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NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

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UBL life...



Vision impaired student, Blanca of Honduras, receives her Video-Magnifier and uses it in class (donated by Mt. Pisgah UMC, Virginia and Ingleside UMC, Texas). She will return to Honduras to open a theological study site for the disabled with the assistance of the Presbyterian Church of Honduras. (with Blanca are, Sandy Wilder UMC SWTX Annual Conference GBGM Secretary; American Baptist Missionary and UBL Professor Ruth Mooney, rt)



World Cup Why theology and not soccer?



In the air worldwide is talk of "futbol" or soccer as The World Cup is in play. The following thoughts were written by student Juan Antonio Timpson of Limon, Costa Rica on why he gave up professional soccer to study theology at the UBL.

Why theology and not *futbol*? When I ask myself that question, the answer has given birth from within. Days ago when I received notice I would be accepted to study theology, there also came the invitation to play professional soccer.

I don't want to be separated from my refuge of soccer...it has kept me from falling victim to drugs and bad choices; it has given me much happiness and little sadness. It is difficult to separate me from soccer as it has practically been my life since my youth. Soccer has been a sport that has never brought anything bad into my life.

But months ago I began to hear a voice that said "do not fear because of your decision, I will not abandon you." (continued next column)

World Cup...why theology and not soccer? ... (continued)

That phrase rolled through my mind day and night, and although I didn't understand it, after I received both invitations, I knew the choice I made would mark my future. I believe my decision to study theology was a difficult choice to make.

Playing professional soccer was my dream, it was my all. But I have opted for something very different. I believe there is theology in "futbol", just as artists believe there is theology in the things they love, musicians sense theology in music, I know in one form or another, there is theology in soccer as well.

I have made a good choice, because in studying theology I will know God. In soccer I have known God. I have no regrets in giving up my dream to study theology. God is pleased with me, because I have chosen well. I have great memories of time with the ball in the field...

By Juan Antonio Timpson
Limon, Costa Rica
Student-UBL
May 2010

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St. James United Methodist Church Montgomery, Alabama supporting Amanda Leonard as VIM to the UBL.

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2010

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2011

Feb 10-18 2011

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