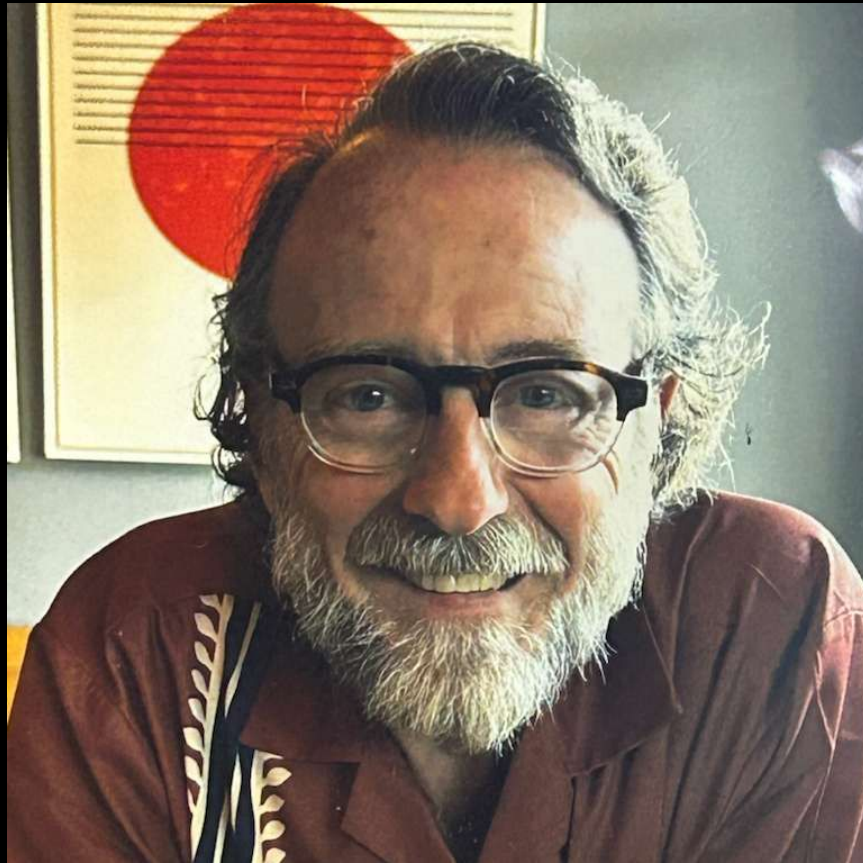


A Tough Week

Bruce Ruark, July 3, 1957- Oct.21, 2025



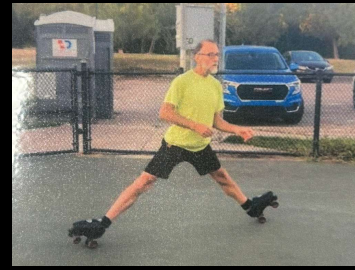
Cocal family,

As many of you may have heard, my father, Bruce Ruark, passed away. It was not what I expected to hear stepping off the plane from Indiana. While many may not have met my dad in the States, he was known by the whole ministry, thanks to the trips he made to visit us over the last five years. I am thankful that I was blessed with a dad who loved me, made time and space for me, listened to me, and invested in my children. I don't want to make this a huge eulogy, but I want to say I appreciate the conscious effort my dad gave to be with me. He was as uncomfortable in my world as I was in his, but he came to visit me anyway.

As Christians, it is easy to build lives that revolve around, well, other Christians. Our extracurricular activities are at the church or with our friends that believe and see the world like us. All of that is great, but how many people do you spend time with that don't know Jesus and live very differently than you? Are you willing to spend the weekend with them? My dad did for me what I think every Christian should do for the world. He stepped out of comfort to connect to me. It has made me think of other people in my life that maybe need me to suck it up, be uncomfortable, and visit their worlds so that I can share Jesus with them. It is the call of Christ, and I know I could be better.

I flew to Texas to visit my brother and my aunt. We spent time talking about Dad. I went to a memorial skate night his friends put on for him at the skate rink. It was really

nice to hear the fun and good stories people shared about him. Just about every patron knew him and said he had helped them learn to skate better. Skating was his passion and the people at the rink were his family.



I also stayed over the weekend to attend my mom's birthday. I think it was the first one I had been to in 19 years. I am so glad to have shared the memory.



MLV PORK CHOP SALE

Back home in Honduras, our team and Rina headed up the Pork Chop Lunch sale for MLV. All the students and staff pre-sell pork chop lunches and then on a certain Saturday, we cook them all up. It is a lot of work and really fun. We broke our record selling 525 plates!! It was an incredible day, and the students and staff worked really hard. The proceeds from the event will help pay for our end-of-semester party Dec. 6.





Check out our 1 minute highlight video filmed by a student!

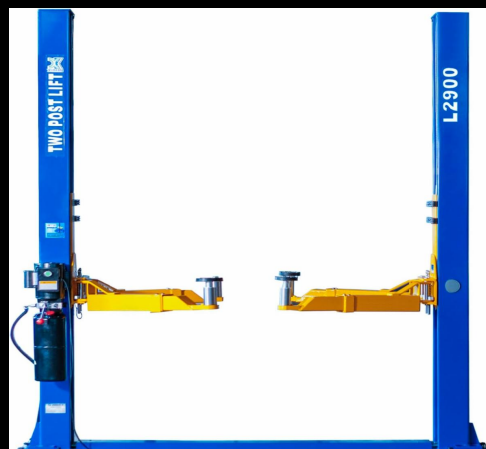


Thanksgiving is coming up! We have a big turkey day planned with a Western theme lunch, complete with barrel roping, and line dancing! If anyone would like to come celebrate with us, let us know!

MLV MECHANIC SHOP



The MLV mechanic shop opened Oct. 26, and we had a great dedication service. Denis, Sara, and Mario are now our Auto shop team. They have been working this week helping our first clients! We have finished the shop and opened for business, but there are still some specialty items we would like to have.



A SPECIAL NEED

The big specialty items that could really boost the mechanic shop and our program is a lift and an air compressor. A 5 ton lift costs \$2700 with installation. It would be a huge

blessing for not only the shop, but the students. Lifts are the new draw to auto shops and everyone is putting them in to maintain a certain professional status. It would be great advertising for us and the students would benefit by learning how to safely use this new equipment, because chances are their future shop has one.

If you are able to help toward purchasing a lift and compressor for the shop, please click the donate button below and send it HONDURAN OPERATIONS.

God Bless all of you as you serve Him!

Brian

TEAMS

If you have never been on a Cocal Gracias mission team, I would encourage you to prayerfully consider joining one or bringing one. We have several 2026 slots available. If you are interested in bringing or joining a team, please contact Amy Caffarella at Acaff44@gmail.com

MONTHLY PARTNERS NEEDED!

We are celebrating 16 years in ministry and would like to add 16 new monthly partners to financially support the ministry this coming year. Please consider joining us in the mission of Jesus in Honduras.

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