



"Carrying the WORD
to the world through
personal involvement"

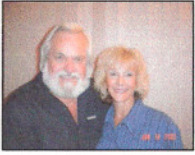
THREADS OF HOPE

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Threads of Hope Comes to Honduras

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"Give a man a fish and he will eat for that day—teach a man to fish and he can eat for a lifetime..."

People often quote the above saying when I speak to them about bringing God's "Word" through sewing training to widows, orphans, indigenous pastors and now, fishermen in Honduras.

We are establishing a Threads of Hope Sewing Training Center in La Ceiba, Honduras, located on the North coast, just south of Belize. We have already sent 5 pallets of sewing machines, thread, videos, a sewing library, a 40 foot container of fabric is being shipped the end of Feb. to La Ceiba. This is an answer to prayer, that fabric manufacturers and distributors are donating to *Threads of Hope* for our outreaches. One sailcloth manufacturer donated a full roll of sail cloth to make sails for the fishing boats being built at the mission station for the local fishermen to feed the villagers. We will go there in April to help set up the new sewing center. *While there, we will train the local people how to make and sew sails for their fishing boats.* Until now they have been making everything by hand out of plastic. They are thanking God for equipping and training them. This first trip will pave the way for a sewing team to go this summer to go teach garment sewing techniques and train trainers. We have 6 people committed to go already!

Our initial team will consist of myself, another canvas maker, Fred Boisvert, Tal and Betty Owen, who serve on the Board of directors for MVI. We are going to Honduras to partner with our MVI missionaries Scott and Susan Ledford on April 11th—15th. Susan is a skilled sewer and she tells me they have several skilled sewers wanting to learn new techniques and how to use the modern sewing machines and the foot pedal machines we sent.

I believe the sewing outreach will eventually affect more than the community it is being placed in, but will extend throughout Honduras and to surrounding countries. It has been extraordinary how this project has quickly emerged and is being equipped. So many miraculous events have taken place and the spirit of the Lord is touching hearts to help. The pieces are coming together. God has certainly opened another door for *Threads of Hope*; by His grace we go.

Because of your prayers, giving and partnership, we have reached our tenth year of ministry. We appreciate your continued support. The finances needed for this trip will be \$1,200 by April 5th. Any additional funds will be used for developing projects i.e.. (equipment, sponsorship)

Kenya update: Good news, the leadership has come to an agreement to lead the country. Finally! We are anxious to continue our projects there. The container of 700 new sewing machines we sent arrived last Oct. and is safe on church property. We sent donated funds to the widow of our Mikinduri Project Manager who was murdered in Dec. The widow, Otieno, e-mailed her heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave. We wired the funds to our administrator in Nairobi who in turn gave them to her. Praise God for His provision.

Jesus said: "Follow Me, I will make you fishers of men..."

" Together we are wrapping the world with Threads of Hope "

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