



Rooftops Fly into Tegus and you will observe a sea of contiguous roofs. Houses are mostly built right up against one another with no yards. I could step off my back stairs and walk around the block atop the neighbours' roofs! (*above*).

Of course this means I hear all my neighbours' living noises and my apartment fills daily with a mixture of cooking smells. Gregarious, these folks have frequent guests and raucous parties. For such a voluble bunch, disagreements are cheerful, brief, and curiously lacking in venom. (I don't think this is necessarily a true cross-section of Hondurans, however...)

Household hints

◆ Put half a lime over the spout of the electric teakettle to keep ants from colonizing in this favourite site.

◆ One can also sprinkle lime juice over surfaces to discourage ants...but it unfortunately leaves the surfaces unpleasantly sticky! (NOTE: Honduran ants assiduously avoid American ant bait traps).

◆ Slosh a little milk into your black coffee or tea—you can then spot and scoop out the ants floating on the surface.

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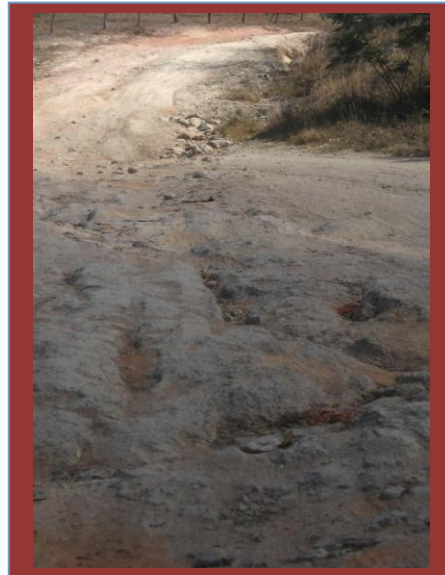
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"The way that leads to life is hard, and there are few people who find it."

--Matthew 8:14



Meet Mauricio and Otila, (*below*) who share their home for weekly Confirmation classes in La Cañada

It's sure easy to miss the track off the highway that leads up a bluff to the serene village of La Cañada ("Canefield"). It's a jarring trip of brutal potholes and bare stone (*left*). There's no public transport. But this is the only way to get to the life that thrives at the Luz del Mundo (*Light of the World*) Lutheran Church where I teach a weekly Confirmation class to congregation leaders who are preparing to teach others (*see class, below*).



Also made a swift pastoral trip to La Ceiba mid-month to visit Pastor Martín Girón (*right*) in his new parish, deliver Bibles for his congregations, and watch him in action. Our team also had the sad task (now there is no one to lead Women's Ministry) of accepting Eva Valladares' resignation from the ICLH staff until she recovers from exhaustion.



In faith and service in Christ,

--janet