



Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries



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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010

Everyday, God's presence and His miracle working power are obvious! It has been a wonderful month here in Honduras.

Spring Vacation Blessings

As some of you already know, spring break here on the Caribbean coast can get a little crazy. Most folks have at least the weekend of "holy week" off from work or school and everyone heads to the beaches, rivers and water parks.

We had a wonderful time with the children this week. First we set up a small baby pool that came in the container, and the babies have been swimming in it all week. Then we headed to the beach. We took the children to swim at Salomon Lopez's (our land donor) private fenced-in beach that we had completely to ourselves.

Salomon offered to let us take the children to his water park/zoo. Lunch was waiting for the children back at the Village, but suddenly no one was hungry. The water park was pretty full, but the kids did not seem to mind. They had a great time swimming and shooting down the water slides.

Salomon keeps a pretty nice variety of indigenous animals in his ecological park. One can see many different primates that are native to Honduras, including the howler and white-faced monkeys. His collection of birds is also really beautiful. There



Village Report

by Amy Serrano

are also some large cats such as panthers and pumas. But the kids only wanted to see one animal—the yellow anaconda! The kids thought it was fabulous! It was a great day on which the Lord poured out His blessing, and one of those great days that was precious to all.

Soles for Souls

The kids started playing without shoes because their sandals were breaking, and we began to pray that God would provide. We prayed for shoes, and we got shoes! About 100 pairs of them. Croc-style sandals were donated by a precious woman from Scotland that came down on a previous Mercy Ships medical team. You can never have enough shoes and underwear when you have 80 children. The new crocs could not be a more perfect shoe for wear at the Village. They are lightweight and can go through water or mud puddles. Thank you so much April, may God bless you abundantly!



Finding Purpose in Bad Deeds

The Bible teaches that all things work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose. The good and the bad, the donations, and even the burglaries! Yes, we had two burglaries in two weeks. First, someone broke the passenger window in one of the ministry vehicles and stole my purse and a bag of laundry. Praise the Lord that I did not have any cash or any usable credit cards in my purse.

However, my documents such as my Honduran and U.S. drivers licenses were stolen, as well as my residency card, documents that are sometimes a headache to replace, but no biggie!

The biggie came later when a group of people broke into the Beauty School at our Children's Village where we are teaching our teen girls the trade of cosmetology. The burglars stole almost everything, leaving only the large equipment such as hydraulic chairs and shampoo bowls. They took all the cutting shears, straightening irons, blow dryers, chemicals, etc.

The girls were set to graduate in October and receive certificates

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as stylists. We are hoping to slowly replace these lost items and restart the salon classes in June.

Please join us in prayer for the people who committed the crimes. We know that they did not steal from us but from the Lord. Please pray that the Lord would touch their hearts, do an amazing work of salvation in their lives, and provide for all that was stolen.

Teen Girls Update

The girls in the stylist classes came and spent a weekend at my house. The youth group that meets at the church had a movie night and watched "Pilgrims Progress". After the movie was over, Fredy, our youth group leader, gave an invitation to accept Jesus. Three young people raised their hands, Praise the Lord.

The girls also helped us so much in our packing. As many of you know our house is almost finished, so now comes that horrible task of packing. They also helped us on cleanup day at the church, cleaning windows and scrubbing chairs. We are so blessed to have such wonderful kids!

Gratitude for Sacrifices

We want to again thank all of you for your prayers and your support. We know that many of you have sacrificed to help supply the needs for these kids that some of you have never even met. We want you to all know how much we love you. —Amy

*You Are Invited to a
Wedding Shower for:*

&
*Marvin Ramos
Karen Rybolt*



When: Saturday, May 22, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

*Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church
1209 N. Scheuber Road, Centralia,
360.736.9270*

Hosts: WWH2H Board of Directors

Wedding Colors: Green and red

Wedding Date: December 11, 2010 in Hixson, TN

*Gift Registries: Sears and Target under "Karen Rybolt"
and "Ramos Wedding"*

*Website: [www.theknot.com/ourwedding/
marvinramos&karenrybolt](http://www.theknot.com/ourwedding/marvinramos&karenrybolt)*

RSVP: outbackrvpark@hotmail.com

*To help transport gifts back to Tennessee, please bring a card
with a description of the gift to the shower, but ship the gift to:*

*Karen Rybolt
722 Colonial Way Circle
Hixson, TN 37343*



My trip to the Village in April was one of the best experiences of my life! It's absolutely amazing how loving these kids are, even after all they have been through.

My luggage didn't make it, so I didn't have any of my clothing all week. The first day I played soccer with the kids. I brought two soccer balls for the Village, and I think I was out there for about two hours playing.

That night I got to sit and talk to one of the boys named Walter. We talked about my family, college, and the U.S. I told him about my luggage, and he had me wait while he ran into his room and came out with a medium-sized shirt (too big for him) and handed it to me. He said to keep it, "It's for you." I was shocked that a kid with so little would be so giving to someone he didn't even know. Almost every night Walter would sit and talk with me for a little bit, and every morning he would come in and say good morning.

Another day I saw José Alberto looking through a photo album with pictures of people from previous groups. He showed me each picture, talking about each person in it. It showed me that we

Volunteer Story: Amazing Sharing

by Joel Heiser

do make a difference in their lives and how much they care about us. Walter and I became very close. He was by my side almost all the time when we were at the Children's Village.

For work we split into two groups, one stayed at the Village to work on piping problems and cleaning the storage sheds. I was in the second group which traveled about 50 minutes to the work site next to the WWH2H Church in Puerto Cortes. We helped in the building process of a medical/dental clinic. We made rebar supports and painted the metal for the roof frame.

I met two brothers at the work site, Anthony and Alonso who were 17 and 18 years old. I got to talk to them a lot which was really fun. Alonso was a big soccer fan, and seeing as I am too, we ended up exchanging email addresses to



keep in touch. The people there work extremely hard and almost nonstop. It is amazing how close our group got in the week we were there. I felt like we were a family.

There is so much to do down there, and so much love to share. If you haven't been, you need to try and go so you can experience the love and strong presence of God first hand because it really is hard to describe. However, I feel that going only once for one week is insufficient. I have prayed a lot since I came back, and I feel called to return. For those who are going, I will be praying for you. I am planning on returning this summer with my sister and am already excited. —God bless, Joel

These children are new to Children's Village and...

Need Sponsors



Cristian, 6



Exequiel, 6



Felipe, 19



Hilda, 12



Walter, 10



What a blessing God gave us in April when we visited Wisconsin and Illinois to share His heart for His Kids in Honduras! Lyle and I spent 10 days meeting with His Saints there, who had invited us to come.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

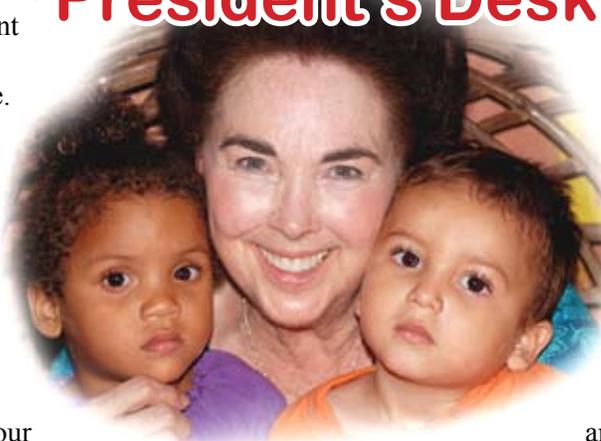
Thank you St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids for the wonderful welcome you extended to us as we shared in your Saturday and Sunday services. Pastor Tom and Paula Graves, their son John, and Wendy Schlaefer will be joining our WWH2H VBS team to Honduras in July!!

Immanuel Lutheran School

Brian Betts, principal of the Immanuel Lutheran School in Wisconsin for children K-8th grades, hosted us for an hour presentation for the student body. Each child and staff member now has a Prayer Picture of one of our children for whom they have pledged to pray. Amazing grace!! Some of the children have already sent letters to their Prayer Picture Child for us to deliver next time we are in Honduras. Brian and his wife, a teacher at the school, hope to come to our Village sometime in the future.

From the President's Desk

by Mary Frenter



Pastor Beasley is interested in perhaps adding a Children's Village and a medical/dental clinic to the core training. He is ready to start another core in September. I hope we can send some of our WWH2H Board to scope out the situation and see what God has in mind.

Living Bread Church

We were invited by Pastor Osborn to speak at his Living Bread Church in Sterling, Illinois. This is the father of Amy Osborn who was on the May 2009 and March 2010 WWH2H medical teams. Several members hope to go to Honduras next February with a WWH2H medical team Amy is organizing.

Faith Center

We spoke at Amy's church, Faith Center in Rockford, Illinois, to her youth group of 6 to 12-year-olds. They were thrilled to see videos of the children for whom they already pray and write.

Thank you to everyone who opened their churches, schools, homes, and hearts to us during this wonderful journey to Wisconsin and Illinois!! We look forward to many years of working together to help His Kids in Honduras!!
—Mary

Turning Point Community Church

We met with Senior Pastor Don Beasley of Turning Point Community Church in Dixon, Illinois. He has an amazing ministry in Haiti that began three years ago, building Core Communities that become self-sustaining. They begin with donated land on which they build a clean well water system, a bread factory, a chicken farm, fish ponds, a garden, and a church.

The church provides core training for pastors who go out and plant new churches in remote villages. The core community businesses support this.

WWH2H IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

If you are able to help with any of these needs, please send them to: WWH2H, PO Box 372, Carson, WA 98610.

Replacement Items for the Children's Village Beauty School:

- Straightening irons
- Blow dryers
- Brushes and combs (they use a lot of round brushes for blow drying)
- Haircutting shears
- Hair coloring equipment (mixing bowls, paint on brushes)
- Hair clips for separating
- Chemicals (hair colors, peroxides, treatments, etc.)
- Facial steamer
- Cleansers, exfoliators, lotions
- Manicure and pedicure kits (nail clippers, files, buffers, pumice stones)
- Nail polishes (plain and decorative)
- Decals, stamps, etc.
- Soaks, scrubs, creams, and lotions for manicures and pedicures
- Acrylic nail kits
- Waxing set (heating pot, wax, strips)
- Tweezers

Other:

- Sturdy black shoes for boys and girls



Upcoming Teams:

- June 7-17: *Mercy Ships Clinic Construction and Witness Team to Honduras.**
- June 13-22: *Project Maintenance/Letter Writing Team or Camp Team to Honduras.* Contact Lisa Closner at 503.753.2993.
- June 21-28: *Mercy Ships Construction and Witness Team to Honduras.**
- July 6-15: *Immanuel Lutheran Construction Team to Honduras.* Contact Joanie Swedberg at 360.388.1063 or ajswedberg@wwestsky.net.
- July 23-31: *VBS Team from Stevenson to Honduras.* Contact Karen Douglass at 509.427.5697.
- August 20-29: *Antioch Bible Church MRI Dental team to Honduras.* Contact Claudia Blazer at 425.284.2630 or cblazer@abchurch.org.
- September 4-14: *Mercy Ships Work Team to Honduras.**
- September (TBD): *Team Leadership Training.*
- October 30-November 9: *Mercy Ships Work Team to Honduras.**
- November 12-20: *Estacada Community Fellowship Children's Camp and Children's Village Maintenance/Project Team to Honduras.* Contact Lisa Closner at 503.753.2993.
- November TBD: *CRCC VBS Team to Honduras.* Contact Carol Rutledge at 360.751.9497.

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

Sponsor Correspondence:

Correspondence between sponsors and their children has become an important event for our children. Over 600 letters were sent to and from sponsors and their children in March. Thank you so much to those of you who are participating. The children await anxiously for letters from those they are coming to know and love in the U.S. Due to the number of letters we brought back from the children, they are just receiving mail this first week of May. Thank you for your patience because we know that each of you waits as anxiously as the children for this correspondence.

Lisa will need to have the next bunch of letters/gifts by June 1st in order to have them translated and ready to go. Also, it's not too early to send Christmas gifts! We do not have a container going this year so all gifts will need to be taken down by teams. Please keep in mind size and weight. Please send all letters and gifts to Lisa Closner, PO Box 2113, Estacada, OR 97023. If you would like to know the date of your child's birthday or have any other questions, please email LisaC@wwh2h.org. May God bless you abundantly for the care you give His children.

GET MONTHLY UPDATES AND ALERTS TEXTED DIRECTLY TO YOUR PHONE!

WWH2H has just joined ranks with MobileCause for the purposes of fundraising and communicating with our sponsors/donors. To get monthly updates and alerts directly from the Children's Village to your cell phone, text LOSTKIDS to 85944.

More information about MobileCause will coming in our next newsletter. Please email Lisa at LisaC@wwh2h.org with more questions.



Christmas in August

Amy will be traveling to Louisiana to raise funds for WWH2H in August. She hopes to purchase the clothing, shoes and sandals for Christmas gifts for all the children at that time, because the quality of these items is much better in the U.S. than in Honduras.

The cost for each child for Christmas will be \$50-75 to buy two outfits, one pair of shoes, and one pair of sandals.



If you would like to purchase a Christmas gift for your child, please send it to Lisa Closner by June 1, August 1, or October 15 to assure it will be sent down with a team.

If you are able to help with this fund, please send your donations to WWH2H, PO Box 372, Carson, WA 98610 and designate "For Christmas" in the Item line on your check. Thank you so much!!

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!

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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 through Christ our comfort overflows.

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