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Here's a thought...

Are you living out the adventure that the Lord desires for your life or are you just abiding your time allowing circumstances to dictate what your present day and future life will look like? It's not "nerve" that moves you along into the unknown but "courage" that is rooted in Faith in God.

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Good News Church from Mississippi constructs new home for family...

Grant and his team are not strangers to Manos Extendidas. Some of the team players may change from year to year but Grant and his church family have been coming to Honduras, blessing the people and our mission, for some time. During this last mission trip, they built a home for one of our volunteers whose husband passed away suddenly and unexpectedly several months ago. As a result, she had to find another place to live, as her family felt it was not safe for her and her children to live on the mountain, without her husband. For the past few years, she has been a constant, reliable worker with Manos Extendidas. Her devotion to the children at the Daycare has been outstanding. Blessing her and her children with a new home was certainly a way to show our appreciation for her years of service.

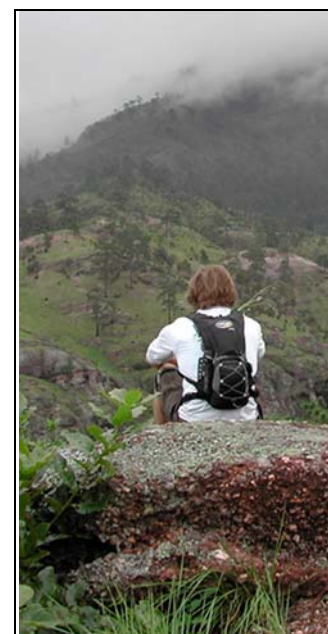
Before Grant and his team finished their 2006 mission, they were already planning the next team visit in 2007. I know their commitment is driven by their passion for the Lord. Their desire is to reach out and bless those who are hurting, and also to expose their church body to the missionary's life. Thanks guys for your servanthood and heart for "God Stuff".

Real heroes...are not looking for a song to be sung - continued...

According to surveys conducted by Barna Research, Focus on the Family, Fuller Institute of Growth and 1992 Leadership Magazine..."those in full time ministry are facing significant challenges that are jeopardizing God's intended ministry through His servants."

Many Christian leaders/ missionaries are **Weary** (sourced from: "A Quiet Place, Inc.," Rick and Teresa Jenkins)

- ◆ 94% feel pressured to have the "ideal family."
 - ◆ 80% believe that pastoral ministry negatively affects their family.
 - ◆ 50% feel unable to meet the demands of their job.
 - ◆ 40% report a serious conflict with a parishioner at least once a month.
 - ◆ Most leaders struggle with balancing family lives and ministry responsibilities.
 - ◆ 81% feel they have insufficient time with their spouse.
 - ◆ More than one half of ministry wives report severe depression.
- 1,500 pastors leave the pastorate each month (20% never return).



There is HOPE on the other side of your Foggy Mountain

What can we do to help change these desperate situations confronted by the front line people in the Body of Christ?

Codroy Valley, here we come...

It has been two years since we've been home on the Rock. My last visit home was to bury my dear Mom. Now we are looking forward, with great anticipation, to meeting with a few friends on the West Coast of Newfoundland, at Codroy Valley. This will be a time of prayer, fellowship and seeking the Lord's will for our future in missions. Since the Lord first impressed upon me to have this time in Codroy, I have been charged with enthusiasm and expectation for the Hand of the Lord to move in our lives in ways we have not experienced before. Once I have details, I hope to share it with you.

This is also the first time that our daughter-in-law will visit God's country, Newfoundland. Wes, Jenny and our unborn grandchild will breathe the pure, fresh air of Newfoundland on August 17 as we arrive at Port aux Basque. Can't wait to see Jenny's face as she breathes the intoxicating air of the Rock.

See you all soon!



Here is a beautiful picture of the Table Mountains in Codroy Valley.

Prayer & Praise Reports

- Thanksgiving that Jenny is feeling much better now.
- Pray for continued growth of the café mission projects, Manos de Café and Coffee Online. We are planning to attend a conference in Copan, Honduras this coming October to promote those projects. This is a conference whereby many NGO's working in Honduras come together to network.
- Pray that more churches would catch the vision for Los Ninos Café's whereby funds are raised for missions through the sale of coffee to parishioners.
- More sponsors for the little ones at our two Daycare Programs and thanksgiving for our new sponsors. The more sponsors we have, the more we can do for the children.
- Continued prayer for the young ladies coming out of prison/detention centers who have made a decision to seek the Lord's plan for their lives. Pray for divine protection and the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives. They have stories that can break your heart...many of deep wounds inflicted to their core during a time when they should have been just simply carefree children/young teens.
- Continued prayer for Alvin and Nelly who are still living at a temporary location. Pray for direction and wisdom as they make decisions regarding where to live, whether to rent, buy or build, etc. Also pray that the compensation issue would be completed soon.
- Please continue to pray and agree with us for the necessary personal finances we need to travel to Canada in August. We are really looking forward to seeing you all!
- **A heart filled with praise and thanksgiving for all who partner with us day by day with your prayers, finances, words of encouragement, etc. God bless you each and everyone. We could not do it without each one of you.**