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NEWSLETTER

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Gifts From God: Updates on Our True Heroes

by Amy Serrano

It is such a privilege to write these monthly reports. Because of the amazing work the Lord has done in their lives, I am convinced that the children's stories need to be told. It is also a blessing to hear from many of you who have said that your lives were touched by the Lord's miracles in restoring our children.

This month we want to share with you the story of four amazing young women who have walked through hell and lived to tell about it. For privacy, we will call them Sally, age 15, Darcy, age 14, Carol, age 11, and Mary, age 9.

These girls come from La Moskita, or the Mosquito Coast. It is located in the northeast corner of the country, sparsely populated, and home to the largest tract of virgin tropical rainforest in North America. Very remote, La Moskita is accessible only by boat or plane. There are no roads connecting it to the rest of the country. Life in La Moskita is very primitive. Most of its inhabitants are illiterate and work as sustenance farmers.

Our four young women have the same mother and different fathers. The girls report that their mother treated them as a means of income for her. When the oldest sister, Sally, was 11 years old, her mother sent her to San Pedro Sula, supposedly to get an education while living with her aunt and uncle. Upon arrival, however, the real situation became abundantly clear. Sally became a slave to her aunt

and uncle. The worst offender of the two, her uncle abused her verbally and sexually. Sally never went to school and was made to feel as if she were imposing to ask for anything. She was



often not allowed to eat, even though there was plenty of food. She was told that she could go to school, but that she should not expect that her aunt and uncle to pay for the supplies or uniforms that she needed.

Her chances of going to school were made further impossible as she was also responsible for all of the cooking, cleaning and caring for her younger nephews. Her uncle repeatedly told her how worthless she was and how she was doing a terrible job with the household duties.

Sally was continually raped by her uncle, worked from sunup to

**WWH2H
Medical
mission
volunteer
receives a
kiss from a
new friend.**

sundown, and neither was she allowed to eat regularly nor go to school. Worst of all, her mother was being paid on a monthly

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HOW YOU CAN HELP WWH2H:

- PRAY for our children and our leaders
- Become a Monthly Sponsor and encourage your friends and family to become Monthly Sponsors
- Provide funds to help with Serrano travel expenses in Washington
- Sign up for our monthly newsletter
- Volunteer for a mission team
- Organize and hold a fund raiser for WWH2H

Thank you for your continued financial and prayer support for this important work. You are the "heart" in Heart to Heart. Without you there would be no ministry. God bless you, and thank you!!!



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basis by the aunt and uncle for the “use” of her daughter.

Sally’s uncle soon became tired of her and was ready for a new young girl. Since she was doing such a terrible job with the housekeeping, Sally’s uncle said that he would send for her sister, Darcy. Sally did all she could to prevent that from happening—she could not imagine her little sister coming to this horrible existence. But her attempts were useless, and her sister arrived weeks later. Darcy then became the focus of their uncle’s attention.

Darcy described how life was terrible at her uncle and aunt’s house. She said she and Sally were constantly told how stupid and useless they were. They were beaten for no reason and made to feel like they were taking advantage of their aunt and uncle to even ask for food.

One time Sally gave Darcy some food. Before they could eat, their aunt came and screamed at them, telling them to go to work, that they were not allowed to eat. Later, Darcy found out that Sally had put rat poison in the food in an attempt to end their nightmare. Finally, Sally, decided

it was better to die than to continue living like that. She took a knife and cut her wrists. Another aunt found her in the bathroom bleeding to death and took her to the hospital. Their situation became known to the authorities. The police rescued Sally and Darcy and put the aunt and uncle in prison.

When the authorities discovered that the mother was selling her daughters into slavery, the younger sisters, Carol and Mary, were also taken out of the home in La Moskita.

Darcy said she was never *taught* how to pray, but that she *learned* to pray by herself. She prayed every day that God would rescue them from that horrible place. She knows now that God did just that, and that He was taking care of them. The girls have been at the Village for about five months now. All things considered, they are doing well, although their mental and emotional healing will take years to resolve.

I must tell you about something that happened recently with Darcy. Darcy was really struggling with many things. Her behavior at the Village had not been very good. One day, Reyna, the Village nurse, ran into Oscar Serrano’s office and told him

that Darcy was having a seizure in the dining room.

Oscar Valaquez (member of the Honduras WWH2H board and a deacon at the WWH2H Church) and his daughter, were also at the Village that day. They said that Darcy was foaming at the mouth, with her eyes rolled back into her head. Oscar (Valaquez) said he felt the presence of something that was not right, something evil. Oscar (Serrano) also said he felt the same. When he saw Darcy on the floor, and nothing that the nurse was doing was helping, Pastor Serrano began to pray in the name of Jesus, that any demonic spirit must leave this girl alone. Darcy immediately came to her senses and began to cry. Darcy doesn’t remember the seizure, but says that she now feels less tormented by her past.

The sisters have a long road of healing in front of them. But God is up to the task. For Him nothing is impossible. It is through these challenges that He shows Himself to be who He is—our Savior! Now these four terrific young girls are safe, eating well, going to school, and, most of all, being taught about the love of God.

- AS

Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries is a nonprofit interdenominational Christian organization dedicated to serving poor children and senior citizens. Board members, officers and coordinators serve as volunteers without salary or remuneration. Charitable gifts are used to support Children’s Village orphanage and ministry in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Administrative expenses are covered by donations made specifically for that purpose. Our mission is to bring the love of Jesus to hurting people of this world. We emphasize caring for orphans, volunteering for mission projects, organizing medical teams to treat the poor, and providing food, clothing and education.

WWH2H is managed internationally by our USA Board of Directors. In addition, we are incorporated in Honduras as Asociación Mundial Corazón a Corazón (ASOCORA).

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Pastor Oscar and Amy Serrano

As many of you know, we have been in the United States for the month of July. We have been visiting churches and friends all over Washington and Oregon. The reception has been amazing. Everyone has been so generous with this ministry. There are so many people out there that have love and help to give, and are blessed to do just that. It builds my faith to see whatever God has planned will happen, because He has many faithful servants here in the United States that He is able to work through by His Holy Spirit.

Personal Blessings

This generosity has not just been toward the ministry. We, personally, have been blessed beyond measure. The medical, dental and vision

Life at the Village

by Amy Serrano

needs of our entire family have been attended to, and Rachel, our daughter, had a small growth removed from her nose. On top of all this, we were blessed with a five-day trip to Disneyland and a five-day trip to the Oregon Coast. Many invited us for meals, overnights, and fellowship. Our accommodations and vehicles have been loaned to us free of charge. With all our hearts, we, as a family, thank all of you who have given us so much. We sincerely love each and every one of you.

Village Report

The report from the Village by our interim directors, Gary and Sylvia Thacker of Mercy Ships, International, is good. All of the children are doing well. They miss us, or so we hear. The Thackers are doing a wonderful job of taking our place at the Village in Honduras. They say that everything is running smoothly, praise God.

WWH2H Church Report

Oscar Valaquez, WWH2H Honduras Board member and deacon at the

WWH2H Church, reports that the church is growing and doing well. We thank our board for covering our pastoral responsibilities in our absence. We are grateful for having the wonderful friends that we do, who cover all the bases when we are gone. Thank you seems not enough!

Thanks for Presentations

And last but not least, a huge WWH2H thank you to every church that generously invited us to come and share what the Lord is doing in Honduras.

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Rachel and Sara Serrano performed a traditional Honduran dance for guests who attended the Annual Benefit Dinner in July.

Newsletter and Website Revisions

In an effort to save printing and postage costs, as well as volunteer labor, we have reduced the size of the newsletter to just four pages.

For those of you who enjoy sitting and reading the paper while having a cup of coffee, you'll want to bring that coffee over to your computer. Why? All the information that no longer fits in the smaller newsletter is now on the new <http://wwh2h.org> website.

Although still a work in progress, the website will eventually contain:

- ★ **Upcoming Events**
- ★ **Honduras Map** (locations marked for Tegucigalpa, San Pedro Sula and Omoa, as well as general information about the country)
- ★ **Kids** (photos, names, ages, favorite subjects/activities)
- ★ **WWH2H Church** (*page in progress*)
- ★ **Photos** (*page in progress*)
- ★ **Missions** (information about upcoming missions, and photos and summaries of past missions)
- ★ **News** (breaking news and photos are posted here, as well as .pdf downloads for previous newsletters)
- ★ **History** (photos and brief summary of WWH2H)
- ★ **Support** (prayer, donations, volunteering, and needs list)

So, enjoy the newsletter, but be sure to visit the new website too!

If you have questions or comments about the newsletter and/or website, email paulabarr@comcast.net.



From the President's Desk

by Mary Frenter

Update on David

Wednesday, August 1st, David's pins were removed from his foot and he received a walking cast. After that comes off, he will be in a brace and then will have some therapy. *(Visit the NEWS page of the website for more information about David.)*

CRCC Annual Benefit Dinner

A huge success is the term to describe the Annual Benefit Banquet hosted by Castle Rock Christian Church and chaired by Tina Campbell. Many new and current supporters of WWH2H attended to spend time with Serranos and see new video of our children and the Village. Thank you to all who helped make this banquet a success!!

Bus Update and Thank You

As we go to press, the bus is on its way to Houston, Texas, where it will be shipped to Honduras. It is loaded with donations from all over Washington and Oregon. Thank you to each one who donated things for our bus "container" to Honduras!! *(For a list of items that went on the bus, go to the NEWS page of the website.)*

Nike Donation

Check out the slide show on the MISSIONS page of our website, showing the children using the equipment that was so generously donated (in English and Spanish).

Adopt-a-Child for Christmas

If your donated gift items didn't make it on the bus, please contact me at maryf@wwh2h.org or 509.427.8585, to make arrangements for pick up.

Needs List

As WWH2H grows, so do our needs. Please prayerfully consider the Needs List on the SUPPORT page of the website.

Upcoming Missions

Consider joining one of several construction teams going to Honduras to work on the first buildings of our Girls' Village. We ask for your prayers for the land and funding for building materials.

If you are interesting in joining one of our scheduled mission teams, we reserve the seats on the plane four to eight months in advance to get the best price and be able to accommodate everyone. I am currently scheduling the VBS team for January 18-26,

2008 and the Youth team for March 18-25, 2008. *(Descriptions and contact information for upcoming missions is on the MISSION page of the website.)*

Closing

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you who supports WWH2H with your

prayers, volunteering and finances. This ministry belongs to God and He is the CEO managing all the detail. Praise God!! Thank you for your obedience to the Holy Spirit as you are guided to help with this important work in Honduras. - MF

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6



II Corinthians 1:3-5 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

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