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NEWSLETTER

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Children's Village: A Family of Survivors

by Amy
Serrano

I want to introduce you this month to a family that is nothing less than a band of survivors. That is, almost all are survivors. We were too late for one of them. This is their story.

Many who are close to WWH2H have heard of Allison Alexander, a 28-year-old missionary from Tennessee who has a home for girls here in Puerto Cortes. She works very closely with WWH2H and serves on our Honduras Board of Directors. Late in February, she received a phone call from the local public hospital. They had a severely malnourished girl who had been brought there by her grandfather and then

abandoned. They asked if Allison could take in this child. But first this little girl had to fight for her life, as she was just inches away from death.

Six Year Old in Six-Month Size

Allison arrived at the hospital to find a six-year-old child weighing less than 25 pounds. Her frame was mere bones, with a severely swollen belly, and most of her hair had fallen out. Allison brought clothes for the young girl and was horrified to find that the six-year-old girl wore a size six months. There was a two-inch gap between her knees as they were mere sticks.

Too Late for a Sister

We then learned that the girl was not brought in alone.

Her younger sister came, too, but it was too late. She died in the hospital due to complications caused by malnutrition. We later discovered that there were 10 children in the family. The mother had abandoned three children with their grandparents. The grandparents had seven young children of their own.

Jungle Trek to Visit Family

We traveled to where this family lives to investigate the situation. They live in a very remote village call Francisco Morazán, an hour's walk through the jungle after driving to Nisparaes in the mountains of Cortes.

Once we reached the home, a three-year-old boy alone in the home greeted us. The neighbors then called the other siblings, who were working in the fields. They were all very frail, and looked like their sister in the hospital. They spent their days working in the fields harvesting whatever they could. I peaked in a pot that was boiling over wood sticks in their house. The pot contained about five to six green bananas. I asked the older boy what this would be used for, and he told me that it was lunch for the entire family. Their situation was desperate.

Dean and
Rachel King,
Oscar and
Sarai



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Children's Village:

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Siblings Now at Village

I am happy to report that, at this point, the six-year-old girl is now home in Allison's house. She was released after being in the hospital for three weeks. She is still not out of the woods. She remains anemic and still needs IVs, which Allison is giving her at home. The doctors say that she may need to be hospitalized again if the case of pneumonia returns. The other children from this family were turned over to the court of Puerto Cortes, and are now at home

with us at the Village. We took them to Dr. Nelly for checkups and fortunately they did not need hospitalization.

Grim Reality

I have often reported about the kids that were saved just in time. It is with a heavy heart that this time we are faced with the grim reality that the help we give did not come soon enough. We know that this young girl's sister who did not make it is now home with the Lord and will never suffer again, and for that we rejoice.

A Matter of Life and Death

However, it is cases such as this that make our resolve that much stronger. We desperately need your help to save these children. It often is not a matter of only living well and happy. In many cases, like this one, it was a matter of life and death. We ask that each of you that are not already sponsoring this mission to save the kids in some way, prayerfully consider what you can do to be a part of saving these lives. Thank you.

-AS

Urgent Need!!!

We have added 21 children in the last few months and are in desperate need of more monthly supporters for our children. Please prayerfully consider a monthly donation for one of the following children:



Pastor Oscar Serrano holds a child in a government-run orphanage who cannot walk because he's left in a crib all day.

- Ana 5
- Mayra 7
- Marizol 8
- Karla, 9
- Dilcial 8
- Miriam 12
- Olga 13
- Ocdelina 12
- Reyna 9
- Wendy 9
- Joselyn 9
- Juliana 2
- Marilyn 1
- Karen 10
- Norma 16
- Carolina 15
- Nelson 6
- Christopher 11
- Juan Carlos 10
- Santiago 11
- Danilo 12
- Marcos 13
- Alex 14
- Norman 14
- Darwin 4
- Cristian 5
- Arlin 6
- Jose Santos 12
- Carlos 1
- Herman 2
- Jonathan 4
- Jose Cruz 11
- Nhaun 8
- Kevin 3
- Daniel 1
- Baby Boy 3 months

It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Go to <http://wwh2h.org>
2. Click on the KIDS page*
3. Click on the button below the child you wish to sponsor!

* This page has photos and bio info on each child!



Village Report for February

by Amy Serrano
Honduras National Co-Director

Another month of grace and blessing has rolled by, and God has proved His faithfulness once again. We have been “touched by hope” and have had the joy of welcoming some new additions to our family.

A Chance to Go To School

A Touch of Hope, a ministry based in Longview, Washington, blessed not only the children of WWH2H, but also many in the poor communities of Tegucigalpa and Puerto Cortes. The purpose of this ministry, directed by Tracy Beard, is for children in the U.S. to help children in third-world countries. Their mission with WWH2H is to offer Honduran children a chance to go to school.

Though the public education system in Honduras is free, children still have to purchase a uniform, backpacks, and supplies.

Many children cannot go to school due to their inability to buy these simple items. *A Touch of Hope* provided supplies to send 200 children to school. We thank *A Touch of Hope* and all those who were involved in raising the funds to provide for this beautiful service to the children of Honduras.

New Faces

It has been our pleasure to welcome 10 new faces into our WWH2H family: Norma 16, Carolina 15, Karen 10, Nhaun 8, Kevin 3, and Daniela 1, Jose Cruz 11, Herman 2, Jonathan 4, and our nameless three-month-old baby, who was abandoned at a local hospital.

Herman and his brother Jonathan have found their new home with us at the Village. They are from a public orphanage in San Pedro Sula. Herman cannot walk because he was never taken out of the crib. Our ministry doctor, Dr. Nelly Hernandez, says that both boys are in good health and



Left to right, Amy Serrano, Mary Frenter, and Dean King visit with children at a government-run orphanage.

Herman should begin to walk and develop normally. Jose Cruz was brought to us by the court of Puerto Cortes. All are adjusting well to their new home.

Preparing for Spring Teams

We are now preparing for the end of March teams. On the 19th,

we are set to receive our “spring break” group. The Oregon youth, who came to Honduras for their first time last June, are high school drama students and some college students. They will be joined by students from Montana high school Spanish class and a small group from Vancouver, Canada, who have just finished a mission in Costa Rica. This team of 25 will care for the kids while we give our mummies a much needed break. Many events have been planned for this time, and we fully expect that it will be a blast!

Father’s Day in Honduras

At this time, the WWH2H

Church is preparing for Father’s Day, celebrated in Honduras on March 16th. Imagine having almost 70 children, plus our own daughters, who call you “Daddy!” The children are preparing something for Oscar, and the church plans to bless all our fathers with a *carne asada* dinner. We will be baptizing 10 new Christian church members on this day as well.

Growing Needs for Support

The ministry continues to grow and each day more and more lives are being blessed by what God is doing here in Honduras. We ask for your continued prayers and financial giving that allows us to do what God has called us to do. -AS

Birthdays at Children's Village

April 2008

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



Ocdelina
13 years old

Favorite Subjects:
Art

Favorite Activities:
Soccer and swings



Nora
9 years old

Favorite Subjects:
Spanish and computer

Favorite Activities:
Skating and swings



Wendy
10 years old

Favorite Subjects:
Art

Favorite Activities:
Soccer and swings



Jhovany
10 years old

Favorite Subjects:
Computer and English

Favorite Activities:
Soccer and frisbee

From the President by Mary Frenter

So many prayers and good thoughts for our kids come to us from many of you. Here are excerpts from just a few:

Praying for Healing

Father, by the power of Your word, heal these little starfish who have been neglected...Heavenly Father of all compassion, please comfort these children in all their troubles, (allowing) Oscar, Amy, and the mommies to share this sweet comfort with them. Father, heal these little ones' minds so that they are not scarred for life. And most of all, Lord, let salvation

spring up within these children, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus...

Praying for Guidance

"I would like to know the best place to send: 150+ pair of new underwear (½ boys, ½ girls), 24 boxes of crayons, seven large stuffed animals, and nine smaller ones. I have had the toys bouncing around just waiting to be sent. Then I went to Mervyn's "going-out-of-business sale." The Lord told me I did not "need" a thing, but that there were children who could use underwear....who

am I to argue with God? I hope the sizes will be okay. I started second guessing myself, but then remembered Whose idea it was."

Praying for Blessing

"Wow! A lot of precious children for the kingdom! Lord, bless Oscar and Amy in their willingness to receive these children into the village. I pray You will give them wisdom and strength to know exactly what to do for each one. Let the children know that their Heavenly Father is there to take care of them."

Praying for Change

"I have had this thought since



we were in Honduras, that not only is WWH2H changing the lives of individuals, it is changing a generation, and then a country. Imagine the influence these children will have when they grow up! It boggles the mind."

Praying for Sponsors

"Thank you for praying for our time at church today. We were able to find financial sponsors for 10 children and were given cash donations of \$800 that can be used for whatever needs the ministry has. Wow! Praise God! This is a little church filled with incredibly large hearts.

Praying Daily

There is a sweet home-schooling family with seven children that took the pictures of the family of seven WWH2H Village children who arrived in November and have been praying daily for them. This family is also sending clothing for the children and helped us pack toiletry bags, Easter eggs and suitcases. Some are already talking about joining us on a trip down."

Events/Praise Report

• Good friends of WWH2H are funding the purchase of a much needed new vehicle for us. PTL!!!

• *A Touch of Hope* had a great time ministering to our kids. Two hundred children were given a

chance to go to school with all their supplies and uniforms provided.

• Other good friends of WWH2H are funding Marvin's university costs this year. HOORAY!!

• Faith Tabernacle is planning a team to Honduras over Thanksgiving this year.

• Pastor Ed Miller is planning a Crusade/Look-and-See team to Honduras in early September.

• The container from Mississippi finally was released to us. Amy says all the things were new or like new!! Thank you Kathy Cadden and crew!!

• We have a new supporter, Grant Kolb, a geologist from New Mexico. He found WWH2H as a link on the Ixbalanque Spanish School website in Copán. He is our new self-appointed Librarian. He has already ordered and sent many children's books in Spanish for our kids and wants to do more. When I told him about the new Village in Concepción del Sur, he was

overjoyed that he could help with that one, too. Amazing grace!!!

• In May, Lyle and I will meet the Serranos in Florida for two weeks of fundraising presentations in churches from Florida to Texas. Prayers, please!!

• Denise and I took David for a check-up with Dr. Sussman at Shriners Hospital. All goes well. He wants to see him again in six months. I just got the extension from INS for him to stay here until July 2008.

• Huge thank you to friends, Jim and Debbie Waters, who own the Carson Ridge Bed and Breakfast. They provided free accommodations for the Montana team who arrived the day before we left and headed home the day after we returned. Wow!!!

• Bernadette Campbell traveled with the March team (she went with the VBS team in January, too) to begin her year-long commitment at the Village to teach English. Double Wow!!!
-MF



The VBS Team in February 2008 performed skits and gave testimonies to students in several schools in Puerto Cortes and San Pedro Sula.



Our Missions...

by Mary Frenter

There are many opportunities to volunteer for mission with WWH2H trips in 2008. Please visit the MISSIONS page on the website for more information. Please pray for the success of fund raising and planning efforts of these teams:

May 1-20, 2008

Serranos and Frenters to Florida and Texas for fundraising presentations

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

July 16-23, 2008

Sort/repair/build team from Closners' church

September 3-13, 2008

Pastor Ed Miller Crusade, Look-and-See, and Repair Team

September 13-20, 2008

Medical Relief International from Antioch Bible Church in Redmond, Washington, will provide free dental and medical care

October 7-18, 2008

WWH2H Medical/Dental Team

October 18-28, 2008

Mercy Ships International Construction Team (#3)

November 22-29, 2008

Youth Team from Faith Tabernacle, Stevenson, Washington

December 25, 2008-January 3, 2009

Immanuel Youth Team from Centralia, Washington

Other volunteer construction team project opportunities at the Village:

- Elevated lookout stand for the guard
- Container wall around trash site
- Playground for the girls
- Storage building for the girls

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 home 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 year-end tax statements to donors for all monetary gifts given to WWH2H.

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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