



SUMMER UPDATE 2007



Last month, I witnessed the amazing opportunity that exists with short term teams. Every year we are blessed with a number of people visiting El Salvador to partner with our work with local churches. Like many who come with churches, the students from Vanguard University had to raise all of the funds necessary to make the trip in May. However, this group of students not only raised money for their trip expenses but also raised enough money to construct a house in the community of San Jose El Naranjo. Their heart was to come alongside the work of the Jerusalem church and the ministry of ENLACE as willing servants.

The Jerusalem church is in its second year of building houses for some of the poorest in their communities. Last year there were 10 recipients, and the church is hoping to build at least 10 a year for years to come. Each house costs roughly \$5,000, inexpensive by North American standards. Yet, it was amazing to witness the joy expressed by Sonia and her family upon receiving the house. Sonia is a single mother of three who struggles to make ends meet by selling tamales and washing clothes. The church and community leaders had selected her through a transparent and prayerful process of identifying the families in most need. Sonia said that she could not believe that God had provided this house for her, and was astonished by the outpouring of love shown by the North Americans. Her perception of God and the church was forever changed by the building of this home.

Churches like Jerusalem are shining examples of the influence a church can have when it serves its neighbors sacrificially. We as North Americans have an unbelievable opportunity to come alongside such churches with our friendship and resources. These students demonstrated that God wants to pour out His love in tangible ways through short term teams. The people of San Jose El Naranjo were incredibly encouraged by both the financial contribution Vanguard students made and by their open hearts to build relationships that will sustain the long term work in the community.

OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE: FRIENDS OF ENLACE

ENLACE invites more churches and individuals who would like to build long term relationships with churches like Jerusalem. In 2007, ENLACE has begun serving a growing number of local churches in El Salvador, and we are looking for partners to work alongside us. If your church is interested in partnering with us please contact us at partner@enlaceonline.org or at 949-269-2200. We also need the financial support to grow our ability to support these churches. Please consider becoming a "friend of enlace" by visiting our website and registering to give on a monthly basis. You can sign up at <http://www.enlaceonline.org/friends-of-enlace/>.

Thank you!
Peter DeSoto
Director of Partnerships

MISSION TRIPS

MAY

Vanguard University built a house in San Jose El Naranjo

JUNE

Faith Christian Fellowship from West Virginia and **Newsong Church** from Georgia worked alongside the Buen Samaritano church to continue the water project in Las Delicias. The doctors from **CHIMPS** in Seattle provided medical care to the people of Abelines. **San Diego First Assembly** constructed two houses, renovated a park, and ministered to the people of San Jose El Naranjo.

JULY

Seacoast Grace from Long Beach, CA
Visalia 1st Assembly from Visalia, CA
Oak Hills Church from Eagan, Minnesota



the women of San Jose El Naranjo prepare over 1,000 pupusas for the community

ENLACE DESKTOPS

Help promote ENLACE by downloading one of our new desktop photos to use as your computer's desktop screen. Use the photo to remind you to pray for the people of El Salvador and to share the ministry of ENLACE with others. They are available at:

www.enlaceonline.org/computer-desktop-photos

THE LATEST....

ENLACE is excited about three new staff members who have joined our team. **Lilia**, **Nuria**, and **Arturo** will all be working with our Church and Community Program, allowing us to support more local churches. You can read more about them on our website.

We have begun working with five new churches this year. Through years of working with local churches, they are now beginning to lead other churches in their areas to reach out and serve their communities effectively.

Ron Bueno, ENLACE's executive director, has begun writing about ENLACE's focus on supporting local churches. Visit our website to read this series named, "Why the church?"

Dave and Jenny McGee have announced a new arrival. Jenny is pregnant, and Jonathan's brother or sister should be coming sometime in February. Congratulations, and thank you both for adding to the ENLACE family!

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