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WWH2H SPRING HAPPENINGS



by Amy Serrano

In the month of March, we spent most of the time taking advantage of financial gifts that came in for construction. The building is closer to completion than ever, with the work continuing. The flooring has been laid between all the buildings. Ceramic has been purchased for all the buildings and is completed in most of them. The doors and windows of the girl's house have been hung, the upstairs area is completed. Also the septic tank has been completed and a storage building was built on top to take advantage of the already in-place concrete flooring.



The clinic is running very well, due mostly to our amazing nurse practitioner, Flor. It is completely self sustaining, as we charge a small fee to those in the community that have the capacity to pay. The clinic runs from Monday through Thursday from 9a.m. to 3 p.m. It is wonderful to have medical help on site for our children. Some of our newest children are recovering from illnesses related to poor nutrition.

The children enjoyed their spring break holiday. It ran during the time that the medical group was in Honduras. The small children spent much of their time swimming in their inflatable pool, while the older kids invited their school mates from the village for soccer tournaments. Construction stopped during this week, so Freddy and Rosa Castro, the children's house parents, were able to spend time planning lots of recreation and having fun with the kids.

The older boys also spent much of their time studying. They are motivated to pass the tests that will move them to sixth grade. Five of the older boys are now currently in 4th grade. They have been going to 4th grade classes in the mornings and to 6th grade in the afternoon. We are hoping that this will work for them as they have worked very hard for this. They are currently 6 grade levels behind most children their age.



Medical Team— March 2005

The major story of the month was the medical team that was here for ten days. Six days were spent working in medical clinics that were set up in schools and community buildings. The team included two doctors, a dentist, an oral surgeon, an optometrist, several nurses, assistants, and translators. During the 6 days of medical clinics, we saw around 4000 people and treated many illnesses, pulled hundreds of teeth, gave hundreds of glasses out, and told many people that this was all because Jesus loved them very much. The team was also able to get some R&R when we spent one night at the

beautiful resort, Las Glorias, in Lago Yojoa, in central Honduras. We also spent Easter Sunday at the Children's Village where we had an Easter egg hunt, line dancing, soccer and barbequed Oscar (it's a long story).

With all of the joy of this month it left us a bit sad as we have to say good by to two young woman that have committed themselves to this work for some time. Karlijn Overeem and Courtney Villeneau left to return to their homes. Karlijn has worked with us since August of 2004 as a licensed psychologist. She has done an amazing job treating the children. Courtney has been with us since the VBS team in January and has helped with translation for the VBS and the medical team. She also blessed this ministry tremendously with the donation of a 1998 Nissan pick-up truck. Thank you girls for all of your hard work, but mostly for loving our children in Tegucigalpita so much.



The work in Honduras continued in April with the arrival of a construction team from Mercy Ships, led by Sylvia and Gary Thacker. This was their second trip to Honduras to help WWH2H. They also led the team last summer. This team finished the huge concrete slab that is now a basketball, volleyball and soccer court at the Village. A great big "thank you" to the medical team and the Mercy Ships team. You were all awesomeagain. Can't wait until next year.

**Front L to R— Caesar, Roberto, Ilsi, Nelson, Jose, Adonis
Middle L to R— Norman, Mauricio, Marlon
Back L to R— Freddie, Eduardo, Manuel, Oscar, Marvin**

We are so thankful to God as He continues to move mountains and shower us with blessings. Thank you for your prayers for Honduras.

PRAISE REPORT FROM THE FRONT
by Mary Frenter, President

In the two years since Serranos have been our Honduran National Directors, God has blessed this work mightily. The 5 pod building is virtually complete. The water system is done. The clinic is done and open 4 days a week. The farm provides milk, beef, chicken, eggs, fish and vegetables for the children. Thanks to the Mercy Ship team that was there in April, the concrete playground slab for basketball, soccer and volleyball is done. There have been VBS, Medical and Construction teams as well as, individuals there helping. And most importantly, 13 children who were homeless, now call the Children's Village home. They are healthy, in school and church, and have loving people caring for them. The coordination for all of this has most often been a seven day a week job for Serranos. They are coming home for a well earned and well deserved sabbatical. They will be living here in Carson. All of us thank them for their selfless devotion to this work and look forward to their return to Honduras when they are rested.

We have a wonderful couple Gary and Sylvia Thacker, who work with Mercy Ships who will be overseeing the projects in June when two teams go to begin the construction of the technical school. The Thacker's were team leaders for the Mercy Ships teams that helped us last summer and again this spring when they built the playground.

Two of our Honduran Board of Directors, Marcel Almandarez and Rafael Valle, are going to be Co-directors in the interim, working with Thacker's to see all runs smoothly. Allison Alexander, a wonderful lady who has a home for young women near our Village helping them to train for skilled jobs, and some of her young women, will also be helping as interpreters. They were invaluable helpers to our Medical team this spring.

We have a new "mommy" person for the children, Maria Jesus. Amy tells me she is wonderful. So, all goes well with the work in Honduras. Our 13 beautiful children continue to thrive.



APRIL BANQUET A HUGE SUCCESS

Once again Tina Campbell, VBS Coordinator and Spring Banquet Chairperson, out did herself with a delicious Honduran meal for the Spring Fund Raising Banquet on April 16 at Castle Rock Christian Church. 70 supporters attended and helped raise almost \$7000 after expenses. Thank you to everyone who attended and gave so generously for this important work.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

MONTHLY SPONSORS FOR THE CHILDREN
Construction Funds for the Tech School Building project.



Ilsi



Natalie

LITTLE GIRLS WITH BIG HEARTS MAKE A CONNECTION

Story By Rachel King—I asked Natalie, our grand daughter, if she had a stuffed animal or bear that she would like to send to our new little girl at the Children’s Home in Honduras. She said she wanted to buy her a special bear, and she would buy it from her birthday money. So her mother, Michelle, Natalie, her friend Carly and I went shopping at Build a Bear and Natalie made a special bear for Ilsi, and named her Angel. We took a picture of Natalie and Angel holding the bear, along with a note for Ilsi, so Ilsi could see who sent

her the bear. Mary Frenter took Angel with her when she went with the medical team, and gave her to Ilsi. Ilsi had her picture taken with Angel and sent a letter of thanks to Natalie for sending her the bear. Natalie now has Ilsi's picture and letter on her wall in her room, as a reminder of her new little friend in Honduras.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- *Health and strength for Serrano's*
- *Safety and monthly support for the 13 children who now call "The Village" home.*
- *Physical, spiritual and traveling safety for the Mercy Ships teams heading for Honduras in June.*



VBS Team— 2005