



Threads of Hope

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Threads of Hope comes to Honduras

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Hilos de Esperanza, Spanish for **Threads of Hope**. We have established a sewing training center in Laceyba Honduras, thanks to the many prayers and financial help from our supporters

Fred Boisvert and I left Tampa April the 11th on schedule as were all our flights going and coming. American Airlines was grounding planes and it made a concern for this mission to happen. God was with us the whole way as we proceeded to help our Missionary Ventures Field Coordinators Scott and Susan Ledford set up a sewing training center at the mission station there. They have a large room dedicated to this project. They are now prepared to receive sewing training teams and to do local outreaches. Scott built a large work table and shelves and placed the 12 sewing machines we sent around the room.

We checked out the machines and inventory and began making sails for the local fishermen. We met Caloi whose picture of him on his boat was in our previous letter before our trip. We learned more about him while there as we worked on making a new sail for his boat. Scott told me how they met. Caloi was very depressed and wanted to commit suicide because his lively hood was destroyed. His boat and motor he worked for all his life to buy were stolen. Scott took him under his wing and made a new fishing boat for him and now he has real sails, not the plastic garbage bag sails the local fishermen make there. Caloi is now praising God for this restoration. He is working at the mission house also and learning more about his new relationship with the Lord.

We were there for a time of dedication of the new school and classrooms and sewing center. A dozen pastors and their wives came to pray over the center. I spoke to them about **Threads of Hope**.

One morning I was guest speaker at their monthly interdenominational pastoral breakfast. It was a time of forgiveness and healing. The "Word" God gave me for them caused several to embrace and make amends. One elderly pastor hugged me and cried.

About Josh: A young man staying for two months to seek the Lord and evaluate his future, fresh from a masters degree and waiting to go to dental school. He was with us constantly and a great help. The last day Fred and I ate dinner with him at sundown on the beach across from the mission house. He asked a lot of questions about Christianity and was open about his religious upbringing. Even though he was raised religious he did not feel close to God, he said. Fred answered most of his questions and I chimed in here and there. After an hour or so I asked Josh if we could pray for him and his salvation and he remarked "please do" We laid hands on him and prayed. Josh prayed a sinner's prayer excepting Christ into his heart.

Wow! Fred and I felt so blessed that God would have us there for such a time to witness a turning point in these lives so far away!

Meanwhile the center has a co-op and contracts to make bags with hand painted scenes by local artists. Also they are building small churches in the rain forest and covering the roof and sides with the canvas yardage we sent in a 40 ft. container. Thank you for your prayers and financial support, we plan to return to Honduras with a sewing training team in Sept.

"Together we are covering the World with Threads of Hope"

Rom: 15-13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"

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