

# April 09 / yr. 3 in Honduras Janet Alcántara

“Let us give thanks to...God...because...he gave us new life by raising Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope.”  
—1 Peter 1.3



**Ethics workshop.** Ever since I found that some of the ICLH leaders thought that Lutheran freedom meant doing whatever you please, I hoped to do a workshop on Christian ethics (Christian life). Despite my eagerness, the workshop never material-

ized. However, this month the staff spent a day working the topic of misuse of power, communications, money and sexuality, finishing with a **Service of Forgiveness and Affirmation of Baptism** (above). I realized that God’s timing was right. People not ready before now participated eagerly, digging hungrily into the Bible texts and discussing avidly.



“**Christ is risen! He has conquered death!**” shout worshippers from Camino de Emaús (*Road to Emmaus Lutheran Church*) as they wave white banners and process on Resurrection Sunday from the top of the block to their little church at the bottom. This was their first-ever early morning Easter service (*cum* breakfast). The majority of ICLH congregations haven’t celebrated Easter. “Why bother? Most people are travelling or on vacation.” In the Pastors’ Group we encouraged leaders to try Holy Week and Easter services--with some great results.

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## Ambiance

### Holy Week in Tegucigalpa

By Wednesday of Holy week, Tegus’ frenetic traf-  
fic disappeared: a portion  
of the population left for  
home villages or the coast.  
The rest—since most busi-  
nesses were closed—stayed  
home, trying to stay cool.



On Good Friday, I hap-  
pened upon my vicinity’s  
(Catholic) 3-hour *Via Cru-  
cis* (see below), a beautiful  
and unanticipated bles-  
sing. We visited stations set  
up by neighbours (above).  
I have participated before  
in reflections at Stations of  
the Cross, but in a sanc-  
tuary—or outside in chill,  
gray weather appropriate  
to the mood. Here,  
parading under a searing  
sun, I had new sympathy  
for the suffering, thirsty  
Christ: Jerusalem’s dust  
and intense morning heat  
would have multiplied his  
agonies...

Two men carried the  
“portable sound system” –  
a metal bookcase with two  
loudspeakers hooked up  
to a car battery. Ingenious  
and functional!

