

# Following His Lead

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

Please pray that our marriage will stay strong, our children will remain happy and secure, that we will sell our house, and for God to continue to add ministry partners to our mission endeavor.

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## Stoudemayer Medical Mission Update

### Twenty Four Years

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.'" Isaiah 55:8-9*

When we began to pray about full-time missions, I remember Dawn and me on our knees night after night asking God, among



many other things, for the privilege of seeing Him at work in this process, i.e. things that could not be explained in any other way but God.

We recently had such an encounter. Early one morning I was praying and the thought came to me that I should contact some of my old medical school classmates. That thought seemed crazy to me as it has been 24 years since I graduated from medical school and I

have had little or no contact with any of my former classmates. I prayed, "Lord is there anyone from my medical school class that I should contact?" Immediately, six names came to mind. I mailed letters to each of them explaining our healthcare minis-



David Stroud

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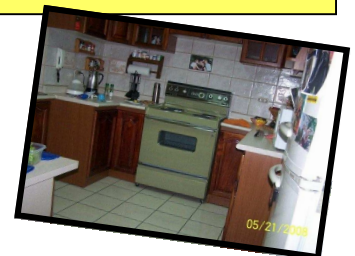
It's finally here! Check out our ministry website!

[www.followinghislead.com](http://www.followinghislead.com)

### A Step of Faith

**August 20, 2008.** At times over the last three years, it has seemed to us that this day would never arrive, but our moving date is on the calendar, and the

list-making has begun in earnest. Orientation for language school in Costa Rica begins **August 27.** We will have one week to get settled in before orientation, and our first trimester classes begin **September 2.**



Our Costa Rican kitchen—we have our house lined up and we've even bought some things for it from students who are leaving—but someone else nabbed the crockpot! :(



A higher standard.  
A higher purpose.

## Fun Numbers. . .

Since the last newsletter!

Ministry phone calls made  
**44**

One on one meetings  
**8**

Letters mailed  
**22**

Emails sent  
**14**

Passports obtained for our children  
**All 7!**

Monthly support pledged  
**90%+**

Startup costs received to date  
**70%+**

Please pray for these upcoming talks:

**June 18—We will be taping an appearance on Channel 16's The Peggy Denny Show**

**June 22 @ 6 pm Fairview Baptist in Greer, SC**



Traffic jam we encountered in La Ceiba, Honduras

**Twenty Four years con't.** try vision. One of the doctors to whom I wrote is **David Stroud** and his wife **Julie**. David is an OB/GYN practicing in Sikeston, Missouri.

When I phoned David about two weeks later and identified myself, he said, "Tully, I've been waiting on you to call!" After about 45 minutes of catching up, David related that he had recently finished paying off a loan. He prayed one night, "Lord what should I do with the money I have been using to pay off this loan? Should I put it in my retirement account or look for some ministry to support?" The **very next day** David received my letter inviting he and Julie to become ministry partners with us. David said, "I knew immediately that God had answered my prayer."

What's more is that when he told Julie about feeling called to support us on a monthly basis, she, too, felt led to

## FAQ: Favorite Asked Question!

**What are you doing with the money already given on behalf of your ministry?** Actually, the money is kept in our missionary account at BMDMI headquarters in Mississippi. We will receive a set salary (predetermined by BMDMI) when we begin language school that will include money for personal and min-

istry expenses. In the future, when we spend money, we will scan our receipts into the computer and e-mail them to BMDMI's office in Hattiesburg using missionary accounting software. BMDMI's accountant has a record, we will keep a record, and the BMDMI board can review our expenses. We believe that God has blessed BMDMI with a high level of financial integrity because of this wonderful system of checks and balances. As we were told, receipts will become our life!

support our medical ministry without ever having known or met us! The pictures on the previous page are from David's and my medical school class portrait from 1984. What a difference twenty four years makes in the lives of us as human beings! Isn't it great that our awesome God is not

constrained by time! God has always known that He would bring David and me together in medical school (at a time in my life when I was very far from Him), and then later in life to partner together to advance His kingdom—He brought us together in a way that revealed to us and to our wives that there is no way this could happen **except God!**

## Girls' Re-adoption

In April, we took the girls to the Spartanburg County Courthouse to have their re-adoption processed. It was a very private and sweet process with only the judge, the court stenographer, the bailiff and our family in attendance. Carmen and Anna will now enjoy the full rights and privileges entitled to all natural born Americans. Taking them back to Central America, we wanted to make sure they traveled with American passports, and the re-adoption allowed us to obtain those. We sent off and received their American passports in about 2 weeks. Above is a picture taken right after we completed the courtroom proceedings.

