



# Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries



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NEWSLETTER

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## Village News

by Amy Serrano, Honduras National Co-Director

Merry Christmas from your "family" here in Honduras!! Another month has come and gone, and I think to myself "what happened to the time"? It has definitely been a month of spiritual growth for me and perhaps for many.

### English Classes Flourish

The kids have just begun to enjoy their "summer" vacation time. The kids have really taken to the English classes. One of the reasons may be that they desperately want to communicate with the folks in the groups that come down. The container arrived while the Volunteer Maintenance Team was here in October, so I was unable to teach my English classes. Anyway, we started again this week. I was pleasantly surprised that, even after two and a half weeks, they did not forget anything they had learned.

### Choir Classes Restarted

We also reconvened the choir classes that I had begun. I'm kind of winging it with this one, but have begun to see the children branch into their own little artistic selves. They enjoy displaying their newfound octaves on Sunday morning at church. At the moment, we are working on songs for Christmas, as they will be the choir for the Christmas production this year at church.

### Great School Year

This month we want to congratulate all of our kids for an outstanding school year! One child in particular stands out. Alexis is 10 years old, is in the 4th grade, and has a 4.0 average! We also want to acknowledge Marisol who achieved a place on the honor roll.

### Toddler Update

Two of our children have learned to walk, one for the first time, and the other for her first time in years!!

Two-year-old Jairo, who came to us from IHNFA severely malnourished, has now found his feet. He is a bit behind for his age but is progressing wonderfully. For a while we did not know if he would ever start to walk, but he is up and running now, and that means so are we!

Some of you may remember the story several months back about a young girl that we called Joy. She was left unable to walk due to multiple

breaks in her pelvis and severe infections in her bones—a result of her father's abuse. Last spring,

Joy received surgeries from a medical group visiting from San Antonio, Texas. All of the infection is now gone, and all that was left was for Joy to start to learn to walk again. I guess that all of us have special angels that the Lord sends to us just when we need them. In Joy's case that angel came in the form of Wendy, Joy's roommate. Unbeknownst to us, for the last several months Wendy has been Joy's personal walking coach. Along with some help from another roommate, Ilcy, they would go in their room, shut the door, and Joy would practice one step, then two, then three, until she could walk across the room unassisted without the help of her crutches.

Joy and Wendy have become quite good friends, and I guess the greatest miracle in all of this for me is not that she can walk on her feet, but that God is healing the deeper wounds of her heart. She is learning to trust again and to have relationships with kids her age, which for Joy is huge!

### Children's Weekend Furloughs

Recently, many of the kids went to spend a wonderful weekend with their adoptive families from the church. The WWH2H Church was created to serve the spiritual, social, and physical needs of the kids. They are the aunts, uncles, cousins and grandmas and grandpas of the kids. Each family took two or three children home for the weekend and blessed them in many ways. Some went to the beach, some out to eat or to a movie. It was just a wonderful experience where the children could





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feel the love and warmth of extended family. We are so thankful to each person in the church that was able to participate. You have blessed the children more than you know.

### CRCC VBS Team

With the small steps of progress toward achieving peace that have happened in the past few weeks, one team that had canceled their trip, has now decided to come: the Castle Rock Christian Church branch of the November VBS team. The group will hold VBS programs two days in Tegucigalpa and two days in Puerto Cortes. The goal of this group is to reach unchurched children from these two communities. Please keep them in your prayers. Other objectives of the team include decorating the village for Christmas, helping me to organize and wrap all of the Christmas presents, and of course celebrating Thanksgiving dinner with the children.

### Meckle Visit

Wil and Jane Meckle visited in November. They came down to do some traveling, and also spent some time at the Village helping me with the organization of the storage houses and many other small projects.



**Micah Sedillos, Emily Lemons, Amber Oslund, and Rick Stephens visited the Village in October. They helped unload the container and helped the children receive and write letters to their sponsors.**

### Situation in Honduras

I know that many of you have been in prayer and fasting for the political unrest here in Honduras. Keep the prayers coming! There was a glimmer of hope two weeks back when a peace treaty was signed. However, deadlines for the treaty were not met by either party, and the peace process hit a wall again. We are hopeful that each party involved will continue to work to a peaceful solution.

### Village Yard Sale

The church held a yard sale that went amazingly well. Praise God that with the funds generated we were able

to buy several pairs of jeans for the boys and several pairs of sandals, as well as cover all of the bills from the church this month.

### Christmas Support

With Christmas approaching, we need your help more than ever! Honduran law requires we pay each of our employees a double wage for the month of December. Also, we will need to buy gifts for children that did not receive presents in the container. We will want to do a special dinner at the village on Christmas night.

Extra funds at Christmas time are not in abundance; however perhaps a bake sale, car wash, or any other activities in your churches or communities will help if you feel led to do so. Above all, we ask for your prayers that God will (as He always does) cover the real needs that we have.

### Deeply Felt Gratitude

We can't begin to express how much we love all of you. I know that so many of you out there love these children so much and are praying for them and all of us each day. We pray that God bless each of you abundantly now and in the coming New Year!!

Love, Amy

## Ministry Needs

by Mary Frenter,  
President

*Thanks to all of you who have given over and above your regular donations in the last few months. Without that help, we would not have made it. God is building our faith in Him through you each day!!*

*God has let me know that I need to tell our WWH2H Family what our needs are up front. How can people pray specifically, how can you know what we need unless we tell you?*

*Due to unexpected medical costs for kids with the flu; the container; vehicle registrations, repairs and parts replacements; the well pump replacement; and*

*medical bills for surgery for a child who broke her arm, we are barely managing financially to cover the needs—not wants—of this ministry. We need \$20,000 each month to just break even. The majority of this goes to Honduras, with a small amount used to publish and distribute our newsletter. We need to send \$5000 more than usual to cover a Honduras government requirement to pay our workers a double wage this month and to cover the extra food costs for Christmas Dinner. We had a cushion account for emergencies, but it is long gone due to the aforementioned circumstances.*

*Please pray with us about all this. We want to be good stewards of all God provides for His Kids.*

—Mary



## From the President's Desk

by Mary Frenter

### WWH2H 10th Anniversary

Please pray with us as we go into 2010, our 10th anniversary as a registered ministry, for God to continue to speak to us regarding His plans for this work. As we have grown from a small group of six, who went to Honduras to see what we could do to help in the wake of Hurricane Mitch so many years ago, to a family of hundreds who support this work through prayer, volunteering, and financial support, we are looking for His ways for us to be more effective and to reach more souls for His Kingdom.

To this end, we realize we need more help in the administration of this profound work as it continues to prosper and grow. Pray with us as we listen to Him and design plans for all this to happen.

### VBS Team

As I write this, we are two days away from heading to Honduras with 12 volunteers from the U.S. to do a Vacation Bible School for hundreds of children next week. This will be the third year in a row that I have celebrated "Thanksgiving" in Honduras. God has put together an amazing team for this endeavor, using the gifts He has given each of us for His glory.

### Christmas Team

In December, a Christmas team will go to celebrate with the children and share the love of Jesus with them.

They depart December 13 and return January 3. Please keep them in your prayers, as well.

### Blessings

Happy Birthday, Jesus, and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you! Thank you all for the many blessings God has bestowed on His kids in Honduras through your obedience to Him. Each of you is a vital part of His body that works together to make this WWH2H miracle happen each day. And thank you, Jesus for Your still small voice. May each of you continue to know that *This is my Son...* and learn to *"Listen to Him! My prayers for you are Philippians 2:13 It is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Mary



## Meckle Visit

*WWH2H Board Members, Wil and Jane Meckle from Rochester, WA, visited the Village in early November. They took the Serrano family on a short vacation and spent time with the kids at the Village. November birthdays were celebrated with cake, pop, and piñatas. Employees were treated to an afternoon off and lunch at the Pizza Hut in Puerto Cortes. Later in the visit, the children were taken to the river to swim and then treated to hamburgers for lunch.*



## Upcoming Team List:

- December 13, 2009-January 2, 2010: **Christmas team.** Contact Mary Frenter at 509.427.8585.
- January 31-February 9, 2010: **Mercy Ships work team** at Village.\*
- February 5-13: **Maintenance and Letter Writing team.** Contact Lisa Closner at 503.753.2993.
- 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.
- February 2011: **WWH2H Women's Retreat team.** Contact Mary Frenter at 509.427.8585.

\*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.

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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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