

“AND THEY, CONTINUED DAILY WITH ONE ACCORD in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” (Acts 2:46-47) We in the US have seen the rise of the mega-church growth over the last several years. The huge masses of people that are coming to the Lord throughout the world, including the closed countries, however are meeting one on one, gathering in small house churches. That is the vision of the ministry that we will be serving on the trip to Honduras.



People in the remote villages meeting from house to house

IGNITE MINISTRIES WAS STARTED BY A COUPLE who received a direction from God to serve the people in Honduras. Their goal is to reach, teach and disciple by planting churches in the remote villages in the country. Hundreds of volunteers on short term mission trips come every year to help the ministry achieve their goals. After years of hosting teams in their crowded home, it was time to purchase a piece of ground and develop it. EMI was contacted and we will be going with a team of professionals preparing a master plan of the 20 acres to design a guest building including a kitchen, dining area and meeting space for future teams that will continue to come. Even while we are there, there will be a team working on small construction projects, village outreaches and coordinating a VBS program expecting 1400 children and youth to attend.



The site of the future guest house near Tegucigalpa, Honduras

WE FIND OURSELVES ON ANOTHER COURSE. Most of you heard following a prostate biopsy in April, Bob was confirmed to have prostate cancer. After many meetings and various options we determined that we would schedule the prostatectomy after returning from the Honduras trip in June. The prayers and words of encouragement from so many have been overwhelming. Marilyn and I consider ourselves to be blessed by our precious family of believers all over the world. During the whole process, I have prayed that the Lord would allow me to be a witness for Him. He has already answered that prayer as we have had several opportunities to pray with those He has put us together with and especially for the doctors who will see us through this. Jesus said in John 14 “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives....” Hearing the cancer word can grip you and put fear in your heart but because of who we have given our heart to He has filled it with peace. We have peace over our health, our finances and our eternity. We pray that you experience the same peace in your lives.

MORE BIRTHDAYS THIS SPRING. Marilyn and Bob turned social security eligible this year but not ready to jump on that bandwagon yet. Dad turned 97 in February and celebrated with the veterans at his monthly breakfast. In March we all sat in the emergency room watching his heart almost double in beats as they admitted him for testing for several days. We were thankful that he wasn't in any pain and with the current medication he is feeling comfortable. Our son and daughter came out to be with him and despite the circumstances we had a great time together remembering all the good times and stories that seem to get more embellished as the years go by.



Dad's Birthday Celebration

ON THIS NEW JOURNEY GOD HAS PLANNED

for us, there is also an education and spelling lessons to be had. From Atrial Fibrillation (afib); Cardiologist Electro Pulmonary; and Radiologist - Urologist, pretty much from A to Z! Learning each specialty and working with them has truly shown us a different part of the medical world. As we have shared sadness and tears with some, they have all been very kind and understanding with us. So as we continue on this road with the tears and the joys, we still thank God for each of you, as you play a huge part in our lives.

Our goal is to be a follower of Jesus Christ despite our circumstances. “Never allow bodily infirmities to hinder you obeying the commands of Jesus.” (Oswald Chambers)

LOVE AND PRAYERS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 6 to the 14th in Honduras
June 30th - Bob's surgery