50	\$ 2,374.75	\$ 1,979.75
Total Deposits	\$ 7,894.70	\$ 6,448.75	\$ 25,505.11	\$ 8,487.25	\$ 7,899.25	\$ 9,529.90	\$ 70,136.96	\$ 30,288.40

**Disbursements from Checking Account and Vanguard Account
"Nondiscretionary Recurring Expenditures"**

Agape Promises	\$ -	\$ (3,707.33)	\$ -	\$ (5,318.00)	\$ (2,544.01)	\$ -	\$ (16,569.34)	\$ (12,862.01)
Mission Trip Expenses	\$ (5,775.80)	\$ (7,743.70)	\$ -	\$ (4,858.68)	\$ (3,236.39)	\$ (3,820.00)	\$ (25,434.57)	\$ (11,915.07)
Medical Support (inc. Doctor & Nurse)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (36.05)	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ (1,829.29)	\$ -	\$ (5,665.34)	\$ (5,629.29)
Administrative Exp. Honduras	\$ (21.25)	\$ (913.75)	\$ -	\$ (1,040.00)	\$ (181.25)	\$ (1.25)	\$ (4,659.50)	\$ (3,724.50)
Administrative Exp. USA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,645.12)	\$ (369.69)	\$ (144.36)	\$ -	\$ (2,219.17)	\$ (574.05)
Evangelism	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (46.69)	\$ -	\$ (146.99)	\$ (24.94)	\$ (218.62)	\$ (171.93)

Discretionary Expenditures

Building Homes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ (10,000.00)
School Projects	\$ (2,771.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,771.00)	\$ (1,000.00)
Other Community Projects	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ (3,054.50)	\$ -	\$ (12,354.50)	\$ (11,354.50)
Highway Ministry	\$ (215.00)	\$ (355.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,285.00)	\$ (560.00)	\$ -	\$ (5,361.00)	\$ (4,791.00)
Misc. cost	\$ (1,674.22)	\$ 2,067.33	\$ (311.38)	\$ -	\$ (2,581.07)	\$ (204.39)	\$ (2,855.73)	\$ (2,937.46)

Other Designated Funds

Higher Education Fund	\$ (381.05)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (142.93)	\$ -	\$ (523.98)	\$ (142.93)
Benevolence Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100.00)	\$ (100.00)	\$ (200.00)	\$ (200.00)
Travel Scholarship Fund	\$ (100.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100.00)	\$ -
Santa Clara Ministry	\$ (50.00)	\$ (100.00)	\$ -	\$ (857.00)	\$ (100.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,407.00)	\$ (1,257.00)
Children's Home Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Disbursements	\$ (11,988.32)	\$ (10,752.45)	\$ (2,039.24)	\$ (17,728.37)	\$ (14,620.79)	\$ (4,150.58)	\$ (91,339.75)	\$ (66,559.74)

Deposits to Vanguard Account

Wachovia Checking to Vanguard	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Donations to Vanguard Account						\$ 1,305.48		\$ 1,305.48
Interest Earned on Vanguard Deposits	\$ 0.96	\$ (4.65)	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.10	\$ -	\$ (2.76)	\$ 0.58

Disbursements from Vanguard Account

Vanguard Wires to Quimistan	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ (12,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ (42,000.00)
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Other wires to Quimistan

Western Union Wires to Quimistan	\$ 1,030.00						\$ 1,030.00	\$ -
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End of Month

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Attachment #3

Awareness and Development

- The committee assisted with publicity for the upcoming "Ride to The Park" fundraiser, scheduled for May 22, including church bulletin and newsletter announcements, flyers, SAG wagon signs, and the design for the T-shirts that each participant will receive.
- A question regarding the use of a PayPal account linked to the HAF web site was brought up at the last meeting. This is doable from the web site standpoint, but would involve setting up and maintaining a new PayPal account, which our Treasurer does not wish to take on at this time. As an alternative, we are looking into the feasibility of setting up a web site link directly to the HAF Wells Fargo account in Aiken.
- Photos from the February mission trip have been selected, sorted and titled, and have been posted on my Picasa web page and linked to our HAF web site. **I welcome photos from others from other mission trips, past or future.** Send them to me and I will have them linked to our web site, or set up your own Picasa web page and give me the address so that I may have it linked to the HAF site. Mission trip videos posted to YouTube may also be linked to the HAF site.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Thompson, Chairman
Awareness & development

Attachment #4

Construction

1. Holistic approach to communities
 - Stoves for lungs
 - Water supply (capacity and quality)
 - Health, including dental hygiene
 - Spiritual
 - Other defined needs
 - *We supply the basics, the community supplies labor and finances as far as possible/practical*
2. Review local assistance needs:
 1. Currently use Jose Pinto for project estimates and construction in and near Q
 2. Some concern re use of same individual for estimate and construction
 3. New areas of activity, La Montanitas and Teo (Texoxengalis), are remote. Pinto has only a bicycle for transportation
 4. Need to consider Daniel Reyes. He has a pickup, has construction experience in the US, speaks excellent English, and has construction company contacts in the area. Currently is constructing his home and is getting competitive bids on specific projects. Have made contact. Still talking with him.
 5. Ron Livingston will get new BSF forms to Honduras.

Undesignated CC funds:

- If I read the balance sheet correctly, the CC has residual funds from previous projects of about \$1200. I assume the BOD will allow us to direct these to projects that are approved but that may need additional funds to complete. For example, Justa stoves.

PROJECT SUMMARY BY LOCATION:

Quimistan:

1. Justa stoves for Gloria and Martha. First Presbyterian SS class designated part of their \$345 donation for a stove for Martha.

Santa Clara:

1. 2 bathrooms and shower and pila at kindergarten. Estimate \$2446 includes \$635 labor. No progress. Priority and funds?
2. Home additions for Nelson and Lencho. Priority and funds?

Tejeras:

1. BSF at Omar's – complete
2. More BSF's – Ron to get forms to Honduras. Will contact Maynor to determine number needed.
3. 2 Justa stoves are complete. Contact Maynor for number needed.

La Montanita:

1. Justa stoves – 11 complete. Village has defined 9 additional needs for stoves. Funds not available. After adding \$120 to the original \$1500, short about \$700 total for stoves for La M and Teo. Realize additional funds are donated.
2. Latrines – 4 requested construction underway. Units for a home, w/o labor about \$40. \$400 available. Repaired 1 at the school. School latrines seem adequate. One estimated by Jose Pinto is \$364. (No cistern.).
3. Water supply – water is good. New parallel 2 and 1.5 inch line installed by residents. Final cost now appears close be about \$2.8k. Funds provided. Labor by the residents. Water volume in excess of requirement. Overflow from tank to pond for raising fish. La M is/will supply water to homes further down the mountain.

Texoxengales:

1. 1 stove built in the cafeteria by Santos from La M. Request 25 more. Funds not available. Short about \$700 total for stoves for La M and Teo.
2. Some desks for students completed. Contact Maynor for total completed and additional needed.
3. Roof repaired by residents.
4. The cafeteria and kitchen were in bad shape. Windows poor. Work to be done by residents. Cafeteria now in use with new stove and roof. Unsure of status of other minor work.
5. New water supply source being installed. Residents providing all labor. Final cost appears slightly over original estimate of \$3k (\$3,021). Total funds available. Digging complete, constructing dam, about 30 men available each day. Estimated completion is about 2 weeks. Level control shut off valves already supplied for the 2 tanks.

Jicaro:

1. Foot bridge: Jose Pinto provided design concept and cost of \$3017 (1482 material, 1535 labor). Approximately 10 meters by 1.5 meters.
2. Info is about 7 students affected. Currently use a log to cross. Parent input as to how they would solve the problem needed. Other contractor input as to concept and price?
3. Input from Drs. Elsa and Constantino is the residents are not cooperative. Ken and June considering dropping from medical program.
4. IPC and BOD need to address our involvement here.

Canada School:

1. Old request for a ball field, estimated \$16k. CC did not recommend this project. Will not comment on this again unless instructed by the BOD to keep on our list.

Sandra's House:

1. Starkville has been cooperative in agreeing to additional funds.
2. CC is working to determine how much local support is available for this project.
3. CC will submit a plan for construction of this home at the May BOD meeting.
4. CC strongly recommends that HAF members and/or team members contribute to the labor working alongside locals.
5. Cooperation from many sectors has been good, and we anticipate that the varied concerns of our board members will be addressed.

Requests for Assistance:

- Furniture for 32 for 32 students at Mirta Sofia Figueroa Orallana at Los Hornos. Size of furniture/age groups?

- Build 2 classrooms at this location.
- Classrooms for 7th and 8th grades in La Acequia.
- Possibly get Government assistance for these locations?
- Rio Chiquito requests help in building a church.
- IPC and BOD must address issue of how many towns we get involved with to preclude diluting our objective of bringing a town up to minimum standards in selected areas. CC can obtain cost estimates in locations that are approved.

Construction Committee Operating Guidelines:

- Develop the scope, design and cost estimate of projects.
- Construct facilities approved and assigned by the BOD.
- Manage the local project coordinator as he works with projects.
- Track and control expenditures from here with assistance of Maynor and possibly Daniel. Advise the BOD as soon as this possibility becomes apparent.
- If funds are depleted, request additional from the BOD before work continues.
- If additional designated funds supplementing the original estimate are available, continue with the project using these funds and notify the BOD, treasurer and Maynor of this action.
- CC will investigate aspects of appropriateness of projects, and may advise the BOD or the IPC, but we are not responsible for recommendation to the BOD.

Recommendation to the BOD from the Construction Committee:

Members of the CC strongly believe in the transfer of physical and financial responsibility to the people of Honduras. They believe just as strongly that many team members enjoy and get satisfaction from hands on working alongside the Hondurans. This also develops strong relationships. Projects that allow for this joint physical work should be available for each team trip, when this is feasible.

Submitted by George Sewell,
Construction Committee Chair
April 17, 2010

Attachment #5
Medical Health

Dr Elsa had a baby girl, Sofia Natalia. Mother and baby are doing well. They are due back in Quimistan April 5th. Normal maternity leave in Honduras is 2 months so we hope to have the Doctor back with us in June.

Obtain lower cost meds

- Through Roger Carr of GlaxoSmithKline, Karen has a list of meds which they might supply. She is focusing on the dental items and the vitamins for now.

Dental care / prevention – cleaning and fluoride:

- During March Maynor continued dental hygiene for over 900 children in various villages. Fluoride and deworming were included in this outreach.
- The April team brought down a resupply of the meds required to continue this outreach to Francisco Bogram, the large elementary school in Quimistan.
- We continue to follow up on the donated dental chair and lights in an effort to transport these items to the Quimistan Hospital.

Preventative medical health work in the aldeas

- Training Community Health Care Workers
 - LaMontanita – steady progress has been made in the training of Juana and Xiomara. Currently they are treating 15 high blood pressure patients. Next step is to train them in the use of the nebulizer.

- Teo – Training has begun with Iris and Vilma focused on asthma. Dr Constantino plans to accelerate their training in the next several weeks so LaMontanita and Teo will be at about the same stage of their training. At that time there is a tentative plan to get the two groups together for sharing and next steps.
- Dr. Constantino from the group of doctors at the Quimistan Hospital has been pinch hitting for Dra Elsa
- Continued work on the 6 villages for medical outreach via the brigades
- Dr. Constantino and Maynor recommended dropping El Pinal and Jicaro from the list of 6 villages due to proximity to the Quimistan Public Health Center (both) and a lack of cooperation/interest in the case of El Pinal. They believe there are villages with greater need. The Medical Committee will be taking up this recommendation

Latrines

- The go ahead was given to LaMontanita for 4 latrines. The holes have been dug and construction should begin soon.
- At the women's roundtable in Teo, mention of the word latrines caused women to charge the front of the room to get on the list. As a result Vilma will be visiting each home and taking an inventory of latrines and indicating any special health or disability situation.

Eye clinic

- The doctors at the Quimistan Hospital recommended that a technician who installed and services their high tech equipment see if he could trouble shoot the machine. We left the autorefractor at the Hospital so the technician could check it out when in Quimistan in the next 2 weeks.
- During this time when the auto refractor is not available we are using near vision eye charts to continue this ministry. In March an eye clinic was held in Teo.

Nurse Edith's son continues in and out of the hospital for treatment of his cancer. Her participation remains unknown.

Agreement with the Quimistan Hospital

- While in Quimistan in March we drafted an agreement and reviewed the draft with Dr Constantino to get his feedback. He will be taking it back for discussion with the other doctors.
- As background it should be noted that in January when we met with the 4 doctors who are partners in the Hospital they encouraged us to charge a minimal fee for any medical services we perform. They quoted an old Honduran saying...roughly translated..."what doesn't cost anything doesn't have value." They noted that anyone who genuinely couldn't afford the nominal fee should be treated without cost. Historically we charged 20 Lempira (\$1USD) for a consultation with meds at the Agape clinic.
- The Medical Committee needs to discuss this idea and come forward with a recommendation to the Board.

Tejeras

- Our intent had been to ask Tejeras to inventory the meds they currently cannot obtain from the Quimistan Public Health Clinic. However the appropriate people were not at our meeting so we will be asking Maynor to follow up on this study.
- The people of Tejeras had received the personal hygiene chat in January. We will be doing the chat again now that Tejeras is an area of focus.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken and June Blohm
April 5, 2010

Evangelism committee members Roxanne, Karen, and Beth met April 16 to review feedback from the April mission team evangelistic outreach activities, brainstorm ideas for upcoming summer mission teams, and consider possible ways to initiate and/or support community led Bible study programs for children and adults.

Review of April Team Outreach Activities:

- Martha's Sunday school (Easter Sunday)--Resurrection Eggs used to teach the Biblical account of the Easter to over 120 children plus adults followed by games—well received.
- Agape Promises children (Easter Sunday)—Resurrection Eggs used to teach the lesson then egg hunts conducted separately with both the elementary children and the older children—huge success!
- Salvation Bracelet theme VBS with three classes of elementary age children (approx. 120 children total) from Texoxengales—many children expressed a desire to accept Christ—further follow-up needed.
- Short Salvation Bracelet demonstration and craft with a small group of children (25-50) from the “San Francisco” community (village across the suspension bridge) done at Martha's by team members Jenny and Arthur K. following a brief church service led by Martha.
- Distribution of tote bags filled with school supplies for the children of White Dove School in Santa Clara—children were delighted to receive the gifts.
- Distribution of toys and supplies to “San Francisco” community children.

Ideas for Summer Mission Team Activities: Plans and locations to be finalized once we find out how many team members will be available on each team and where the teams will be conducting other projects.

- Las Montanitas—VBS type program with elementary age children using Salvation Bracelet based program
- Martha's Sunday School class—assist with meal, games, and/or other support as desired by Martha
- Agape Promises children—share snack/meal and have games, skits, songs, etc. (based on team make-up)
- Field Day type activities similar to what was done in Santa Clara last July in various locations
- Bible story time with children in villages (stories, songs, games, crafts, etc.)

Community-Led Bible Studies:

- Would like to meet with local leaders in Las Montanitas, Tejeres, and/or Texoxengales to discuss interest in setting up a weekly children's bible study/fellowship program led by local leaders but supported in part by HAF—need to identify what church support and resources currently exist for such an outreach, whether leaders are available, what format might work, and what funding might be needed to support this.
- Committee members will research potential curriculum and resources to be used—e.g. Samaritan's Purse materials used to disciple children following Operation Christmas child distributions, International Bible Society Spanish Bibles, tracts and resources from the Canadian distributor that Jenny Krugkov has used, recommendations from La Cosecha and the current AP program teachers, bilingual VBS curriculum, etc.
- Evaluate opportunities to incorporate or encourage devotional time and sharing in women's groups that regularly meet together (for example, the Las Montanitas sewing group).
- Develop opportunities for mission teams to support and encourage the mid-week Bible study group that meets in Santa Clara

Submitted by Karen Livingston,
Interim Chair Evangelism and Nurture Committee
April 17, 2010

Attachment #7
Travel

The April Team had a very successful and busy visit.

We all need to increase our recruiting for the summer trips. There are lots of opportunities and I'm sure we'll have lots of interesting projects for the summer season.

To date we have only three people signed up for the 9 – 19 June trip, six for 23 June – 3 July, and three for 6 – 16 July.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Dewhirst

Travel Coordinator
April 19, 2010

Attachment #8
Agape Promises

High School Graduates

- We held a meeting with the team addressing questions re. how to obtain funding for AP graduates to attend university, alternative education opportunities (e.g. public, private) and a process for application. After looking at various alternatives, it was decided to create a fund specifically for this purpose. Additionally, we are looking at opportunities for university graduates to support aspiring AP students. At our next meeting, we will be further identifying solutions to the questions noted above based on feedback from the March trip.
- As a special support, 2 team members have agreed to provide additional funding to help Vilma with her first year university costs.

Bible Study Update

- Last month we reported that Reyna needed to spend more time with her family. Ana Mateo, a member of La Cosecha Church agreed to fill in every other month. We had an opportunity to see her in action during our visit last week. She was very impressive. She has excellent poise, was well received by the students and was able to get a lot of interaction with the class.

Student Update

- One student dropped out of school and decided to live with her mom and boy friend. She is 14. We had the opportunity to visit with her and her mom to encourage them to reconsider. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful. She has been dropped from the AP program.
- Currently, we have 3 students who need sponsors.
 - Maria Estela Hernandez, 14 years old and in the 7th grade; graduate of Luz del Valle.
 - Luis Miguel Silva, 8 years old and in the 3rd grade. He lives with his mom; his father is not involved with his life.
 - Nily Fabricio Contreas, is 11 years old and in the 6th grade. He lives with his mom, stepfather and 2 little sisters.

We would appreciate the support of the Board members in finding sponsors for these children

Respectfully submitted,
June and Ken Blohm
April 5, 2010

Attachment #9
Highway (Tejeras) Ministry

1. Activities in Honduras
 - a. The Friday and Sunday feedings of Tejeras Community children continue.
2. The former coordinator of Tejeras activities has been removed due to some personal issues and as a result some of the planned activities have suffered from low participation, possibly because of poor communications.
3. Sam Turnipseed met with the leaders and discovered some additional information; I have attached a copy of his report for the record.
4. I am hopeful that we can obtain and demonstrate several BSF in Tejeras this summer.

Very Respectfully Submitted,
George Dewhirst
April 19, 2010