

Honduras Mission Trip
Church Council Update
May 6, 13

We completed the third CUMC mission trip to Honduras arriving home on Monday morning March 24, 2013.

There were a few travel problems. One of the North Central students had a passport expiring in mid April and the airlines would not allow her to board when we arrived at O'Hare the morning of our trip. We were able to secure transportation for her back to campus. She investigated trying to update her passport but it was not feasible in the time period. Another member of the team who was joining us in Houston was also delayed but was able to join us by Sunday. On Sunday, March 23 our return flight from Honduras to Houston was delayed over 6 hours. We missed our connecting flight and were required us to stay overnight in Houston. This added additional expense to the trip for the hotel in Houston.

While in Honduras we completed several projects;

- We painted the hallway and garage at the Danli Central Methodist Church
- We were able to teach about water filtration and distribute 75 water filtration systems in the Danli area
- We held vacation bible school on five afternoons and served about 50 children each day. The children were particularly happy with the puppet show we did each day.
- We were able to worship at Danli Central twice and once at its affiliated church in El Pescadaro
- We were able to visit two schools and meet with a number of the children that we sponsor through the Becas project.
- We also made a visit to the city dump where we found people living under very dire circumstances.
- We also visited a young man, Eric, and attempted to provide him with a wheelchair. Unfortunately the wheelchair we had did not meet his needs. We have since been able to obtain one from the UMW garage sale and now need a way to get it to Honduras.

We have met as a team post trip and are looking at way to continue to provide support in Danli Honduras. Pastor Roberto Pena is planning to come to the U.S. in August and he has been invited to join us at CUMC. We have tentatively penciled in March 22 to March 30 for our 2014 trip. This coincides with North Central's 2014 Spring Break.

All expenses for the trip have been paid and the Honduras account has a balance of \$7547.52. A full accounting of income and expenses is available if anyone wishes to review.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Becker