



HARVESTER'S INTERNATIONAL MISSION, INC.

# Missionary Air Group

## Mid-Year Ministry Report

### June 2014

## Delivering Help and Hope to the Honduran Frontier



(Above) Westley Wiles prepares to fly medical supplies and IHS medical team personnel from the staging area in Puerto Lempira to Rus Rus—one of many trips.  
(Back page) IHS nurse Sara Davis shares not only medicine with this young patient, but a little love as well!

For the fourth consecutive year, International Health Service (IHS), a Minnesota based medical charity, deployed a combined medical/dental team to our mission base in the village of Rus Rus, Honduras to work in partnership with our medical, aviation, and pastoral staff. The fourteen member IHS team, with us **February 17-26, 2014**, was able to utilize our hospital facility to serve more patients than in any previous year, seeing over 1500 indigenous people from **18 different villages** along the Coco River. This area, sometimes referred to even locally as “the frontier,” is particularly underserved, both medically and spiritually.

Over the course of the seven day medical/dental clinic, **1522 patients were seen in total**. Of those, **165 eye clinic patients** received 124 reading glasses and 123 pairs of sunglasses, **299 dental patients** were treated with a total of 367 teeth extracted, and **1098 medical clinic patients** were seen with **3737 prescriptions** dispensed. As always, families and even whole villages walked for a day or more seeking medical care.

Our missionary pilot and Hospital Administrator, **Westley Wiles**, stayed busy flying supplies, medicine, medical

professionals, and patients between our base, other mission sites and/or better equipped hospitals. A number of emergency medical evacuation flights were conducted and credited with saving several lives including several infants. We were additionally blessed to have **Dr. Pearl Marcy**, a second generation missionary doctor in Honduras, join our staff for this medical event. Dr. Marcy traveled to Rus Rus from her medical clinic in the mountains outside Honduras' capital city.

**Carlos Paz**, MAG's Director of Pastoral Ministries, and “Beyond Partnership” missionary **Dave Pulzetti**, worked with local bi-lingual villagers to interpret (Miskito to Spanish, Spanish to English, and back again) so patients could communicate with the medical team. **Geraldina**, our indigenous Head Nurse and her assistant, **Janeth**, worked tirelessly to organize medical records and manage the patients that overflowed the clinic for seven straight days.

The highlight of the week, however, came each evening after the clinic closed. Carlos and Dave worked with the local pastors to preach and teach and share about Jesus Christ with the large groups of villagers camped on the hospital grounds. Many heard the Gospel for the first time, responding joyfully to the invitation to know Jesus Christ. And right by their side, helping deliver a message of hope to those gathered, were some of the Honduran soldiers garrisoned in Rus Rus, who had received Christ just weeks before at our children's Bible School event. (see story inside)



*A family finds a some shade while they wait to see the doctor at this year's IHS Medical Clinic at the Rus Rus Hospital.*



## February's Vacation Bible School Brings Gospel Hope to More than Just Children

A team of six men and women traveled to MAG's Honduras mission base January 30-February 10 to hold a Vacation Bible School for children from the villages of Rus Rus and Mahbita. This was a very special team as, not only was it comprised of volunteers from both the East and West coasts of the U.S., but it was also the first time a VBS program had ever been held for these children. Led by MAG missionary **Carlos Paz**, the team consisting of **Pastor Alan Inacio**, **Dave Pulzetti**, and **Mackenzie Jackson** (from West Church, Haverhill, MA) and **Brett and Tammy White** (from Grace Baptist Church, Santa Maria, CA) also conducted a youth event and Bible study every afternoon. Unexpectedly, the small garrison of soldiers in Rus Rus asked to join the youth Bible Study resulting in several soldiers making commitments to Jesus Christ.

**From Brett & Tammy White:** "We were thrilled with the turnout to our VBS over the course of the week, averaging between 45 and 50 children each day. We began with the very basic tenets of Christianity from Creation to Salvation with the hopes that we will be able to return and build on that foundation in the years to come."

**From Carlos Paz:** "The children truly loved it. As the week of VBS drew to a close, the children responded enthusiastically to the gospel message. Without being prompted, they screamed out in prayer to receive Jesus. That was a very touching moment for us, and an eternity-changing event for each of the children."



Our "East/West" VBS Team and some of the village children.



Honduran soldiers, M-16 in one hand, new Bible in the other!

## PROJECT UPDATE—Honduras Truck

MAG was thrilled to host a construction team from Common Ground Ministries of Haverhill, MA at our base in Rus Rus from May 10-24, 2014. The team included **Ron Mills**, **Craig Dukelow**, **Will Church**, **Christopher Witte**, **Ryan Corbett**, **Cody Hart**, and **Angel Vargas** along with our own **Carlos Paz**. They added a large garage to our hangar as one of the preparatory steps to receiving the utility truck needed to support the hospital and base, as well as to conduct medical outreach to area villages. The team also re-roofed the guesthouse, and led Bible studies each night to teach and encourage the local church. These guys did a super job. Thanks Common Ground!

Half of the \$25,000 needed to purchase, outfit, and ship the truck to Rus Rus has been raised so far.



The new garage is ready and waiting to be filled with a new 4x4 utility truck for the mission base.



## Mennonite Air Mission Assists MAG in Launching Air Ambulance Service to Remote Peoples of the Peten

Scott Grote, MAG Director of Aviation Maintenance, traveled to Guatemala, April 27-May 11, to assist with repairs to the Cessna 206 aircraft made available to MAG to begin flight operations in the Peten region. Scott was working alongside Paul Jones, MAG's pilot-mechanic and Program Director in Guatemala. Getting this airplane operational is the culmination of years of preparation and groundwork, with Paul in the country full-time since last September.

This would not have been possible, however, without our partnership with the Mennonite Air Mission (MAM) who has graciously put their airplane on loan with MAG. This will allow for the remaining overhaul, modification, and deployment of MAG's own Cessna 206 aircraft, still slated for the end of 2014.

Scott and Paul completed the repairs quickly and efficiently preparing the way for the airplane's relocation from Guatemala City to our aviation base at the Mundo Maya International Airport in Santa Elena, in the heart of the Peten.

With the arrival of "44Q" on the ramp at Mundo Maya, air ambulance services and evangelistic outreach enter a new phase in the Peten. The range and speed of the Cessna 206, coupled with the air strips we already have permission to use, now put *medical help* and *spiritual hope* within reach of an estimated 100,000 people, a significant segment of the region's population.

Thank you for your continued partnership and prayer as ministry begins in earnest in Guatemala!



*Scott & Paul in the hangar in Guatemala City making repairs to "44 Quebec."*



*On the ramp at Mundo Maya International—ready for service!*

## PROJECT UPDATE—Guatemala Aircraft

While our Guatemalan flight operations begin utilizing "44Q" (see above), our own Cessna 206 slated for use in the Peten still needs an engine and additional airframe work before it can be deployed to the field—hopefully by the end of 2014.

These special modifications include a more powerful engine, long range fuel tanks, upgraded navigational system, and a specially equipped interior that will allow the airplane to be quickly converted between passenger, cargo, and air ambulance roles.

**About \$100,000 is still needed to finish and deploy this aircraft to Guatemala, with the largest single piece of that being \$75,000. for the engine.** Please contact MAG if you can help with any part of this critical need.



*"7 Alpha Charlie" awaits completion at MMS Aviation's maintenance facility in Coshocton, Ohio.*



## Missionary Air Group

*"Help and Hope by Air" to the remote peoples of the Americas*

<b>WHAT</b>	DELIVERING medical care and relief services
<b>WHERE</b>	Among REMOTE people groups
<b>HOW</b>	Through the use of AIRCRAFT
<b>WHY</b>	In order to show genuine COMPASSION So that the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ is credibly presented.



# Delivering Compassion

*"When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion on them,  
because they were harassed and helpless..."*

*Matthew 9:36*

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