

# Family Outreach

News from Honduras

June 2007

Testimony of Briselda Mejia:

Dear Brothers and Sisters. My name is Briselda Mejia. I want to share how marvelous and wonderful our Lord is. I was baptized when I was twelve years old. As a young lady I left home and went to the city to work. While there I came to know the father of my children. I walked away from the Lord's path. My life was a mess. One day after having my third child, I decided to look for the Lord again.

My children began to go to Sunday school with Brother Carlos Sperry. I would attend from time to time. I asked Brother Carlos if he could come to my house and teach me more about the gospel. My husband was not interested. Sometimes he would hide when Brother Carlos would come to our home. After a year of classes, I asked my husband to please come. He began to attend. He did not like them. My oldest son Oscar was having a lot of problems in school. He did not pass first grade. Sister Regina Sperry asked

if she could come each week and help him with his school work. Oscar was able to pass first grade. My husband's heart began to soften.

The Lord is good. He brought Brother Carlos and Sister Regina into our lives. They have been like angels sent by God. Imagine spending seven years teaching the gospel to my family, and finally something wonderful happened!

At the Family Camp in January 2007, my husband and Oscar were baptized. I just want to praise the Lord! His mercy has been shown to us. My hope that one day we would be united in the church has come true!

Now we will be able to take the Lord's Supper together. We live a long



way from church, so we do not go regularly. Pray that now we will go as a family. I was so happy. I could not sleep the night after my husband was baptized.

Now my husband is learning how to teach our family about the scriptures. We pray as a family. Now you see how wonderful the Lord has been to us. Please pray for the Church here in Honduras. God Bless You.

Your Sister In Christ,  
Briselda Mejia

**We would like to share some of the highlights of the Family Camp. First and foremost, there was a baptismal service Sunday morning. Three individuals were born anew. Praise the Lord!**

**Classes were held for the children. The youth were taught by Charles Sperry (son). The youth also performed a musical drama of the life of Christ. They did a very good job.**

**As the weekend progressed Patricia Castillo began to see her prayers had not been in vain. She has been praying for her husband for some time. He has not been going to church on a regular basis for several years.**

**In camp her husband participated by asking questions in class. He had the family sit up front for most of the gatherings. He even participated in the drama of Christ. He played the part of Jesus.**

**Please pray for Patricia and her family. Pray that the good work that has begun in her husband will continue. The Lord is faithful!**

**During camp, the church body was introduced to Patriarch Vernon Darling. This was the first time that we know of that a Patriarch has come to Honduras. Patriarchal Blessings were performed at the camp and the following week after camp. There were a total of about eleven people who received their blessings. Many of the recipients were touched by the Holy Spirit.**

**God bless each of you. May His loving hands hold you and keep you.**

**Chuck & Regina Sperry and family**

**Sperry Family Financial Report**  
**October-December 2006**

	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>
<b>Income</b>	1,000	1,031.76	813.02
<b>Shelter</b>	114.11	87.43	112.90
<b>Clothing</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Food</b>	384.87	479.30	483.15
<b>Pers./school</b>	12.03	6.05	12.71
<b>Medical</b>	265.75	21.14	.42
<b>Transportation</b>	198.05	139.69	125.47
<b>Taxes</b>	0.00	167.68	16.41
<b>Misc Nec</b>	26.32	52.26	81.68
<b>Tithe</b>	100.00	103.18	73.16
<b>Misc Un</b>	4.24	2.58	16.35
<b>Total expenses</b>	1105.37	1059.31	922.25

**A Note of Encouragement:  
A Hymn**

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,  
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase.  
To added affliction He addeth His mercy,  
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.  
Refrain:  
His love has no limit,  
His grace has no measure.  
His power has no boundary known unto men.  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He giveth, and  
giveth, and giveth again!  
When we have exhausted our store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,  
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

# Seeking Help in the Mission Field

We would encourage you to continue supporting the missionary work of those who are living in the mission field. We know what a blessing it is to the missionaries to have the support of their brothers and sisters of the church. I would ask you to continue to pray for the saints there and for the work as it is growing. There is a tremendous need for workers in this part of the harvest.

If you have an interest in helping with the missionary work in Latin America we would like to encourage you to consider how you might be able to assist. Speaking Spanish is very helpful but not a requirement. Pray and ask the Lord what His will is for you. It is fine if you only have two or three weeks to share. Any help would be graciously accepted. If there are young adults or others who have a desire and feel the Lord prompting them to serve for a month or more - that would be a blessing. There is much to be done not only in Honduras but in Guatemala and throughout Latin America. There are contacts that have been made that have yet to be followed up. Here is an opportunity to serve and help spread the Restored Gospel to the people of promise. Once again the work is in need of servants to go and help. If you cannot go but desire to help, please continue to support the ministries of the missionaries that are currently living in the mission field. This support is what allows this work to continue. We are also seeking your prayers and are looking for some prayer warriors who would be willing to continue in prayer for the work in Latin America.

It is our prayer as the Lord continues to open the work in Latin America that we as the people of God will respond to His call and become involved in His work in these latter days. May the Lord bless you as you seek His will.

There continue to be many rumors and half truths being passed through the church about the work in Honduras. Family Outreach will not be part of the proliferation of such information. If you have questions about the work in Honduras or Guatemala please contact Family Outreach. We are more than willing to share with you about the work there.

**Dan Norman - President Family Outreach**

# ARE YOU A MISSIONARY?

"Father", Mike looked into his father's face. His eyes were shiny with tears. "Why did Tim move so far away? I miss him. Why can't we go too? "

Tim's family moved far away to tell the people there about Jesus. God wanted them to go -Father explained. "We want the people there to learn about Jesus too."

"But why can't we go?" Mike wanted to know. "Why can't you be a missionary too?"  
"We have not been asked to move," Father told Mike. His eyes twinkled. "But I am a missionary."  
Mike's eyes opened wide. "But, Father, we are still at home."

"Yes, we are," Father agreed. "But there are people here who do not know Jesus. I want to be faithful in telling them about Him. That makes me a missionary, right here at home."

Mike smiled through his tears. "I will tell Tim that you are a missionary too."

"That is right," Father agreed. "When Jesus said He wants people all over the world to learn about Him, He meant right here at home too."

My name is Hanah Sperry. I am eleven years old. I never thought that I would be a missionary to an adult. Mom and Dad put me in a school to help me improve my Spanish. One day I began to talk to one of my teachers about the gospel. I told her about the Book of Mormon. At first she said she did not like the book. I told her that it was a story about the people who lived here in Honduras many years ago. I talked with her about Nephi and Lehi. My teacher asked me for a copy. I went home and asked my Dad for a copy of the Book of Mormon. The next day I took it to school and gave it to my teacher. Now my Dad visits them at their home. It really made me feel good to know that God used me to help someone else.

## *Words of Missionary John Brush*

We would like to share the following words from an early missionary named John Brush. He was born in 1815. This man lived in Far West and Nauvoo. He experienced the threats of mobs which drove the Saints from their homes and sought to destroy their faith.

"From the time I embraced the work, I have never doubted its truth nor the fact that God is an all-wise, loving, and merciful Father, who is willing to guide His children into paths of joy and peace, inasmuch as they will obey His commandments and seek earnestly unto Him for knowledge and wisdom. And while my heart and labors are wholly with the Church in its reorganization, I have often mourned because of the lack of faith among its members and the consequent loss of those blessings enjoyed in the early rise of the Church. Yet today my heart feels encouraged. I feel assured that a remnant will put on the beautiful garments of righteousness, and - seeking unto the Lord their God for wisdom, knowledge, and love - will be gathered to a place of refuge and be ready to meet their King.

"Oh, Saints, arise! Seek unto the Lord for the oil you need in your vessels. May it be our lot to meet upon Mount Zion with all the redeemed in the Kingdom of God! Amen."

Sperry Family Financial Report  
January - May 2007

## Prayer Requests

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
<b>Income</b>	2034.83	1312.81	1098.47	500.00	2040.81
<b>Shelter</b>	77.90	33.06	155.42	72.35	22.24
<b>Food</b>	382.48	546.56	597.00	674.87	545.75
<b>Clothing</b>	22.53	00.00	00.00	2.12	51.16
<b>Personal</b>	38.75	171.50	22.24	63.52	306.32
<b>&amp; school</b>					
<b>Medical</b>	72.41	36.66	10.82	7.94	21.18
<b>Transport.</b>	108.09	132.26	140.24	262.51	395.57
<b>Taxes</b>	0.00	34.49	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Misc.</b>	26.05	30.78	122.40	5.03	33.18
<b>Tithe</b>	203.48	128.10	107.20	47.64	204.28
<b>Misc</b>	45.38	2.80	35.80	8.37	11.14

1. The ministers and church body of Honduras
2. Patricia Castillo's family
3. Briselda Mejia's family
4. That those who received their Patriarchal blessing will be faithful to their calling

\*We appreciate any donations that are made to help support this ministry as it goes forth in Latin America. Please make any donations to Family Outreach at P.O. Box 22 Indep. MO 64051. Thanks again for your prayers and support. May God bless you.

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