

**YOUR
PRAYERS ARE
A BLESSING
TO US!**

Please pray:

1. For the political situation and unrest in Honduras.
2. For upcoming decisions to be made regarding the move to Honduras in August and the beginning of our hospital ministry.
3. That we would all grow in our love for Christ!

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Stoudemayer Medical Mission Update

Recently, we received a phone call on a Tuesday night about a ministry opportunity and then received numerous more calls on Wednesday. We found a deal and purchased airline tickets on Wednesday night, and were in the air on our way to Honduras Friday morning. Living life is experiencing change. What an adventure the Lord gives us in our lives! So began our recent trip to investigate, again, Hospital Bautista de Guamaca, Honduras, or Baptist Hospital of Guamaca. The first time we went to see it in 2007 it was to talk with

the director, Sandy Cheves, and see his facility and to ask him how he had built his hospital: what things were they doing with team ministry, associated ministry, the surgeries they perform, etc. We toured three hospitals during that trip. If you heard us speak last summer, you may recall that we mentioned a



The sign translates, "For me, to live is Christ. Baptist Hospital"

hospital with an emphasis on surgery where there was a chapel in the facility, and other associated ministries, such as a food program, and even a reforestation ministry. This is the same hospital. The call we received last Tuesday was about our coming to Honduras to visit Hospital Bautista, but this time with new eyes, eyes that would possibly be overseeing the management and direc-



A surgical suite in Hospital Bautista

The Body of Christ

"Now the body is not made up of one part but of many . . . if the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be." 1 Cor. 12:12, 17-18

This group of men gave up

their Saturday recently to help us. I'm sure they all had things they either could have been doing or would rather have been doing with their day, but they chose to help us out. We had a room full of furniture and boxes stored at our house in SC and

Tim Meloon, Bob Lee, Joe Aughtry, Louis Waters, and Paul Rogers. My brother, Dee McCraw took the picture.

needed to have it all moved into a storage facility. It was a lot of stuff, and it was raining to boot. We couldn't be there to oversee the move or movers, but this is when Story con't. p. 2
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Fun Numbers . .

2 the number of hours away from Tegucigalpa the town (pueblo) of Guiamaca is.

1 1/2 the number of hours away from Tegucigalpa the town of Guiamaca is **without** traffic.

6 The number of weeks the kids will have out of school between now and the time we move to Honduras.

2 The number of hours per day the boys will have with their Spanish tutor this summer! (And why are we more excited about this than they are???)

15 The number of rules of the subjunctive tense in español—which we are studying now—muy diferente que inglés!



The vegetable garden and view from the back of the hospital property at Guiamaca.



The front of Baptist Hospital of Guiamaca.

tion of the hospital. Sandy Cheves has suffered some health problems in the last year and wants BMDMI to take over the running of the hospital and ministry. His and (his wife) JoAnn's desire is to see that the ministry they began will continue on. **Boards from both organizations must still approve this change.** Some members of the boards of both ministries will meet in Honduras in August, and the board of BMDMI will have their regularly scheduled meeting in September. If all goes as planned, the official date of transfer of ministry will be **January 1, 2010**. As Tully has said, it is as if we are running a marathon. With this opportunity, we are beginning the marathon at mile 8 or 10 instead of at the start line. Please pray for all involved, that we have wisdom and discernment as we move towards the merging of this hospital ministry under the leadership of BMDMI.

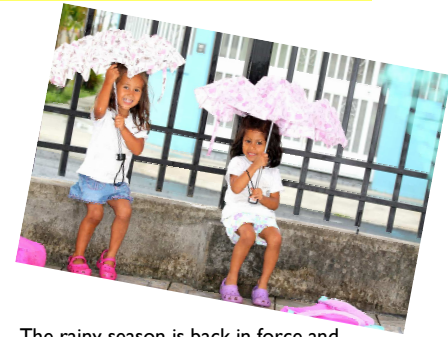
friends stepped in to help.

We are once again humbled and reminded of the fact that God uses us all where we are, whether in life or location, to be a blessing to others in the name of Christ, and these men were there, behind the scenes, serving us so that we could be here to serve. What a great picture of the body of Christ.

Thank you Tim, Bob, Joe, Louis, Paul, and Dee. Tim, thank you for coming when you don't even know us! Dee, I'm glad we gave you lots of laughs yesterday about all the stuff we took with us and all the stuff we left behind. Bob,

thank you for your heart for missions and for organizing the entire effort. Joe, Louis, and Paul, we're honored to call you guys "friends." You **all** are a great testimony in our walks with Christ of quiet service behind the scenes.

Now, guys, steaks on us in November! :)



The rainy season is back in force and Carmen and Anna are so excited to have their own cute umbrellas!

Check out our latest news and pictures:
www.stoudemayers.blogspot.com

A Ministry Gift

We received another important phone call from our mission since our last newsletter. This one said that an anonymous gift of over **\$60,000** had been made to the hospital fund with BMDMI. While every single monetary gift is important to us and vital to our ministry, this gift will allow BMDMI to **either** buy a piece a land and begin a hospital ministry or, if the board of directors of BMDMI decides to bring the ministry of Hospital Bautista de Guiamaca into

BMDMI, to begin making some improvements and finishing some projects there. **Thank you.**



Elijah graduated from kindergarten in May. I took the picture in black and white mode. He was very proud of the event.

Can you see Luke, our resident monkey, climbing the coconut tree?

