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NEWSLETTER

JULY 2010

Hello once again from Honduras! It is a great privilege and blessing for me each month to report to you all that the Lord is doing in the lives of the children here in Honduras. This month, so many have been generous and loving with the children, I just don't know where to begin.

Angels of Hope/Cepudo

I will start with the end of last month. The children were invited by Cepudo, known in the U.S. as Angels of Hope Ministries, to a celebration day at the Children's Science Museum in San Pedro Sula. The day included LOTS of food; a traditional Honduran dish known as *pupusas* (a stuffed corn tortilla), fruit, cake, *orchata*, chocolate milk, popsicles, and let's not forget the cotton candy. Cepudo has been giving assistance to WWH2H for over two years with monthly donations of rice, beans, and other staples, in addition to yearly Children's Day gifts and random donations of other items, such as fruit juices and paper towels. The celebration day was a gathering of nearly 500 children from the more than 20 children's homes Cepudo works with. There was a concert, sack races, art and poetry contests, and tons of games. The children had a blast and can't wait for the celebration day next year. Thank you so much Cepudo, for such a beautiful day!

English Immersion Program

The big blessing of June was receiving visas for six children from Children's Village to spend the summer months in the U.S. with the

Village Report

by Amy Serrano

WWH2H Summer English Immersion Program. Ilcy, Nelson, Adonis, Luis, Oscar, and Marlon arrived in the U.S. on June 22 to spend three months with host families and be immersed in the United States language and culture.

This is a program that we hope to have every year. The host families have a wide range of activities planned for the children, but most of all, they

New Arrival: Zacarias

Another big blessing is a new addition to our family! Five-year-old Zacarias has recently come to live at the village. His parents are ill and cannot care for him any longer. The day he arrived, he cried for about five minutes and then joined in with the other kids as if he had lived here for years. The kids did as they normally do, surrounded him to share the treasures of their pockets: small cars and marbles. In the middle of all this outpouring of love, something



The first Summer English Immersion Program participants experience snow on Mt. Hood! Children L-R: Nathan, Nelson, Ilcy, Adonis, Luis, and Oscar (not pictured: Marlon). Adults L-R: Host family Jeremiah and Alicia Hansen (for Luis and Oscar).

just want to spend time getting to know the kids and sharing their lives with them. Please pray for the kids and the host families, that their time together will be blessed.

happened that touched our hearts so much.

Julio, a child that has lived at the village for about two years, came to us

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and said, “When I saw that little boy crying, I wanted to cry, too. So, I just put my arm around him and said, ‘It’s going to be alright, we are your family now.’” I know that it is the Holy Spirit working through these kids, because they are blessed with the gift of compassion. God has really poured out His Spirit of “family” into the hearts of the kids, and it is a beautiful thing to see.



Newest addition to Children’s Village, Zacarias shares a laugh with Rick Stephens.

Mission Team Update

This month we have been blessed with three teams. A Mercy Ships team, led by Gary and Sylvia Thacker, brought with them 10 wonderful women from Taylor, TX. These women were such a blessing to work with! They spent the week cleaning, cooking, organizing, and painting at the Village. All of their team funds, however, went toward the construction of the new WWH2H Medical Dental

Clinic in Puerto Cortes. Thank you so much Gary, Sylvia, and all of the ladies. Please keep “Vicky” in your prayers—she became ill on the trip and had to return to the States mid trip.

We were also thrilled to have Lisa Closner and her team here with us again. Their team helped the kids write letters to their sponsors, organized and cleaned, as well as worked on the new WWH2H Medical Dental Clinic building.

Between the two teams, enough beauty supplies were brought down to refurbish the Cosmetology School that had been broken into back in March. We hope to restart classes in the very near future. Thanks so much to each and every one of you who gave to this project to help secure such a great career and future for our daughters out at the village!

Finally, we are waiting for the arrival of our next team, which is another Mercy Ships team. They will be in Honduras for seven days and will also

focus on the WWH2H Medical Dental clinic in Puerto Cortes. Please pray that God will bless their time here.

Prayers & Blessings

We are so thankful for the generosity and love that so many people from all over are pouring out on this little ministry. I pray that God would pour out on your lives more blessings than you can contain.

—Amy

WWH2H IS GROWING!!

WWH2H has entered the world of social media. Now there are a number of ways to stay connected with us, support and get regular updates and alerts on what is happening at the Children’s Village. Here is how you can connect:



FACEBOOK

Become one of our growing fans on Facebook. Go to your Facebook account (or get one if you don’t already have one), search Worldwide Heart to Heart Children’s Village and click “Become a Fan.” We will post new photos of the children, updates, and opportunities to give.



TWITTER

Follow us! You can find us under our username OurBigFamily. We will be posting tidbits from day to day life at the Children’s Village and the latest news from WWH2H.



MobileCause

Text OURKIDS to 27138 to receive monthly updates and alerts directly to your cell phone.

BLOG & WEBSITE

The Children’s Village Blog will post stories, videos, and photos about our children such as where they came from and how they are doing today or details from a recent birthday or Quinceañera celebration. There will soon be an all new WWH2H website!

If you have any questions, please email Lisa Closner at lclosner@hotmail.com. Get connected!

Sponsor Correspondence and Gift Giving

by Lisa
Closner

There are still two more opportunities to send letters or birthday/Christmas gifts to your children this year. The dates are August 1 and October 15. Please send them c/o Lisa Closner, PO Box 2113, Estacada, Oregon 97023. If you would like to know the date of your child’s birthday or have any other questions, please email me at LisaC@wwh2h.org. May God bless you abundantly for the care you give His children.

—Lisa



Newsletter Team

by Dean & Rachel King

Have you ever wondered how the WWH2H newsletter is created and produced each month? If it weren't for a few dedicated contributors such as Amy Serrano, Mary Frenter, and several others who write the articles each month, the newsletter wouldn't be possible. We'd like to introduce you to two behind-the-scenes people that do a lot of the work: Paula Dana and Phyllis Haas.

As the newsletter editor, Paula takes the articles and pictures and turns them into a great looking newsletter.



Paula Barr
Newsletter Editor



Phyllis Haas
Newsletter Facilitator

As the newsletter facilitator, Phyllis then gets the final newsletter and prints over 1,000 of them for mailing. She then arranges a folding, taping, and labeling "party" with a handful of volunteers. This takes 4-5 hours. I think that each of you reading this should give a big round of applause and a hearty thank you to each and every one of them.

—Dean & Rachel

Editor's Note: Our thanks to Dean and Rachel King who are always part of the assembly "party." Dean also supplies the majority of photos for each newsletter. Thanks to everyone who helps pull the newsletter together!

These children at Children's Village...

Need Sponsors



Zacarias
age 5



Cristian
age 6



Exequiel
age 6



Felipe
age 19



Luis
age 12



Nora
age 11

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, a pair of shoes, and a pair of sandals. If you are able to help with this project, please send your donations to WWH2H, PO Box 372, Carson, WA 98610, and designate "For Christmas" in the memo line on your check.

If you would like to personally purchase a gift for your child, please send it to Lisa Closer by August 1 or October 15 (see above article) to assure it will be sent down with a team. Thank you so much!! Merry Christmas!

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE IMMEDIATE NEED:

Sturdy black shoes in all sizes for boys and girls



If you are able to help with this, please send shoes to WWH2H, PO Box 372, Carson, WA 98610



Philippians 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

From the President's Desk

by Mary Frenter



Adonis, 11, and Nelson, 9, are staying with the Elliot family in Estacada, OR. Brothers Luis and Oscar, 14 and 13, respectively, are with the Hansen family in Estacada, OR. These last five children have been with us since 2005.

Replacing Beauty School Equipment and Supplies

... and He most certainly did!! A HUGE thank you to all of you who sent beauty school supplies for Honduras. After the last newsletter, they began arriving from California, Tennessee, Illinois, Oregon and Washington.

Anonymous Donor Restocks Beauty School Supplies

If that was not enough, and just to show how true to His word He is, God showed up three days before Lisa Closner's June team departed, in the form of an 81-year-old Saint who asked to remain anonymous. He met Lisa and me in Gresham, OR, took us to a beauty supply store and told us to buy everything we could think of that our Beauty School at the Village might need, that had not already come in. Almost \$1,300 later, we walked out of the store!! He told Lisa to have the girls make a list of what they still need, after they see what we bought, and he would buy it and send it with me in July!!

Cash Donation in Lieu of Birthday Presents

Another one of His little Saints, Savannah Springer, who had a birthday recently, sent invitations to her guests asking them not to bring presents, but instead to bring the cash they would have spent on her, because she wanted to give it to WWH2H to help supply the Beauty School!!

She sent it to Lisa. We bought an ear piercing kit that will be from Savannah for the Beauty School. Our Father is such a good Dad to His daughters!!

English Immersion Program

Our biggest U.S. news is the arrival at Portland International Airport on Tuesday, June 22nd, of six of our children from the Village to spend the summer. Their host families covered all their expenses to come. We hope they are only the first of many who will benefit from this new WWH2H Summer English Immersion Program we are developing. That they actually got to come can only be described as a miracle.

Amy accompanied them and will spend two weeks with us at the WWH2H Headquarters in Carson, WA. Besides their English classes, the children will get to go camping, on short trips, and will visit several churches filled with folks who support WWH2H and love them.

Marlon, our 17-year-old, is visiting with the King family in Castle Rock, WA. He has been a member of our WWH2H family since he was 9 years old. Iley, 12, and her brothers

I have been thinking about where these beautiful children began their life journey and how far they have come. And now, here they are in our neck of the woods for a visit!! I stand in awe of God's mercy and power to bring about His will for each of their lives!!

Thank you so much to all of you who helped make this happen. Please check their schedule in this newsletter to see if you live close to one of the places they will be, in case you are able to stop in and say "Hi."

Stevenson Blues Festival

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to park cars for the recent Blues Festival in Stevenson. The funds raised by this gift of your time will go far in helping us care for our children in Honduras.

Summer VBS Team

The WWH2H Summer VBS team with volunteers from Wisconsin, Colorado, Washington, and Oregon will be traveling to Honduras in July. Please pray with us that God will prepare hearts to receive Him as their personal Lord and Savior through this outreach to about 600 children there.

Thanks to everyone of you who faithfully supports this profound work God is doing for His Kids in Honduras with your prayers, time and finances. We thank God for each of you daily!!

—Mary



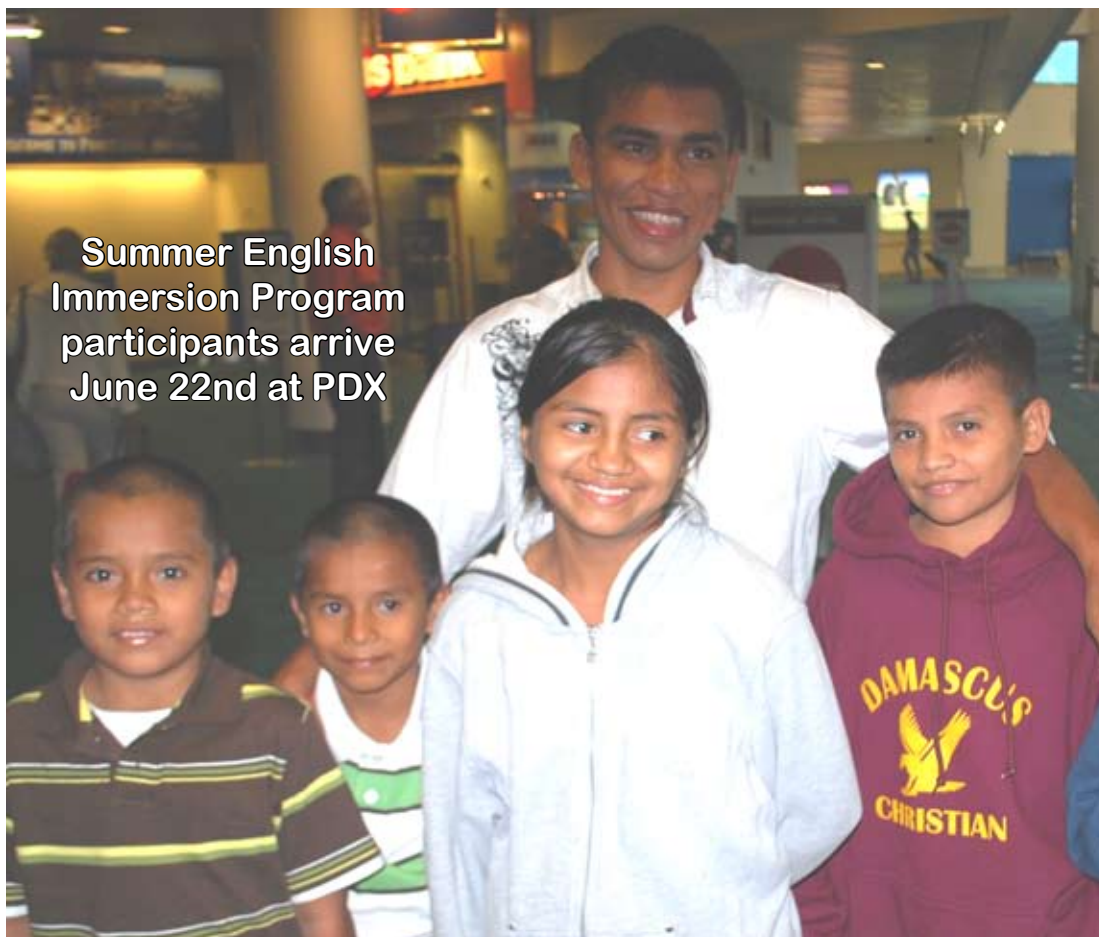
English Immersion Program Visiting Children's Schedule:

- July 11 - *Estacada Community Fellowship Church* presentation – Estacada, Oregon
- July 25 – *George Church presentation* – contact Lisa Closner for more details. 503-753-2993
- August 29 – *Presentation and Potluck Picnic at Faith Tabernacle Church* in Stevenson, WA
- September 11- *Potluck Picnic gathering* (location to be announced) in Longview, Kelso, Castle Rock, Centralia area.
- September 17-19 - *Visit to Seattle* for gathering of friend in that area on Mercer Island. Details will be forthcoming
- September 21 – *Depart for Honduras* near midnight from PDX

Blues Festival Parking Donations a Great Success!!

Thank you to WWH2H Board of Directors member, Sondi Ross, for chairing the Stevenson, WA Blues Festival Parking Volunteers. AND thank you to those you gave of their time to help: Joel and Annette Olsen, Mary Esch, Dar Bliss, Amy Serrano, Alan Hastings, Tracy Schmidt, Sue Matheson, Caleb and Heather Wold, Janet Nail, Dan and Jenna Ross, Cindiilee Baseman, Debi Fielding, and Chrissy Cox. Almost \$1500 was raised to help us care for our children in Honduras!! What a blessing!!!

**Marlon shares a hug
with Rachel King during
a visit to the beach in the
Pacific Northwest**



Summer English
Immersion Program
participants arrive
June 22nd at PDX



Upcoming Teams:

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- 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.** Contact Claudia Blazer at 425.284.2630 or cblazer@abchurch.org.
- September 4-14: **Mercy Ships Work Team.***
- October 30-November 9: **Mercy Ships Work Team.***
- November 8-16: **Christmas Prep/Maintenance/Project Team.** Contact Lisa Closner at 503.753.2993.

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- February 2-12: **Medical/Dental Team to Honduras** from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Northwest. Contact Mary Frenter at maryf@wwh2h.org or 509.427.8585.
- March 15-26: **Women's Ministry Retreat Team.** Contact Lisa Page, Church on the Mountain, Brightwood, OR, at 503.622.6406.

*Contact Gary and Sylvia Thacker at 903.939.7682 for 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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