

Central Florida Honduras Mission Joins Forces with Pat Morley's Man in the Mirror Ministries and Florida Men of Integrity

At the direction of the Rt. Rev. Lloyd Allen, Bishop of Honduras, and following the model set forth by the Honduras Commission, Church of the Holy Child, Ormond Beach, has been applying the Asset Based Community Development pattern to its Honduras mission and ministry. Sharing their assets of experience, capability, connections and contacts, an intentionally small team of four men traveled from Church of the Holy Child to the Church of the Transfiguration in the remote mountain village of Las Crucitas, Honduras, the week of July 4th. These two parishes are in their second year of a planned 5-year Parish to Parish Relationship.

A small team of women were down in March of this year focusing on the Daughters of the King ministry and the spiritual needs of the women of the parish and village. The goal in July was to develop and deepen relationship with men of the parish.

Victor Lopez, Hispanic Ministries Director for Florida Men of Integrity and a Field Trainer for Man in the Mirror Ministries, acted as team translator and was given the opportunity to teach, train and equip more than 50 Honduran men using the Man in the Mirror materials he had recently translated into Spanish.

Father Keen, Rector of Church of the Holy Child, who led the mission team, said he truly had no frame of reference for the response of the men to the training they received. It was phenomenal. Country people, no matter what race, culture or nationality, tend to be reserved, especially around strangers. This is certainly true in the remote areas of Honduras. His amazement was compounded by the immediate reaction of the women of the village, who the next morning asked, "What did you say to our men? They are different!"