



# YOU ARE MAKING AN IMPACT



It's spring! We have just celebrated Easter and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, and we have the reminders in nature that there are possibilities for new life all around us! Even though certain trees and plants may appear dead, they are bursting with new life!

In this edition of IMPACT, you will discover how God is bringing new life throughout our ministries.

• In Costa Rica our Tirrases project for child education and discipleship is moving forward with plans to improve their facilities and double their ability to transform an impoverished community with the Gospel.

One person who was influenced by Tirrases is Ana. Ana came to faith in Christ because our missionaries were helping her nine-year-old daughter with remedial classes to keep her in school.

• El Salvador has a new base director (congratulations Jake Hjenvick) who has already begun establishing new programs and ministries, including a new volleyball ministry for young women ages 10-16. When I was visiting the group last month I rejoiced to see the smiles on their faces as they participated in prayer and Bible study with our workers.

In this issue we also wanted to share how God is using short-term missions to change the lives of participants, as well as the nationals they are ministering to. But enough spoilers. Read about it yourself!

Of course we want you to get involved too! Your support is critical for the continuance of our mission.

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Dr. Duane "Chip" Anderson  
President

## CAMP KIKOMAR BEING BUILT UP



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TUXPAN, MEXICO - Camp Kikommar has developed much in the past few months! From January 2014, when the dining hall was but a dream, to March 2015, when the building was virtually completed, God has been providing the resources and the laborers every step of the way. Of course, there is still work to be done. (Though it's a great dining hall, the kitchen is not quite operational yet.) **Your donation of just \$20 per month will increase our impact! Click here to help us transform more lives.**

## TESTIMONY FROM A SHORT-TERM TEAM MEMBER

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA - My fourteen-day trip to Guatemala exceeded my expectations! God worked in ways and situations that were extraordinary. **In my thirty years of ministry I have not witnessed such an outpouring of God's Spirit.** From military prisons to private high schools, we were able to share the Gospel of Christ and see dozens of people receive the Lord!

As we went house to house we had great receptivity. Entire families received the message of the gospel!

In one home, a woman who was paralyzed and had not walked for more than a year asked for prayer. As we prayed, we sensed the power of the Lord. We continued to pray and wait on the Lord, [but] left with no visible signs of healing. She attended a small church that we were to speak at the following day. You can imagine our astonishment as we saw this same woman come walking through the church doors the following day! She was limping - but on her own power. With no help - she was

walking!

In that particular church, Iglesia Menonita, the Lord was especially present with many coming forward and finding Christ or renewal through Him.

Working with CFCI proved to be an incredible asset in doing God's work in Guatemala. **Without your help and organization, I would not have been able to serve and see God do so many wonderful things. Thank You!**

*Tom - Pacific Grove, California*

# OLD GUNS FOR NEW SWORDS: Gang members give all for God

PAVAS, COSTA RICA - God has been leading the pastors in Pavas in amazing ways. In February, as a result of CFCI's help and support, the newly unified pastoral alliance hosted a crusade during which many people came to the Lord. One of those people was a hardened gang member with the moniker "El Diablo." Because of his influence, many other gang members chose to give their lives to the Lord.

Fast-forward to April, when the Pavas pastors hosted a retreat for 37 of these former gang members.

Even on the bus ride there, many of these young men were using foul language and making inappropriate gestures. But God was just beginning His redemptive work in our hearts.

Every single one of them made a complete surrender to Jesus. As a sign of their commitment, each was baptized. Afterward, many of them were crying so much that they had to wait for a few minutes to regain their composure.

At the end of the camp, as a sign of their transformation, they traded their guns for Bibles. It was a powerful way to end an extraordinary weekend.

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## TIDBITS

### New Urban Plunge Staff



**Marcus Brown**

a faith-based alternative school for troubled teens.

**Marcus** was recently hired to promote Urban Plunge to a variety of churches and church groups. Marcus is no stranger to urban missions, having worked at



**Christina Henderson**

and allows them to experience God's love for themselves.

**Christina** was hired as the Urban Plunge administrative and marketing assistant. She is excited to be a part of a ministry that builds up people's dreams



## NEW VOLLEYBALL MINISTRY

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR - CFCI-El Salvador has seen God's Hand at work in the midst of the soccer school, one of their strongest ministries. However, missionaries Becky Hjermvick and Lauren DeHays noticed something troubling: while the boys were playing soccer, the girls would simply watch. Though they might enjoy the sport, they would choose not to participate.

Their hearts broke for these girls. "I think it was God," Lauren said. "Just tugging on my heart to be able to offer something to young girls in the area so that they too can get off of the streets and away from bad influences and have a place to have fun, grow, learn a new sport, and

mostly encounter the living God."

In February, they launched a brand-new volleyball ministry for girls.

The response has been encouraging. Lauren said even in these past two months, they have already been able to see differences in the girls' attitudes.

"Becky and I try to be really intentional with instilling Godly values and reiterate these over and over with devotionals, questions, and time talking...we aim to be 'Life Coaches.'" Lauren said.

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### Rita Quigley Home in Heaven



**Rita Quigley**

than 60 years.

**Rita**, the wife of board member Larry Quigley, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, after battling cancer for many months. Larry and Rita had been married for more

### Tirrases Ministry Expands



TIRRASES, COSTA RICA - On the heels of receiving a property through divine provision, Horacio and Esther Lopez are moving forward with their plans to double the size of the ministry to accommodate more than 200 children per week. They will also be enabled to minister to single mothers.

Horacio and Esther currently minister to more than 100 children weekly through tutoring in math and reading and teaching Biblical truths.

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