

August 2004

News from the Frontlines

by Amy Serrano

The last few months in Honduras have flown by. They have been packed with excitement and adventures and lots of new friends. To start with, way back in June, we were visited by a wonderful young woman by the name of Katie Leitheiser. Katie had just finished getting her teaching degree in Washington State and wanted to come and do something "selfless," according to her own words. She spent one month living in our home and was so helpful in many projects. Thank you so much Katie for all your selfless work.

Then we were joined by our construction coordinator Steve Sharp and Gerald Ramirez. Steve began the hard work putting all the plumbing together and the preparations for the electrical systems. Two weeks later, we were joined by Ben Campbell a long time ministry friend and trained electrician. Within two weeks we had power to most of the main complex. Thank you all for your tireless work and determination to see kids living in this building.

Then at the end of July we were visited by WWH2H president, Mary Frenter, and WWH2H medical coordinator, Karen Kearcher. Karen came to make preparations for next years medical team scheduled to arrive in March, and Mary came to bring back detailed reports to the board on the progress of the construction. Though their visit was short, it was a wonderful time of planning and preparation for future goals.

Finally, in the first week of August we were joined by Karljin Overeem, a wonderful young woman from Holland, who will spend the next 8 to 9 months with us doing an extremely important job. Karljin is a licenced psychologist and will be working with our boys at the Children's Home to work through some of the difficult issues that children living on the streets have faced. We have been extremely busy and extremely blessed. We continue to ask for your prayers and thank you all for your support.

PLEASE SPONSOR ME...

My name is Marlon. I am 11 years old. I came to the Worldwide Heart to Heart Meals from the Heart Program to get food. They asked me if I wanted to stop living on the streets. I did!! Oscar took me home for a shower and some clean clothes. Then he took me to live with the children at the Children's Home. I feel so much safer here. I need you help so I can stay safe. Thank you!!

I wish to sponsor Marlon on a monthly basis for \$_____ per month. Please send me a Sponsorship Packet.

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE_____

EMAIL_____

DETACH AND RETURN TO WWH2H, P.O. Box 372, Carson, WA 98610

FIRST ANNUAL STEVENSON BENEFIT BANQUET

The first annual Stevenson Benefit Banquet for Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries was held on July 31st at Rock Creek Center in Stevenson, Wa. Chairperson, Pam Pin-Totaro, reports 110 people in attendance. The program of skits, music and slide presentations of the last 7 months in Honduras was terrific!! An authentic Honduran dinner was served thanks to the efforts of Rena Hodges. Community members performed a two part skit. Margaret McLarney, with her husband, Jason Fritz, sang "If You're Wondering" and "Heart to Heart", her original compositions written especially for this ministry. Mychal Ostler and Zach Dunlap performed "Castle on a Cloud" accompanied by Gloria James. Teresa Johnson and Rusty Leetch accompanied by Patty Midland sang "The Family Prayer Song". There were reports and slides from Joel Olsen, Rachel King, and Karen Kearcher who have been to Honduras on teams lately. A huge Heart to Heart thank you to Pam Pin-Totaro, Rena Hodges and her family, Mychal Ostler, Zach Dunlap, Steve Waters, Danny Waters, Brody Pestana, Maxwell Totaro, Teresa Johnson, Patty Midland, Rusty Leech, Gloria James, Jessie Pin, Karen Douglass, Joanna Grammon, Kelly Dunlap, Danielle Lahaie, Annette Olsen, Joel Olsen, Bob Leitheiser, Mike Totaro, Matt Totaro, Margaret McLarney, Jason Fritz, Karen Kearcher, Rachel King, Dean King, and anyone else we may have left out, for making this a huge success. The funds raised, that were designated for construction, have been sent to Serranos so they can continue the building of the Children's Home in Tegucigalpa.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS TO HONDURAS

Thank you and may God bless you, Katie Leitheiser. Katie journeyed to Puerto Cortes to help Serranos for the month of June. Blessings to Gerardo Ramirez, Ben Campbell and Steve Sharp, Construction Coordinator, for your work on the Children's Home this summer. So much has been accomplished. Thank you to the Mercy Ship Team who worked for 10 days this summer on the construction for Heart to Heart: Gary and Sylvia Thacker from Grants Pass, OR; Chris Stanley from Leeds, England; Anthony Stirling from Australia, Alan Hanstings, Jr. from Hawaii and J.D. Shunk from Chicago. Thank you to Karen Kearcher who accompanied Mary Frenter for a short visit to Honduras to see the progress and make plans for the Medical Team for next Spring.
GOD HAS BLESSED...

As I looked over our IMMEDIATE NEEDS list from the last newsletter, I realized God has provided so much. Three people have sent funds for cows, (Grace, Lymar and Oscar) the chicken farm is up and running with the rooster, Eggs Benedict, in command. We have a two pond fish farm with 120 fish growing into food for our children. A huge vegetable and fruit garden is planted and beginning to produce. A truck has been donated here in the U.S. Oscar may be able to drive it to Honduras in December. Workers are beginning to volunteer for our VBS and Medical Teams for 2005. Since February, over \$51,000 has come in for construction and we are very near having the first of the four houses completed so our 6 boys can move in. We have people inquiring about long term mission work for Heart to Heart. This has been quite a year, so far!!!

CURRENT NEEDS

Monthly sponsors for the six children we are currently caring for.
\$23,000 to finish the construction completely
Funds to furnish the Children's Home when complete.
A 60 kw Generator for the Children's Home
Volunteers for the Medical Team in 2005

"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

DECEMBER 2004 - We hope to bring Serranos home for a visit. They will have been in Honduras for a year and a half and plan to stay in Honduras indefinitely. Periodically, we will bring them home to visit family and churches and organizations to report first hand the work of WWH2H in Honduras.

JANUARY 2005- VBS team to Honduras (CONTACT TINA CAMPBELL FOR MORE INFORMATION 360-274-8840

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
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 lyamar@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, lyamar@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.

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

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