

December 2004

News from the Frontlines

by Amy Serrano

Hello, from Washington. We arrived early in December and will be here visiting and doing presentations until early January. It has been wonderful seeing all our Washington family again. Thanks to all of you who helped make this trip possible.

Many exciting things are happening in Honduras. The construction of the Children's Village has been progressing more and more each day. The children have now moved from the Edgar Memorial Clinic building into the first completed pod, their new home. There are 10 boys there now with room for two more. On November 26th, the new kitchen in the main structure was officially opened. We have also begun construction on the dining hall where all the children will eat their meals together

As the construction grows, so does our family. Roberto, age 7, joined us when his mother deserted him several weeks ago. He will enter first grade when the Honduran schools resume classes in February. We have taken three other new children into our Village and they are doing so well. (see their story below) They are three brothers that we found living together in the streets. The oldest is Caesar. He is 8 years old and will be in first grade. The second is Mauricio. He is 6 years old. He will join his brother in first grade. The youngest is David. He is 4 and absolutely adorable. These three brothers were abandoned by their mother four months ago. Their father is an unemployed alcoholic that spent all the money on beer he made begging in the streets. The children were forced to go to the streets to survive and beg. Four year old David has a deformed foot and walks and runs on his ankle. We hope to find doctors to surgically correct this for him.

Our other boys also have some great news. As many of you know, we have two 15 year old boys that are now in the 3rd grade, obviously far behind grade level. But their teacher has just informed us they have been working very hard this year and have completed more than one year of work. She believes that they can test to go to the 6th grade next year. These boys have worked extremely hard. They want so badly to finish school and go to college. They all say that when they are older, they will work with street children. It's so amazing what happens when you plant a seed!! Oscar promised all the boys that are in school a bike if they got straight A's. He never expected them all to succeed. They did!!! Anyone out there have money for 5 new bikes???

With the children now in the main building, the clinic was ready for operation. Recently, when Oscar was returning via bus from a business trip to the capital, Tegucigalpa, he met an old friend who is a nurse. They talked the whole trip back about the clinic that has now been cleaned, painted and ready for action. She agreed to begin the clinic without pay, as we have no budget for this yet, and to begin treating the boys and the community of Tegucigalpa. Our ministry doctor, Dr. Jamie Castellanos, is still in charge of our medical program in Honduras and will supervise. So, three weeks ago the clinic opened to the public. Praise God!!!

In the midst of all this joy and success, I am still reminded of one very important thing: We still have many empty spaces at the Children's Village. Growing is slow and it is not because of a lack of demand. Many children desperately need these buildings to be finished. But we have a long way to go. We need to find complete sponsorship for all the boys we currently have with us. We need funds to finish the rest of the building. We need people to sponsor the future children that will come. We ask each of you that receives this letter to prayerfully consider sponsoring one child with a contribution of any amount. We also pray that you will go to your friends, families, neighbors and churches and let them know as well.

In the coming year, we hope to have the funds to finish the 5 pod structure completely, build a playground for the children, and build the first of three buildings of our technical school. We need to begin teaching our boys marketable skills so they can provide for themselves and their families when they are grown. Our next completed pod will house 12 girls. They will need these skills as well.

As we approach the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I am reminded that He, too, was born in difficult circumstances and God put Him in a family so He could be loved and nurtured throughout His childhood. Every child should have that right. Please help us give this birthright of a family to the homeless children of Honduras. We are in desperate need of Monthly Sponsors for these children.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support of this ministry. Without you, none of this would be possible. This IS your ministry and we thank God for each of you every day!!

CURRENT NEEDS,

Funds

for construction (to complete the main structure and the clinic floor, for a playground, for a Technical School)
for sending a container with donated items and a truck (\$4000)
for vehicle expenses (repair, gas) for monthly support in any amount for the children

Immediate Needs

Christmas funds for boys, School fees for boys by Feb. (\$1800)

Monthly support for the 10 children we now care for

CONSTRUCTION TEAM MEMBERS FOR 2005

CRUSADE MEMBERS FOR 2005

Donated Items

Boy and girl toys for 3-15 year old children

Clothing for boys and girls 3-15

Shoes

Sock, Underwear

Shirts

Shorts

Jeans

Dresses

Skirts

Blouses

Bath towels

Hand towels

Wash rags

Kitchen towels

Pot holders

Washers

Dryers

commercial stove

commercial refrigerator

commercial freezer

commercial dishwasher

Blouses

Sewing Machines/ needles for the machine

Material for curtains and other things
Thread
ESL materials for K-3
Medical equipment for the clinic
A 60 kw Generator for the Children's Home

"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,

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.

PLEASE SPONSOR ME,

Jose David Amaya Licona age 4, Mauricio Amaya Licona age 6, Caesar Amaya Licona age 8

Their Story - The boys' mother abandoned them 5 months ago. Their father, who is an unemployed alcoholic, left them everyday to go out to the streets to beg for food. When Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries found them, they were extremely malnourished, dirty and scared. Now, they have an opportunity to get an education, live in a safe, sanitary environment and have plenty of food to eat. Most of all, they will learn about the love of Jesus Christ. We are asking your help with the task of giving these brave little children hope and a future. We ask you to prayerfully consider sponsoring one of them with your prayers, monthly financial contributions and letters. Together we CAN make a difference changing one life at a time, while sharing the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Thank you and God bless you in your desire to serve Him.

DAVID- AGE 4 MAURICIO- AGE 6 CAESAR- AGE 8

I wish to sponsor _____ 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

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 and its support 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 HARD WAY, WHEN WE LOST EDGAR, 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

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 NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS

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