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The Illinois Wesleyan University and McLean County Chapters of Habitat for Humanity will sponsor a concert of Latin American music on Friday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m., in IWU's Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall.

IWU Assistant Professor of Music John Michael Cooper, a member of the McLean County chapter's fundraising committee, organized the event, which will feature performances by faculty and students.

"The concert just seemed like the natural thing to do given the McLean County Chapter's strong ties to Latin America," Cooper said.

A donation of \$.25 to \$25.00 is suggested for admission to the concert.

According to Judy Stone, director of McLean County Habitat for Humanity, an ecumenical Christian housing organization that builds homes in partnership with low-income families, each chapter uses 10 percent of all donations to support projects in Third World countries. In the past three years the McLean County chapter has donated \$27,522 to projects in the Yure River Basin, Honduras.

"If building continues at its present rate," Stone said, "poverty [substandard] housing in the Basin will be wiped out by the year 2000."

The concert is the first event in the Building in Faith Week, a nine-day program dedicated to promoting awareness of Habitat for Humanity International. Every Habitat chapter worldwide will mark the "week" of activities Sept. 8-17, Stone said.

"It's kind of neat to be participating in something you know is going on around the world," said Stone.

The concert will include 15 performers of many styles of Latin American music, such as Renaissance, jazz, sacred, secular, and dance. Frontera--an ensemble composed of Illinois Wesleyan faculty David Vayo and Cecilia Sanchez-Harris, and Carlos Perdio of Illinois State

University--will participate in the program. The Franklin Park Brass, an IWU student quintet, also will perform.

Among the week's events is a Sept. 16 groundbreaking for a "collegiate house," a \$35,000 home which will be built entirely with funds raised by IWU and ISU faculty, students, and staff.

Illinois Wesleyan Habitat for Humanity President Ryan Anderson, a junior biology and math major from Arlington Heights, Ill., said the idea for the house, located at 3 Partner Place in Bloomington, came from the fact that there were so many students that wanted to help. The Illinois Wesleyan chapter has 95 duespaying members.