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Let me start this update with an apology to all of you who tried to send mail to my POB the end of last year. The Post Office instructed their new help to go by the name on the mail instead of the POB number! The end of the year was the first time my return envelopes didn't have "McDonald" on them. I tracked down two pieces of mail that had been "returned to sender" at the main Post Office and one that had been re-sent. So sorry if that caused you to have returned mail, they have since fixed the problem.

My January trip to Honduras was a great one. I was in San Manuel, San Pedro Sula and Tegucigalpa. I made contact with several churches, one feeding program and two orphanages for my return trip there in July. I'll be doing programs at these locations using "Gospel Magic with a Message" when I return.

The water project for San Manuel Cortes, Honduras is moving ahead. The San Pedro Sula, Honduras Rotary Club with the help of the Chapel Hill, NC Rotary Club will apply for Grants from Rotary International for some of the \$100,000 needed to get 16,000 people water in San Manuel Cortes. I initiated this project two years ago in May. The City of San Manuel has already put in one new well as part of their commitment to the project.

When you help me that allows me to help others in a variety of ways, like this water project. While there, HOPE was able to help with tuition to a Christian School for an 8-year-old little girl. It costs about \$13 per month for tuition, books and clothes for this little girl to go to a Christian school. So with your help, we paid three months tuition to help this family. We bought groceries to help two other families while there.

While in Honduras, I went to Tegucigalpa (4 hour drive) in a Baptist Mission vehicle and stopped by a Catholic Church to pickup Orthopedic Rehab Equip for another Orphanage for needy kids in San Pedro Sula of another denomination. What a blessing to see the church work together for those in need.

The rest of the year is going to be busy. March will take me for a week near Corpus Christi, Texas for a "One Day with God" in the prison there. I will spend a week at the "Global Impact Conference" here in Mobile at CHBC. The end of March we'll do a new event called "A Day with Friends" in a Lucedale, MS. prison. Dr. Rod Smith, Founder of HOPE and I will be doing the programs, then we'll have volunteers for the counseling time with 300 inmates and we'll cook hamburgers and feed all of the staff and inmates.

April I will travel to Antigua, Guatemala for a month of Language School thanks to a donor. In May I go back to Texas and then an event here in Mobile.

In June I'll be back in Texas and Kentucky prisons and then July to Honduras and Guatemala for events there in churches, prisons, feeding programs and orphanages. I plan to travel to Mongolia in August for a month to work in the prisons, villages, schools and Gobi Desert with my friends Mitchell Tillman and Oyunbadam Rolomsuren, the Prison Director we hosted two years ago.

The rest of the year is much the same and I haven't even scheduled any "Bill Glass Champions for Life" events for this year.

Please prayerfully seek God on how you can help us through HOPE. There is so much to do and so many people in need everywhere. I Cor. 9:22

I love you and appreciate each of you and covet your prayers and financial support that allows God's word and the "Good News of Jesus" to penetrate the darkness.
Joe McDonald Proverbs 3:5-6