

June 2004

MY HEART SWELLS WITH THE VISION

I just wanted to send a little note to all of you. This month I started to teach an English class at the complex. I teach the children from 2:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. and then the adults of the community afterward. We have the class in one of the pods that I have made into my classroom, but unfortunately the classes have not gone that well. You see my problem is the noise level. There is always a grinder or a drill or pounding going on and most of my class, I'm screaming at the top of my lungs and can't hear myself. We have tried it in other pods and at other times of the day, but it really doesn't matter. This is all day long. And the only thing that I have to say to all of you up there that are providing for all this commotion that is wrecking my class is - THANK YOU!

You see exactly one year ago Oscar and I drove in to Honduras from Guatemala, and one of the first sights that you hit, about 30 mins. from the border, is the orphanage. The sight of the orphanage at that time was just horrible - completely abandoned, is the word to describe it. It was surrounded in swamp, with cow poop everywhere. It looked completely forgotten. And this is how it has sat for almost 4 long yrs. Other than the once or twice a year that we were there, it sat dead.

But now, this place is so alive. First of all, it's the presence of our 6 children doing children things. Then the cook, busy preparing lunch, dinner, and snacks. Then Freddy and Jonnie, taking care of the place and the kids, and of course the construction. Just movement everywhere. We have flowers and trees going up and walls and roofs going up and getting painted so beautiful. And 6 children that are alive again as well, perhaps alive for the first time.

Sometimes I go back to the end of the property and just look at the place and see construction workers just swarming all over it like a herd of ants and my heart just swells with vision - that very, very soon, this place will be even more alive with more children, because it really is them that brings life to the place. I don't know, it's not really me to be sentimental at all its just that I'm so overjoyed at all that is going on I had to share it with someone. (see photo at end of newsletter)

Thank you for all that you have been doing for this ministry and all of your hard work and determination. Though you are not here to see, you really are making a difference. May God richly bless all of you, Amy

FIRST ANNUAL STEVENSON BENEFIT BANQUET

The first annual Stevenson Benefit Banquet for Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries will be held on July 31st at Rock Creek Center in Stevenson, Wa. from 6:30 to 8:30. Chairperson, Pam Pin-Totaro, has a wonderful evening of entertainment planned, as well as an authentic Honduran dinner. Several community members will perform a three part skit. Margaret McLarney will be debuting "Heart to Heart", her original composition written especially for this ministry. There will be reports and slides from Steve Sharp and Mary Frenter who will have just returned from Honduras. Admission is free. We will be raising funds to support and furnish our Children's Home in Tegucigalpa Honduras. Be praying about how you can help. To make a reservation please call or email Pam Pin-Totaro, 509-427-2762 totaroinurance@saw.net or Mary Frenter, 509-427-8585 lyamar@gorge.net.

MEALS FROM THE HEART PROGRAM REPORT

The Meals from the Heart program has changed. Compassion International, through the Honduran Nazarene Church, is now sponsoring almost all the children who were coming to our meals program each day. There are two families and a few street children not covered by their ministry that we are still feeding. One of the two

families is headed by a blind mother with several children. The other family is headed by two single mothers who are sisters with several children. If the need arises, we will again expand the Meals from the Heart.

NEW ADDRESS FOR HEART TO HEART

With the addition to our board of a new secretary and a new treasurer who both live in the Gorge, we have changed our address to: WORLDWIDE HEART TO HEART MINISTRIES

P.O. BOX 372

CARSON, WA 98610

Please send all future correspondence to this address.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the May Board Meeting, four volunteers were added to our Board of Directors. Dean and Rachel King have been involved with H2H for 5 years, volunteering on mission trips every year. They were part of the first VBS team last January. They live in Castle Rock, Wa. Joel Olsen has been volunteering for mission trips to Honduras with H2H since 2000. His most recent trip was with the Construction team that went to Honduras last March. He and his wife, Annette and their sons and foster daughter live in Carson, WA. Sonni Ross and her husband, Brian, recently moved to Carson. She works for the Stevenson-Carson School District Administration Office. She will serve as our treasurer.

SERRANO REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY

by Amy Serrano

The month of May in Honduras has been one of the most productive yet. When the construction group left in March, a large project was put into action by construction coordinator Steve Sharp. Much work on the welding of the metal structure was done by the group that came from the U.S. So, the job that was left for the Honduran team was to finish the welding, to put the roof up, to finish some small details of construction, like building the last bathroom for one of the pods and to do the concrete finishing and plastering of all the walls in the complex. It was a large construction project that is now 90% completed. All that remains is the last step of plastering the walls, which should be completed by the first weeks in June. Our workers here in Honduras have labored with all their hearts because this is where their hearts are. They have been so great.

We have also begun our English classes that we offer to the community and to the children. We have about 20 students from the community and of course our 6 kids. We meet in one of the pods that we have converted into a classroom. This is just one of the several technical classes that we hope to offer in the complex.

This month we also received another blessing - a new resident of the boys' home. His name is Marvin David Ramos Amaya. He just turned 15 years old. Marvin was sent by his parents to go into town, which is a 3hr. walk down from the mountains where they live, and make his own way. With 9 younger brothers and sisters, there was not enough food to go around. Marvin went to find a relative that worked as a mason to see if he could give him a job. The man, of course having not enough work to feed himself, could not do anything with him. But he knew about us. Marvin is an experienced farmer and has taught us a lot about planting and land cultivation. Since we were recently given over 150 varieties of plants and trees by the government to plant on the property, Marvin's agricultural experience has come in very handy.

The children had report card day the first week of May. Oscar and I and Freddy attended their conferences. We were shocked and amazed and really very proud. All 5 of the children that we have in school had all A's and B's. Their teachers reported that they were leaders in their after school study groups, and that their behavior was

exceptional. Proof to the world that many of these children living in the filth and terror of the streets are really dynamos of potential hiding under dirt, shame and horrible circumstances that just need the chance to prove it.

We also celebrated two birthdays this month. Marvin turned 15 on the 15th of May and (big) Josué turned 15 on the 29th of May. We celebrated the birthdays together with a barbeque. All of the Honduran board and our workers and their families came (about 50 people all together). It was a great time and the boys appreciated it so much. As you can see it has been very busy and very exciting this past month. Thanks to all who are praying for this ministry and giving of your time and finances. You really are making a difference.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

THERE ARE 6 HOMELESS CHILDREN, LITTLE JOSUE AGE 8, MARLON AGE 9, HECTOR AGE 12, DAVID AGE 11, BIG JOSUE AGE 13, AND MELVIN AGE 14, LIVING AT THE ORPHANAGE SITE. WE NEED MONTHLY SUPPORT FOR EACH OF THE BOYS.

\$350 FOR A MILK COW FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOME

DEISEL TRUCK FOR USE WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME

\$500 FOR A CHICKEN FARM FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOME

FUNDS TO RUN THE CHILDREN'S HOME WHEN IT IS COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR.

WORKERS TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE MISSION TEAMS

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

(Jesus, in His letter to us - Matthew 6: 19-21)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY - Steve Sharp, Gerardo Ramirez and Ben Campbell working to complete the Children's Home in Honduras. Karen Kearcher and Mary Frenter will be visiting our Children's Home and Clinic site to evaluate needs for the coming year.

JULY 31 - FUNDRAISING BENEFIT DINNER - Stevenson, WA at the Rock Creek Center- Contact Pam Pin-Totaro for reservations: 360-427-2762, totaroinsurance@saw.net

OCTOBER 6 - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER Castle Rock Christian Church 5 pm

JANUARY 2005- VBS team to Honduras

MARCH 26-APRIL 2, 2005- Medical team to Honduras

Please Pray for...

health, strength, safety and wisdom for Oscar, Amy, Sarah and Rachel.

safety and monthly support for the 6 boys living at the Clinic site.

workers who will come forth to help in the Children's Home

physical, spiritual and traveling safety for volunteers Katie Leitheiser, Steve Sharp, Gerardo Ramirez, and Ben

Campbell, Karen Kearcher and Mary Frenter who are in Honduras this summer.
wisdom for the board here and the board in Honduras.

DO YOU HAVE \$1 A MONTH YOU COULD SPARE ?

BY LYLE FRENTER

WWH2H NEEDS PEOPLE WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE \$1 ON A MONTHLY BASIS TO SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY. WILL YOU JOIN THOSE WHO ALREADY SUPPORT H2H AND HELP US HELP THE HOMELESS CHILDREN OF HONDURAS? We realize that in today's economy it is difficult for people to afford sizable contributions. Because of this, we are attempting to organize a broad support base of people who can afford to donate \$1 per month. By networking, it would be possible for thousands to become involved in making the Children's Home a reality. Email us at lymar@gorge.net for information and materials to help H2H organize the required economical base to operate the H2H Children's Home in Honduras. If there is any way you can help us with funds for construction and/or Monthly Support Pledges, THE TIME IS NOW! WE HAVE LEARNED THE HARD WAY THAT FOR THESE CHILDREN, EVERYDAY COULD BE TOO LATE! Just \$1 a month will help. If you know of a church or other organization that might be interested in finding out more about the work of WWH2H, we would be thrilled to give them a presentation about our ministry and our needs. Contact Lyle or Mary Frenter, 509-427-8585, lymar@gorge.net or Dean and Rachel King, 360-274-8026, dkingn7kgx@aol.com, to make arrangements.

*****DETACH AND SEND

My name is _____ and I want to help with World Wide Heart to Heart's work in Honduras.

* I want to donate \$ _____ on a one-time / monthly basis (circle one) for the Building Fund of the Children's Home/Medical Clinic.

* I want to donate \$ _____ on a one-time / monthly basis (circle one) for the Food Program for the street kids in San Pedro Sula.

* I want to receive WWH2H updates. My address is:

* I would rather get e-mails:

My e-mail address is: _____

* I am a skilled: (please circle)

Doctor Nurse Other medical training _____

Electrician Welder Plumber Other trade _____

And I may be willing to donate my time and services to the children of Honduras. Please contact me at _____ (phone number/email) so I can get more information on up-coming trips.

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Please mail the above form/contributions to Heart to Heart. All gifts are tax deductible.

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