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NEWSLETTER

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Village Report

by Amy Serrano

Wow! What an incredible month this has been! I know I am beginning to sound like a broken record each month, but it never ceases to amaze me how the Lord is moving among us.

English Classes at the Village

It has long been a dream of this ministry to teach our children English, and they desperately want to learn! They so much want to communicate with the groups that visit. I have had English classes with them in the past, but it has always been inconsistent, as I have the responsibility of running the entire ministry on this end and business usually takes me away from the Village several times a week.

An answer to prayer has come in the form of some very generous and loving friends of this ministry from the Northwest who have provided the funds to hire a teacher and buy teaching materials. Our friend, Maria Montevan, whom we met 15 years ago on a missionary ship, speaks beautiful English, is a former housemother, and is now living full time at the Village, teaching classes each day.

Maria has divided the classes by age and by each child's level of English. She spends two hours every day working one-on-one with the kids that are far behind to help them catch up with the other kids. I am so thankful for the wonderful people God has put in our lives that love these children so much and are making such generous investments into their lives.

VBS Team

VBS was amazing! God has put together some really awesome teams before, and this team was really amazing! I know that each of them was hand picked to be here for this time and that lives were touched because of your obedience to Him. The best news, however, is this, the past three Sundays since the VBS program, many of the children, who were not regular Sunday school children, have been coming to church! We prayed for a harvest, and God has done it.

Even though we danced around in crazy hats and did the chicken dance, we have always taken VBS very seriously. Beyond all the funny songs and puppet skits, we know very well what is at stake. It is a spiritual battle for the hearts and minds of these children, many of whom live in deplorable conditions of abuse, poverty, poor sanitation, etc. Our church spent three days of prayer and fasting the week before the group arrived, and many people were on their faces before God months before, during, and even now for those who were presented with the gospel. These precious souls are the fruit of that battle, all glory be to God!

Electrical Miracle

When we arrived at the airport to pick our 23 people group for VBS, Oscar nearly fainted when he saw Ben Campbell step out the door. Ben is the electrician responsible for much of the wiring that is in the Boys

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Houses and Babies House. The next step of the construction phases of the Medical/Dental Clinic in Puerto Cortes was electrical, but Fredy Castro (a certified electrician and WWH2H board member here in Honduras) and his assistant, Marlon Manzanares (one of our sons here at the Village) are both in the U.S. So, we didn't have an electrician or the funds to purchase the electrical supplies. And then out walks Ben! Oscar said that he knows in his heart that God sent Ben to do the electrical—even though Ben didn't know it!

So, we had the electrician but not the funds. That Sunday morning, a miracle happened. Through the generosity of everyone present on that VBS Team, somehow all of the money needed to do the electrical system just appeared! Monday through Thursday, Ben and the guys worked on the electrical system. By Thursday night, the switch was flipped and the lights came on. Amazing!

Anna Eaton and Kaelyn Hansel

We are saying goodbye this month to two amazing young woman who have been with us for several weeks now: Anna Eaton and Kaelyn Hansel. Anna, who is only 14 years old, spent

most of her summer vacation living with the girls at the Village. Anna got first-hand experience of life in Honduras, however, having grown up with missionary parents, I don't know if anything surprised her. Anna was a great help and wonderful guest, and we hope to see her in Honduras again. Kaelyn Hansel, another extraordinary young lady, spent seven weeks here. Among the many hats that she wore was bus driver, which has been a tremendous help! Both of the girls will be missed, and we are so thankful for their selfless and loving service.

August Mission Teams

We have just received the Antioch Bible Church MRI Dental Team from Redmond, Washington, along with two wonderful men, Darr Wilson and Bill McGonage from St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Texas. Darr and Bill sent us a container with our ADEC dental suite and hospital supplies, plus six new bicycles from John and Andra Mobley of Stevenson, Washington, for the Village.

Continuing Gratitude

Thank you so much for your continuing prayers and support for this amazing work God is doing for His Kids in Honduras. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless!!

—Amy



July VBS Team had 130 children singing praises to Jesus at a local church in Tegucigalpa.

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.



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!



Christmas in October



Immanuel Lutheran Church in Centralia, Washington, has scheduled a *Christmas for Honduras* event to be held on Sunday evening, October 3, 2010. The Swedbergs and Meckles are heading up this dinner and have asked other friends of the Village to help.

They plan on having a Christmas-themed meal and celebration. They asking those attending to bring a gift to be sent down to the Village and/or a cash donation to help with expenses. Some sponsor kids and will want to bring gifts for them.

Please contact Joanie Swedberg (360.736.6458 or ajswedberg@gmail.com) or Jane Meckle (360.273.9524 or outbackrvpark@hotmail.com) with your ideas for a shopping guide.

Orphan Sunday

This year, WWH2H will join hundreds of other organizations in caring for orphans around the world. *Orphan Sunday* is November 7th, and we will be sponsoring multiple events around the U.S. to raise funds for our children in Honduras. We are asking each of you to consider planning an event at your church, school, or with your small group. Here are some ways to be involved:



- Teach a Sunday School class on "God's Heart for the Orphan."
- Encourage your pastor to preach on a Biblical theme related to orphans.
- Host a prayer gathering at your church or home.
- Host a "Movie Night" on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday at your house with a film including orphan-related themes.

- Show a short video during your Sunday morning service.
- Host a campus gathering or lecture on orphan issues at your college.
- Hold a benefit concert at a local coffeehouse or similar venue.
- Hold a youth group event that includes a 24-hour fast, movie night, and beans/rice meal.
- Be creative! Come up with your own event to bring awareness and raise funds to care for our 78 children.

We have all the resources needed to plan a successful event. Please contact Lisa Closner at lclosner@wwh2h.org for more information.

These children at Children's Village...

NEED SPONSORS



Cristian, 6



Exequiel, 6



Nora, 11



Felipe, 19

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you live in the Longview or Castle Rock area, help fold the WWH2H newsletter once a month at the Christian Church in Castle Rock. Please contact Phyllis Haas at 503.728.3507, or email phyl@opusnet.com for dates and times.



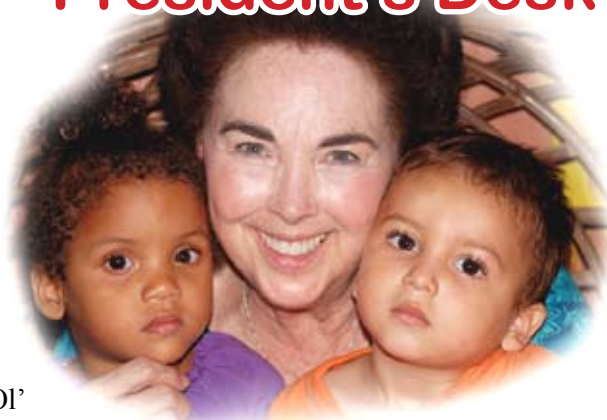
All too soon, while the days stay warm, the nights begin to show us fall is coming. We had a wonderful August here at WWH2H. Jim and Tammy Culverwell and their boys hosted Iley, Adonis, and Nelson for the first two weeks. Thank you so much for your kind and wonderful care of the children while they were there.



Then they, along with our grandsons, Josh and Joel, came to Carson for the next several days to stay with us. We were blessed with five laughing children waking us each morning, watching cartoons and Disney Movies cuddled with two little dogs, pancakes for breakfast almost every day, swimming at the pool, dinner and kayaking at Mobley's, a drive to Beacon Rock singing "O! MacDonal'd" and "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain," visiting the local library, and a trip to meet Herman, the giant sturgeon, at the Bonneville Dam, where the children discovered you can actually pet the salmon in the shallow ponds, a favorite thing to do. Evenings ended at the school playground, and finally five little faces lined up in my very small bathroom, all trying to brush their teeth at the same time. Hugs, prayers, kisses, and to sleep...priceless!! The icing on the cake was a two-hour ride on the Columbia River Sternwheeler, where to

From the President's Desk

by Mary Frenter



my surprise, I discovered the Captain was a former student of mine, Misty. She invited the children into the Wheelhouse and each took a turn driving the boat!!

In addition, our wonderful Board Member, Sondi Ross, organized a WWH2H Parking Force to park cars on Friday of the Skamania County Fair. The funds earned will help us this month so much!! Thank you Sondi and thank you to everyone who came to help us!!

We continue to covet your prayers for all the wonderful things God is doing for His Kids through His Kids. God bless!!
—Mary

English Immersion Program Visiting Children's Schedule:

- September 11- **Celebration Potluck** at Riverside County Park, Kelso, exit 42 off of I-5. Please bring your own tableware, drinks, and a dish to share.
- September 20 – **Depart for Honduras** near midnight from PDX.

Sponsor Correspondence and Gift Giving

by Lisa Closner

There are two more opportunities to send letters or birthday/Christmas gifts to your children this year. Deadlines are September 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

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE IMMEDIATE NEED:

Sturdy black shoes in smaller sizes for boys and girls.



Thank you to all of you who so generously responded to this need. We took your gifts to Honduras with the VBS team in July. It takes a lot of leather to shoe 78 children, so please keep those shoes coming.

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



WWH2H Plans First Large-Scale Fundraising Banquet

In conjunction with Orphan Sunday, we will be planning our first annual fundraising banquet. It will be held on November 6, 2010 at the Embassy Suites Hotel at the Portland airport. Our theme is "To Raise a Village," our goal is to raise \$20,000, and our hope is that you will join us!

This event will be lots of fun with a catered dinner, video presentation, and speaker. We also have a pre-dinner activity to help you understand the life of an orphaned child in Honduras. Tables will be set up to hold 10 people, and guests are invited through Table Sponsors and Table Hosts.

We are well underway with plans and hope you will come alongside to be a part of this major fundraising event for our children. Here's how you can help make this a successful event:

- Be an event sponsor: Donate \$1000-5000
- Be a Table Sponsor: Donate \$500 (You have the option to fill the table with your guests.)
- Be a Table Host: Fill a table with 10 guests (including yourself)
- Be a Volunteer: Donate time to help plan, set up, decorate, usher, etc.

Contact our Banquet Coordinator, Kim Stephens, at 503.789.5560 (cell) or 503.698.3114 (home) to get involved or if you have any questions. Monetary donations should be made out to WWH2H and mailed to: Lisa Closner, PO Box 2113, Estacada, OR 97023. All donations will receive a tax deductible receipt.





Upcoming Teams:

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- September 4-14: **Mercy Ships Work Team.***
- October 30-November 9: **Mercy Ships Work Team.***
- November 8-16: **Bible Camp Team.** Contact Lisa Closner at 503.753.2993.

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- January 26-Feb 2: **Crusade Team** from Bruce Van Natta / Sweet Bread Ministries, Wisconsin. Contact Mary Frenter at maryf@wwh2h.org or 509.427.8585.
- 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 16-26: **Women's Conference and Children's Ministry Retreat Team.** Contact Lisa Page, Church on the Mountain, Brightwood, OR, at 503.622.6406.
- April 2-9: **WWH2H VBS Team.** Contact Mary Frenter at maryf@wwh2h.org or 509.427.8585.
- June 17-26: **High School Team.** Details TBD. Contact Lisa Closner at lisac@wwh2h.org.
- July 21-31: **General Team.** Details TBD. Contact Lisa Closner at lisac@wwh2h.org.
- July 30-August 10: **College Team.** Details TBD. Contact Lisa Closner at lisac@wwh2h.org.

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

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 our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

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