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NEWSLETTER

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Children's Village: Children of Tragedy

by Amy Serrano

The children I want to introduce this month went from having two parents to having none in one day. We will call them Fred, age nine, and Maria, age seven. This is their story.

Fred and Maria grew up in a mountain village in the Santa Barbara Rain Forest called Pinelejos. This village is about a 45-minute drive from Los Flores, where many of our other children came from.

Farmers in the Mountains

Fred and Maria lived quiet lives with their mother and father, who were farmers. They grew up very poor and did not have the opportunity to go to school. All their neighbors considered them to be quiet, hard-working, God-fearing people. But beneath the surface, everything was not all right. Their mother was having an affair.

An Affair Leads to Murder

At some point, their father became aware of the affair and that led to a confrontation. Some of the villagers maintain that there was no confrontation. They say the mother and her boyfriend killed

the children's father in cold blood. With the exception of the mother and her boyfriend, all that anyone really knows is that the father was found dead, shot in the head. The mother and boyfriend are still at large and allegedly living illegally in the U.S.

Orphans in a Day

This left Fred and Maria orphans in a day. The nearest relative that the children had was an aunt that lived in Los Flores. She also happens to be Marvin's aunt. The aunt called Marvin and explained the situation. We took the children right away.

Both in School and Doing Well

Anyone who sees them now would never believe that these are the two children that lost their parents in this awful way. They are both in school and doing very well. Fred is a very quiet child that never seems to find trouble. Maria is full of life, with a very healthy sense of self. We have never spoken with the children about their parents, and I am not sure how much they actually know about what happened. We have decided to wait until they are a bit older.

For now, Fred and Maria have found a new home where they are loved, safe, and cared for. They seem to love life at the Village, and have never asked about their family, nor do they ask to go home.

Praising God's Glory

When I think about Fred and Maria, I praise God that He had a place for them, a place that was safe and where they can go on with life. Thank you all for making this place possible for Fred and Maria and all of the children at the Village. Without your help, there would be no Village. Without this Village there would be no place for these children. Please help us to provide for the needs of the kids that we now have, and to make more room for those still out there.

-AS



Jonathan and new friend, Paula, share a hug during the visit by the January 2008 WWH2H VBS Team.



Village Report for February

by Amy Serrano

Honduras National Co-Director

This month has been what I like to call, the calm after the storm. Until this month, life here was moving at 100 miles per hour. Now it has mellowed out a bit.

Girls' Home Completed!

Part of the reason is because the Girls' Home is finally done! We have been steadily pushing to complete it since Oscar and I returned to Honduras last August from our furlough in the States over the summer. All of the girls that were living in temporary rented quarters in Puerto Cortes, are now safe and sound in their beautiful, permanent new home!!

WWH2H VBS Team

This month we were blessed by the annual VBS team, led by Tina Campbell from Washington State. The team held four days of Vacation Bible School: two days in the WWH2H

In the classes where Amy was the translator, all of the children prayed to receive Jesus into their hearts.

Church in Puerto Cortes, and two days at the public school in Tegucigalpa. The team taught about faith, and the lives of many children were touched forever.

The VBS team also joined us for Friday night youth service,

where many of the team ministered to the youth through music. That night, two young people gave their hearts to the Lord. We are so thankful for this beautiful ministry of VBS.

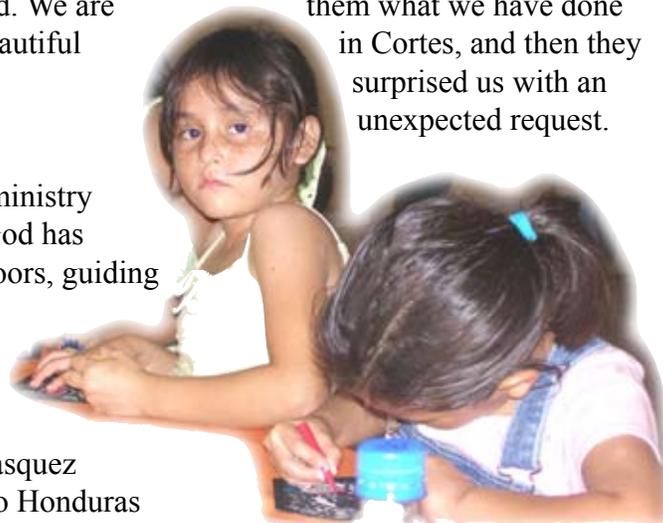
Concepción del Sur

As the WWH2H ministry grows and expands, God has started to open new doors, guiding us down new paths. Nearly a month ago, we went with two of our Board members, Oscar and Cristelia Vasquez (you who have been to Honduras know him better as Bus Driver Oscar) to the beautiful village of Concepción del Sur, high up in the Santa Barbara Mountains. Initially, we went to see the beauty of this mountain village, that is located just outside of a national forest.

An Unexpected Request

Once we arrived, however, we were introduced to two men that most town folk simply know as the Nelsons. One is the mayor and the other the vice mayor. They have

really shaken things up recently in their village, working tirelessly with the poor. We shared with them what we have done in Cortes, and then they surprised us with an unexpected request.



Nohelia and friend do crafts with the January 2008 WWH2H VBS Team.

They said, "If we gave you that same amount of land, would you come do something like that here?"

We told them that we would pray about it. When WWH2H President, Mary Frenter, and Board Members, Dean and Rachel King were here, we took them to see the land and to meet the Nelsons. We have since prayed over this project

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Members of the January 2008 WWH2H VBS Team wait for their plane.





Village Report

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and have decided that it is the Lord's leading.

A New Orphanage

Eight acres of land have been donated and are being leveled and prepared. The Nelsons are building a road into the property and running power there. Our hope is to start construction of the first house in June. We have scheduled a medical group from Washington Overseas Missions, of Washington, Missouri, to minister in Concepción del Sur in April. We ask for your prayers that God will provide for the expansion of this ministry to those in need there.

Ministry Starts at New Site

Our ministry in Concepción del Sur officially started February 2-3. The youth of the WWH2H Church traveled there to hold a VBS, puppet show, drama presentation and skits, movies, and music event. The youth worked so hard all the previous week preparing. They had three days of prayer and fasting before leaving, and the trip was a powerful one.

God Has Plans for This Village

Not only were the people of Concepción touched by our youth, but our youth were touched by the people of Concepción. Many present were not church members, but this village is spiritually hungry. The adults laughed just as hard at the puppet shows as the children did. There were about 250 people. We know that God has His

Kids from Children's Village join with children in Puerto Cortes and participate in VBS skits.



plans for this small village high up in the mountains.

School Uniforms and Supplies

Touch of Hope group arrived February 16th for their second time working together with WWH2H. See the President's Report for more information about this mission team.

School Started February 18th

The children are excited about getting back to school. The first day of class was on February 18th. Those in our home-school program started at the same time. As they graduate out of the home-school program, they will attend the local public school. It is our dream to have our own private school where we can assure a quality education for our children.

Service Center in Puerto Cortes

We are still in prayer about a piece of property in Puerto Cortes, where we can proceed with the ministry in a God-led direction. We desperately need a place to

build a center that would include a church, an English immersion school, care facility for disabled children (no other orphanages want them), a safe house for abused women and their children, a *Meals from the Heart* program for the hungry, a literacy program, a free clinic for the poor, and housing for our young adults when they are ready for University, (as Marvin will be next year). We have many other dreams that would fit into this complex in Puerto Cortes, but are waiting on the Lord for Him to provide the land. We ask you to join in prayer with us.

We Need Prayer and Support

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We know that we are not alone in this fight to bring Honduras and its precious children to the knowledge and saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-AS

Birthdays at Children's Village

March 2008

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30	31					

If you or someone you know wants to join a "Look-and-See" Team to Honduras in May, August, September, or November, we are making plans now!! Please email maryf@wwh2h.org.



Alex
15 years old

Favorite Subjects:
English and computer

Favorite Activities:
Soccer and basketball



Ana
6 years old

Favorite Subjects:
Not yet in school

Favorite Activities:
Dolls and swings



Marlon
15 years old

Favorite Subjects:
Math

Favorite Activities:
Soccer and video games

From the President by Mary Frenter

Greetings from WWH2H! I'm excited to tell you about all the things that have been happening with WWH2H this past month!

Valentine Surprise

Recently, WWH2H received this delightful and touching note from a couple who are part of our WWH2H family. Names have been changed, but the message is love. Just wanted to share:

Dear Mary, this note is a bit late in coming, but better late than never! Sam and I heard on the news that the average American couple would spend about \$120 on

Valentine's Day: dinner, chocolate, flowers, wine, whatever. We laughed. We rarely spend more than \$3 on a card, and we decided this year we would spend nothing. Sam wrote me a beautiful letter and sent it via e-mail. It made me cry. I redesigned a large heart I had made for my students, and gave it to Sam! We were both equally delighted with our no-cost show of love. We decided, however, that we wanted WWH2H to be our valentine this year and would like to give the \$120 that we saved to our kids at the Village. With love, Sam and Sharon

Container Released

The container from Kathy Cadden of Mississippi has been released to WWH2H in Honduras!! We wish to express our sincere gratitude for all of the generosity shown through your participation in filling and sending the container of humanitarian aid.

We know that this project has been a joint effort of many caring people, including Kathy Cadden, the Church of Christ, and El Shaddai Ministries, as well as John Kachelman Jr., Phyllis Marshall, and Diane Halverson of the Funded Transportation Program. WWH2H has begun distribution of the items, most of which will be used at



Children's Village, the home for abandoned and abused children that we operate in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Some items will go to the poorest of the poor families that live within our community. The need in this country is great. Small things that we often take for granted, like a pair of sandals, clean water, and medicines that can save lives and prevent illness, are considered luxuries here. Thank you!

Immanuel Lutheran Pastor

A rousing WWH2H welcome to the new Centralia Immanuel Lutheran Pastor, Paul Hermanson. He is from Mt. Si Lutheran in North Bend, WA.

A Touch of Hope School Supplies

Huge thank you to Touch of Hope!! Director Tracy Beard and her team from Longview

programs telling the love of Jesus to all the recipients and others. A Touch of Hope, you have changed lives forever!!

Volunteer English Teacher

WWH2H welcomes Bernadette Campbell to our volunteer staff at the Children's Village. She will arrive with the mid-March Youth team and stay for a year to teach English to our children. Bernadette is from Home Valley, WA. She loves children and wants to serve the Lord in this way. Look for "Notes from Bernadette" in future WWH2H newsletters.

New Orphanage and Service Center

Please pray with us concerning two major blessings God is putting on our plate. The first one is the new land we have been given in Concepción del Sur in the Santa Barbara Mountains of Honduras. We had scheduled four construction teams for summer and fall before we even knew about this gift of land. Now we know what God had in mind for them. Amazing Grace!!!

The second one is for the church/community center property (*please see Amy's Village Report on page 3 for more information*). In both of these programs we need funding and volunteers to build.

Home for Serranos

Pray with us concerning a permanent home for the Serranos. We have rented their living quarters

Olvin enjoyed playing games with members of the local bank who visited in January.



since they moved to Honduras. We are hoping God will provide a permanent home for them that they will own. They have found property for \$30,000 in a location central to the WWH2H ministry work. The home would be built with volunteer labor and funding.

Volunteer Teams for March

In March, we have two teams from the U.S. coming to Honduras. Twenty-five adults and teens in a youth team will come to celebrate Easter with our children. They will also take over the mommy duties at the Village for four days to give our full-time mommies a break.

A medical team from Washington Overseas Missions (headquartered in Washington, MO) arrives a week later to do clinics in the rural areas near our Village and in the hamlets near our new site in Santa Barbara.

Prayers Coveted

We covet the prayers of you Warriors who keep this ministry alive with your faithfulness. Thank you!! Please keep all of us in your prayers this month!!

-MF



The Mayor and Vice Mayor of Concepción del Sur.

just returned from Honduras. They raised \$6000 to buy school supplies, uniforms and shoes for kids at the WWH2H Children's Village and about 150 other extremely poor children from nearby villages who will now be allowed to go to "public" school. A Touch of Hope also provided



Our Missions...

There are many opportunities to volunteer for mission with WWH2H mission trips in 2008. Please visit the MISSIONS page on the website for more information.

March 18-25, 2008

Combined Youth Team from Oregon and Montana are teaching ESL.

March 25-April 3, 2008

Medical/Dental/Optomety Team from Washington Overseas Missions from Washington, Missouri, will do clinics in remote areas around Tegucigalpa, Las Flores, and Puerto Cortes.

June 7-17, 2008

Mercy Ships International Construction Team (#1)

June 9-16, 2008

Kendall Bible Baptist Team

June 21-July 1, 2008

Mercy Ships International Construction Team (#2)

July 8-16, 2008

The Rock Church Construction Team from Lynnwood, Washington

by Mary Frenter

September 12-20, 2008

Medical Relief International from Antioch Bible Church in Redmond, Washington will provide free dental and medical care to communities in the Tegucigalpa area.

September 2-8, 2008

Possible WWH2H Look-and-See Team to visit God's work in Honduras

October 7-18, 2008

WWH2H Medical/Dental Team

October 18-28, 2008

Mercy Ships International Construction Team (#3)

November 22-29, 2008

Possible Youth Team from Faith Tabernacle, Stevenson, Washington

December 26, 2008- January 3, 2009

Immanuel Youth Team from Centralia, Washington

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Our Financial Promise to You

We view contributions as a sacred trust, accountable to God and to you for their use.

We use all contributions as designated by our donors, and return or transfer monies to a related fund if a project is over-funded.

We use contributions to support the Children's Village orphanage, WWH2H Church, and mission outreach activities in Honduras.

A very small percentage of money is used for printing and postage costs.

Staff in Honduras receive salary and benefits. All U.S. board members and staff are volunteers.

We send receipts and thank-you letters promptly for all gifts.

Please visit our website for more information about the children we serve, our history, and our mission. Thanks!

2 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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