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Peace Lutheran Church is sending a mission team to Honduras from **February 24<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007**. The purpose of the trip is for a “short-term medical mission” and a building project. I went in 2006 at about the same time frame. I was truly blessed by the trip. I learned that you don’t need a lot of material things to truly worship God. I went to try to help the people of Honduras but received much more than I gave.

The mission team of around 12 people will go to Honduras for a week to staff a health clinic which is part of the ministry of the Gerizem Church in Tegucigalpa. The last time I went, four of us participated mainly in the building project while the rest were in the medical brigade. While we are trying to meet the needs of the community, we also share the good news of Jesus Christ.

The mission team goes from Peace Lutheran Church, but this mission is far more than whatever we twelve will do. This mission is a small part of a much greater process; and we are a small part of a much greater Christian community.

For this mission to succeed, we truly need the involvement and support of that larger community. In particular, we need your prayers to strengthen and direct us as we train, prepare, and head to Honduras. I am writing this letter to you as my request for your help as a member of my prayer support team. If you are willing, we would ask you to pray daily for the support and guidance of our mission team as we prepare for Honduras...then during our mission week. I ask you to pray that our team may be effective hands and feet of the Holy Spirit at work in the Gerizem Church community.

I ask that you carefully and prayerfully consider supporting this mission. If you are willing, please let me know... it will strengthen me to know who is praying for us.

Yours in Christ,



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p.s. If you would like to support this mission financially, that would also be a blessing. The last time I went I excluded the involvement of others because I didn’t feel comfortable asking. I now realize that I was being selfish. Many people want to be a part, but don’t want to travel themselves. There are many ways that we can build up the body of Christ – it doesn’t always mean a trip to a foreign country. Angela and I have been truly blessed and have the resources to pay for the expenses of about \$1100 if needed. There are also many medicines that can be purchased at a discount that will greatly benefit the people of Honduras. If you would like to send support, we would certainly appreciate it! Please make the checks payable to **Peace Lutheran Church** and mail directly to me. For IRS purposes, please DON’T put my name in the “memo” line of your check. Please remember, the most important thing to me is that you pray for our team and my family that I leave behind. God Bless You!

More information will be updated at my website:  
<http://www.charlottesvillehandyman.com/Honduras.htm>