

# MISSION POINT RESOURCE CENTER (MPRC)

*A joint ministry of Hunter Hills Church of Christ  
and Refuge International, Inc.*



## Introduction:

The Mission Point Resource Center (MPRC) is a ministry based on many years of missions experience in Honduras, and is the result of many hours of discussion, deliberation and prayer tempered by years of observation.

Opened on June 2, 2008, the focus of the MPRC is spiritual development, and its intent is to work as a close partner and team member with other organizations in Honduras. The MPRC is not specifically an effort to evangelize, but an effort to spiritually enrich lives through education, discussion, and exposure to thinking beyond doctrinal issues. Nor is it the desire of MPRC to supplant the role of the church in the spiritual development of individuals, families, and communities. To the contrary, MPRC exists as a resource for local congregations and church leaders, and to provide materials that will strengthen and enhance their ministries.

MPRC's main office is in the city of Catacamas, Olancho, with a staff in place to provide needs assessment and to help identify sources of materials available to help meet those needs. Initially, the MPRC will consist of only one location. But as the proof of concept develops, our future goal will be to establish other Centers as resources become available.

## Our Vision:

**To establish and operate in Catacamas, Olancho, Honduras, a technology-based resource center that will provide access to the material, training, and support necessary to spiritually enrich the individuals, families, and communities of Olancho. This Center will become a model for additional Centers in other locations.**

## Our Mission Statement:

We will glorify God by serving the people of Honduras, providing them with the resources needed to support the spiritual enrichment of the individual, the family and the community.

*"..we pray for humility in the pursuit of excellence..."  
David Cannon, Catacamas, Dec 07*

## Goal:

**To create a technology-based resource center and program for materials and information that will be available to enhance the spiritual development of individuals, families, and communities in Honduras. This involves the development of not only the resource center, but also the infrastructure and resources to distribute these materials to the local churches.**

## Our Objectives:

- Develop and maintain a technical system of capturing, retaining and duplicating information from guest lecturers and other resources for future use by the church leaders.
- Present workshops on leadership, evangelism, and other needs-based training to church leaders and members in order to further church effectiveness and spiritual outreach in their local communities.
- Present teachers' workshops and seminars in children's education, and assist churches in reaching children by providing quality curriculum for teaching.
- Assist members of the community in understanding better health, nutrition, and hygiene practices

through seminars taught in their local churches and communities.

- Support endeavors of the vocational ministers by providing information and resources addressing their specific abilities and interests to earn a wage and support their family.
- Assist families in developing productive home gardens and other home-based industries for their own use. This will also serve the long term physical sustenance of the community (e.g., agricultural cooperatives).
- Encourage character development and personal integrity in business and social life through formal public school application of available Christian character curriculum.

## Mission Point Sponsorship:

The Mission Point Resource Center is a joint ministry of Hunter Hills Church in Prattville, Alabama, and of Refuge International Corporation. MPRC is also supported by other congregations and individuals in the States and Honduras.

The lead organization in the United States for support of MPRC is Refuge International Corporation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization overseen by a board of directors. "Refuge" provides guidance to the Resource Center staff and coordinates funding for Resource Center activities with supporting congregations and from other sources.

## MPRC Operation:

MPRC is staffed by Jorge Vargas, from Panama, and Dwight and Joanne Tomkins and their daughter, Rebecca, from the A&M Congregation in College Station, TX.

Jorge has had formal training in pharmacy, and has committed to working in Catacamas, and is currently ministering to several local congregations. He and his wife, Maryuri, have a one-year old daughter, Hillary. Jorge is supported by the MPRC and other individuals.

The following information is from the Tomkins' website:

*I became a Christian at the age of 29, and Joanne at the age of 23. We met in Florida in 1982, and married in 1984. We now have five children; Jessica (28), Lydia (23), Daniel (20), Mary (17), and Rebecca (65). Daniel, and Mary are at Abilene Christian University, and Rebecca, (10<sup>th</sup> grade) is being home schooled.*

Though we only planned to move to Honduras three and a half years ago, we have dreamed of working full time in an overseas work all our entire married lives. This was our goal before we ever married. To prepare for that, I trained as a "tent-maker" at Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas. Our focus was on Bible, preaching, and supporting the church through vocational mission work. Joanne attended classes in church planting, history and counseling at Central Florida Bible College.

In the meantime, God has been working to prepare us just as a farmer prepares the soil. We can see how much work has been done in our lives in the years since we first met. By the time we arrived in Honduras in 2008, we will have only one teen in school, my language skills are vastly improved, and Joanne has completed her medical education. I have also preached for the Spanish group that meets at our congregation.



The Tompkins family is committed to work in Honduras, and have already demonstrated their value to the work of the MPRC. They have already been able to purchase a vehicle for use in Honduras, but they need additional support to meet their daily needs, and a working fund.

Jorge has only minimal support, and needs additional monthly support, plus a vehicle and a working fund .



*Jorge broadcasts a regular radio program.*

Most of all, the Tompkins and Jorge Vargas covet your prayers as they undertake this new adventure.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Pray earnestly for this effort
- Make a memorial contribution, or a monthly or one-time contribution
- Plan to teach a class or seminar. Needed subjects include: Leadership, stewardship, prayer, teaching skills, faith building lessons, and many others.
- Share lessons and/or experiences from your own spiritual journey
- Provide needed material or equipment: Spanish study aids, audio visual equipment, computer equipment, vehicles, teaching supplies.

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