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Children's Village, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2009

Village Report

by Amy Serrano, Honduras National Co-Director

This month has certainly kept us on our toes! The Lord has been pouring out His blessings on the children in many different ways.

Dental Brigade

We were visited by our August team, the Antioch Bible Church Dental Brigade. They came and cleaned, filled and sealed all the kids' teeth, as well as the teeth of many church members, our staff and our staffs' children. Again, we want to tell them what a wonderful blessing they were to us.



This week we are putting on the roof and that should be finished within the next two weeks. Then, as God provides the funds, the next items will be the doors and windows, ceramic tile, electrical work, plumbing work, and the exterior wall.

We estimate the cost to finish will be \$60,000. With that, the whole building will be completed. The hope is to have it finished by the first of the year, believing that the money will be provided.

Children's Health & School

The kids are doing wonderfully. We are still seeing the last little remnants of chicken pox. I mentioned in the August newsletter that we had struggled a great deal with health issues, but it appears now, most of the children are in great health.

They are all doing really well in school. Some of the kids will march in the September 15th Independence Day

parade, as honor roll students in their classes. They really deserve a great round of applause. They have worked very hard in school and have many dreams of what they want to do in life.



English, Choir, & Soccer Classes

I have started up English classes once again and have divided the children into five groups: the teenagers, which consist of the older girls who take the salon classes, as well as the older boys, who attend home school at the Village. Then, we have the younger girls that go to classes during the morning, the younger boys that go to classes during the morning, the kindergartners and first graders that I am basically teaching first grade.

Construction in Puerto Cortes

September has been a month with no U.S. teams visiting, but it has still been very busy. The construction continues on our Puerto Cortes, WWH2H Headquarters building. This building will be three things in one. The basement will be outfitted to house small teams of 10 people or less, our main office will be located here, and our family will live here, as well. WWH2H will no longer have to pay rent for a facility.



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And of course we can't forget the babies! On top of that, next week I will start teaching English to adults at the church! I'm kind of wondering what I have gotten myself into.

I am also doing a choir class with the older girls. On that, I'm pretty well winging it, as I don't have a clue as to how to lead a choir. But in the end, they are just enjoying class and I guess that is what is important.

The kids are also in soccer training that is done each day by Josué, our son that now works for WWH2H with his wife Cesia. Josué spent a short time playing professional soccer and is now working with many of the kids that eventually hope to play with some of the national teams.

Kid's Day

This month the whole church went out to the village to celebrate Kid's

Day, a large holiday in Honduras. The day began with Sunday school classes and then onto games. The older girls worked all week making six piñatas that were shared by all the kids. Don't tell our dentists, but each kid walked away with a huge bag of candy.

Cepudo, a local organization based in San Pedro Sula, whose mother organization is Angels of Hope, based in Miami, donated gifts for each child.



They included sandals, more candy, and socks. The girls received a Barbie and the boys got walkie talkies. Each child was so blessed. In the end, several beautiful cakes were donated by the Port for everyone to enjoy. It was truly a wonderful day!

Container Shipments

We are preparing for 2 shipments from the U.S. One was supposed to arrive at the U.S. Air Force base here in Honduras. However, the U.S. government canceled all humanitarian

aid to Honduras until after the Honduras elections in November. So, it will be delayed. This shipment is coming from Columbus Mississippi, and has been sent by Kathy Cadden, a dear friend of this ministry, that has sent needed goods to us before. We are anxiously waiting for the wonderful and much needed things that Kathy has prepared for us. They include everything from storage containers, to clothes, shoes, school furnishing and supplies. Thank you sooo much Kathy for all of you hard work!

We are also expecting the arrival of a container that is being sent from Washington State. This project was headed up by John Atherton who, with his wife Lorna, has been very close friends of the ministry, and it has been a huge collaboration of many wonderful people. This container will

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by Lisa
Closner

Sponsor Letters



Would you like to correspond with one or more children at the Village? If so, please send all correspondence to the address below. It will be hand delivered by the next team visiting the Children's Village. You are welcome to send any small item that fits into a business-size envelope, such as small candies, gum, bookmarks, stickers, or stationery. Don't forget to include a picture of you and your family. If you choose to send a larger gift, the children will receive it for his/her birthdays or for Christmas. Please send all correspondence and packages in care of Lisa Closner (address at left).

**Lisa Closner
WWH2H
P.O. Box 2113
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**Note: Letters/gifts received by
October 5th will go with the next team.**





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be bringing all of the “Christmas in July” gifts that we shopped for last summer, as well as toys, tractor and bus parts, and so many things we desperately need! The Washington shipment is scheduled to arrive the first week of October, and the Mississippi shipment is still awaiting its departure date. We want to say a big thank you to everyone that has worked so hard to get all of this underway. I will report next month on how the unloading went!

October Teams

We are also waiting to receive two October teams. One, led by board

member Lisa Closner, is coming from Oregon and will focus on helping us unload the shipments, writing letters with the kids to their sponsors, cleaning and organizing and, of course, loving the children! Also, Joel Olsen, our WWH2H Vice President, will be arriving from Washington State. He will be helping us with the electrical system in the headquarters building.

Political Situation

We ask your continued prayers each day as the political situation in this country is still very poor. At this time, all government aid from the U.S., as well as many other sources, such as the EU, has been stopped.

Many poor and innocent will suffer from this. However, we believe that God has great plans for this country! We know that He loves these people very much. Our prayer is that it is the time for the church to shine! As the governments have forgotten the poor and innocent, we believe that it is the body of Christ that will rise up and fill the need and Christ will be glorified. We ask your prayers that God would resolve this situation soon.

We also thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Our work could not continue without your prayers and financial support. God bless you all!! —Amy



Prayer Bracelets

by Lisa Closner

While I was in Honduras last summer, I found a bracelet with my sponsored child’s name on it. I wear it often and it reminds me to pray for her throughout the day. On my last trip I ordered bracelets with the names of each of the children on them. They are available for a minimum **donation of \$5 per bracelet**. Of course you can always donate whatever you like. All proceeds will go directly to the children’s care. If you would like a Prayer Bracelet, send your request and check made out to WWH2H to the address below.

Many blessings to you and your family!

**Lisa Closner
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God bless you all and thank you so much for your faithful prayers and giving to this profound work God is doing for His kids in Honduras. This month we covet your prayers over the following:

Container Needs: Our container is on the way to Honduras. It will arrive near October 5th. It cost \$4,460.70. We still need \$1000 to get it out of the port when it arrives.

Headquarters House: The work continues on the WWH2H Headquarters House. Oscar and the boys welded the metal structure for the roof. Thanks to recent donations, the sheets of roofing are on and we almost have enough to finish the roof. Below are the rest of the projected construction costs in the order they need to be done:

Roof: \$1000, plastering: \$3000, electrical: \$3000, plumbing: \$3500, ceiling: \$2000, doors: \$3000, windows: \$4500, ceramic: \$7000, painting: \$2000, outside wall: \$3000, outside concrete work and storage: \$4000, gutters: \$1500, cabinets: \$3000, labor: \$13,000, furnishing and fixtures: \$6500. Total: \$60,000.

From the President’s Desk
by Mary Frenter, President

Medical Clinic: We are seeking God’s guidance concerning our Clinic. We have a doctor to work for us and several clinic items that Senator Pam Roach donated for furnishing it, that will arrive on the container. When the funding comes to build a clinic, we will do that and Dr. Edna will work for us caring for our kids and others. It will be located in Puerto Cortes, possibly next to the WWH2H church. Thank you so much, Pam and Dr. Edna for this extraordinary gift!!

Education Plan: In other plans, John Atherton, Lisa Closner and I are met in September to discuss the WWH2H Education Plan for our kids. We have many times headed in the direction of building a private school, but God has each time redirected us to another area of need. Please join us in prayer, as we plan for this important work.

Christian Non-Profits: Here is a recent email from Amy: “The U.S. has cut off all visas and aid (about \$200 million) to Honduras. Please ask everyone to pray for this situation. It may be time for Christian non-profits to step up and for GOD to get the glory!!!”
—Mary



Upcoming Team List:

- October 7-17, 2009: **Estacada container unpacking and maintenance team.** Contact Lisa Closner, team leader, 503.753.2993.
- October 17-27, 2009: **Mercy Ships construction team*** to Puerto Cortes.
- October 31-November 9, 2009: **Mercy Ships medical team*** to Baracoa.
- November 21-28, 2009: **Vacation Bible School team** led by Karen Douglass and Carol Rutledge. Contact Mary Frenter for more details. 509.427.8585.
- December 13, 2009-January 2, 2010: **Christmas team.** Contact Mary Frenter for more details. 509.427.8585.
- January 31-February 9, 2010: **Mercy Ships work team** at Village.*
- March 10-20, 2010: **March medical/dental/optical team.** Orientation meeting October 20 at 6:30 in Longview. Contact Mary Frenter at 509.427.8585.
- March 2010 (TBD): **Immanuel construction team.** Contact Alyn and Joanie Swedberg at 360.736.6548.
- April 24-May 4, 2010: **Mercy Ships work team.***
- October 30-November 9, 2010: **Mercy Ships work team.***
- February 2011: **Touch of Hope team.** Contact Tracy Beard at 360.414.5934.

*Contact Gary and Sylvia Thacker at 903.939.7682 for more information on Mercy Ships mission teams.

Our Financial Promise

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.

Privacy Policy: Any information you provide WWH2H is held in strictest confidence. At no time will we share your personal information with any person or organization outside of WWH2H. 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 our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

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