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Our scheduled mission trip this summer to work with Pastor Nelson Juarez in **El Salvador** didn't work out the way we thought, so Ruth & I will be going teamless in October, primarily for food/supplies distribution and encouragement. Contributions for food/supplies this can be made to our account #61183M.

We are very excited to be leading our home Eliot Baptist Church in September to serve one our supported Missionaries in **Tanzania**. We will be doing light construction as well as conducting VBS. Openings exist on this team, and commitments are due soon, so please contact us right away if this may be of interest to you.

We have just gotten a commitment from Christian Family Fellowship in CO, for a youth group mission team to go and serve with the Almendarez family in **Honduras**. This will be in July '26, and we will be working with Victor, Rebeca, Isaac, and their families doing mountain excursions to take food and supplies to families, activities with sponsored children, and hospital outreach.

We would love to come to your church to give updates and/or introduce ourselves and our ministry, including upcoming mission trip opportunities. Please contact us if you're interested.

Any dates for summertime mission trips need to be committed to at least 12 months in advance in order for me (Rick) to coordinate with my bus driving work commitments. We can be a bit more flexible for other times of the year, but please bear this in mind as the summer is fast approaching!

I have a favor to ask. For those of you who have been on mission trips with us, would you mind writing a short, one paragraph testimony of encouragement to those who might be hesitant or unsure about taking that step? What prompted you to go on a mission trip? What were your experiences? What were your greatest one or two takeaways? We would use these testimonies in future newsletters as encouragement for folks to take that step of faith. If you'd be willing to do so, simply reply to this email. Thanks in advance.

We (the Lord thru you) did it!

For those of you who have been following, our Financial Dept. keeps track of all the Missions Door Missionaries' financial status with regard to being "fully supported". Well, we've reached that goal! Thank you!!

That doesn't mean that I can quit my "day job", but it does mean that we are at a level of support that the Mission is content with. Any funds above our current level of support will help us to do team-less trips to support MD missionaries, their families and churches, and those that they serve, like the upcoming El Salvador trip in October.

Thank you for your love, prayers and support.

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