

As we look back on the summer of 2011, we realize how truly blessed we have been.

In addition to the Belize, Honduras, and Providence trips we've previously shared, we also led a Vision trip to Honduras in August. . It always amazes us how quickly we bond as teams and this trip was no exception. We met the team along the way in New Jersey, and the bonding began right out of the gate (literally, since we met at the gate at the airport).

Arriving in Honduras, we were met by Pastor Victor Almendarez and headed out for an adventure that none of us had ever thought possible. We had an itinerary in mind, but the Lord had different plans for us. Our days were spent riding many hours high up into the mountains to visit many poor churches. We met some of the most precious believers with incredible dedication to further the Kingdom.

We learned of the needs these Pastors had. One Pastor asked for prayers for a pair of shoes so he could walk and visit his congregation in their homes! Day after day, we talked to and prayed with fellow believers in Christ.

Mid week, we had planned to meet with Pastor Humberto Del Arca and travel to visit some of the many churches he works with. However, God was in control of our time, and due to a medical emergency that landed one of our team in a local ER, our plans were changed. After several hours of medical attention and prayers, everything turned out OK, but we thought it wiser to cut down on our travel a bit. We were all thankful for God's watch care over all of us.

A day or two later, we enjoyed a lunch meeting with 9 Pastors from different villages who work with Humberto, where we gathered many requests for teams to come to help them.

Also, even though this was a "vision" trip, and we hadn't planned on any official VBS or evangelism, the Lord blessed our team with being used in the salvation of multiple souls.

Our time in Honduras ended too quickly and as we prepared to head back to the States, the Lord and Hurricane Irene had other plans. The Lord was still teaching us to be ready for a change of plans and to be open for more opportunities to serve and also to be blessed in doing so. Airline cancelations, rebooking of flights, overnight stays in new places, and a very long drive home all presented their unique opportunities and blessings, including the ministering to strangers. The hurricane displaced thousands of travelers and being some of them, we were able to smile, laugh, and show people kindness and direction in the midst of stress.

So I guess you can see how we spent our summer. We can't thank our supporters enough. We truly rely on your prayers and financial support. Your dedication is very much appreciated. We once again have been renewed with a fierce desire to return to the Majority World with teams to help fulfill the requests presented to us, as well as sharing the Gospel along the way.

If you or your church would like to answer the call to help us serve our Majority World brothers and sisters by putting a team together for a short term mission trip, please take a look at the list of opportunities below, and let us know where you would like to serve.

Also, if you are not yet a financial supporter, would you please consider supporting our ministry with the equivalent of one hour's wages per month? Click [here](#) to make that commitment.

Love and Blessings,
Rick & Ruth Odess

Bahamas Help church members earn a sustainable income by building fish traps

Belize Build a youth room addition to a church building

Cambodia

1) Build a church building

2) Work in the Cambodian Ministries for Christ Ministry Center

Dominican Republic TBD

El Salvador

Build homes for church members and/or help renovate a Christian Counseling Center

Guatemala TBD

Honduras

1) Build and/or expand church buildings

2) Build and/or repair Pastors' homes

Inner City US TBD

Mexico TBD

Nicaragua TBD

Medical Missions also available to the above locations

☺ *This is a partial listing* ☺ *Most trips include **Vacation Bible School*** ☺

Lives in the Majority World will be changed because of your decision.

Lives of the members of your church will be changed because of your decision.

You church will be changed because of your decision.

Souls may be won for Christ because of your decision.