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Our **Tanzania** mission trip with a team of 6 from our home church (Eliot Baptist) went very well, praise God. We lead the team doing (very) light construction as well as conducting VBS for over 200 children. We brought 7 suitcases full of supplies, including 200 pounds of crayons! This was our first venture into Tanzania, and we built great relationships with the brothers and sisters there. In addition, the team provided the church with Bibles (adult and children) in Swahili, a Communion Set, and tables for the church. The great love and appreciation was mutual. It was also very effective is demonstrating the love God has for His people, wherever they are found.



After a short turn-around time, we were in the air again to serve with Pastor Nelson Juarez in **El Salvador**, primarily distributing food and supplies throughout the country many of the Pastors and churches he oversees. He and his daughter Marjorie are working with many churches and Table/Home Groups throughout El Salvador and Guatemala, and this was a blessing to them.

I (Rick) had an opportunity to network and make meaningful connections with the Venture Church Network Northeast Conference last month in Massachusetts. I presented a break-out session and spoke with Pastors about the many blessings and benefits of involving their churches with Short-Term Mission Trips. Some expressed interest in continuing the conversation and are praying about how their churches can become involved. Please pray that the Lord leads us all.

Rangeley Baptist Church has formed a team of 15 serve with us and Pastor Paul and Tania Steer in **Honduras** in January '26. This team will be doing light construction, including the digging of a septic system, VBS, teaching at a women's conference and University, and more. I am in the process of arranging the details of that trip now.

We also have a commitment from Christian Family Fellowship (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 Pastor Victor, Rebeca, Isaac, and their families doing mountain excursions to take food and

supplies to families, activities with sponsored children, hospital outreach, and teaching.

A church in FL is considering a mission trip next year to **El Salvador**, continuing the construction on a church in Chalchuapa.

A church in MA is also considering a mission trip, destination TBDBP...To Be Determined By Prayer.

Would you please pray that we all hear and obey His leading, and that others hear His calling to serve in this way?

Here is another testimony from one young woman who's been on a short-term mission trip with us...

If you are even considering it, if you are able to go, but you are not sure if you should, I would say go and have no fear. The Lord goes with you, and He will accomplish mighty things through you for the people you go to serve, and for you as you serve them. When I went on a mission trip to Honduras with Rick and Ruth Odess, we were able to fellowship with fellow Christians, minister through VBS to children who have no regular ministry, give gifts to the poor, and do manual labor to assist in building a much-needed seminary.

This mission changed the way I approached life, as I learned that the needs and struggles of others were more severe than my own, and I could help, that my little church (by comparison) was not alone, but that there were Christians all around the globe that I hope to share heaven with one day, and that when I went back home, I did not have to come off mission time when I came home, as it is still my job to share the gospel. I guarantee, it will change your life. I hope you not only take this opportunity, but also that you fall in love with mission trips and minister to many brothers and sisters across the world. Matthew 28:18-20

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Please pray and consider financially supporting our mission is any of the following ways:

- Contributing to our Support account. This helps to be available to train and lead teams on mission trips, as well as go and serve when to team is available. Our current Monthly Shortfall is \$ 227.52
- Provide funds to our X account. This helps individuals who may not have the resources to finance a mission trip to do so.
- Contribute to our M account. This account provides funds for building and VBS materials, as well food and school supplies.

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.



The Missions Door public app is now available on the App Store for iPhone users—search for "Missions Door" and download today! We're excited to offer even more soon: our Spanish public app is currently awaiting approval. Stay tuned for more updates!

Thank you for your love, prayers, and support.
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