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Children's Village, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Oscar & Amy Serrano, Honduras National Directors

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2010

MRI Team

by Claudia Blazer
Team Leader

We had a team of 24 that went to Honduras this year with Medical Relief International. We served in two different locations, the church in Puerto Cortes and the Children's Village



run by WWH2H in Tegucigalpa. Our team included three dentists, an oral surgeon, and three hygienists, along with two dental assistants and lay people from Alaska, Michigan, Montana, and Washington.

We had such a great time with the kids, beginning at Sunday School—the kids are so friendly and quickly find a lap to hop onto. It is easy to see that they are loved and cared for. On this, my fourth trip, I saw so

many improvements—the kids seemed even more happy, were well behaved, and on a schedule where they are expected to obey but have lots of time to play—the “mommies” are happy and proud of their kids.

We brought a family with us that put on a “soccer camp” at the Children's Village. They brought “scripture soccer balls” and everything necessary for soccer competition and gave it all to the kids. They were ecstatic!

What a blessing to be with church people and watch them reach out to the homeless and those in need of dental work. God's hand touched many through the tool of dentistry, and, in turn, He touched our hearts to the core!

As we return to life as we know it—everything has changed again in the way we look at life and all the blessings we enjoy, even when we think we are suffering. (James 1:1) What an awesome God!

—Claudia

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This month, the spotlight is on Juan and Diomar Cardoza, owners of the Flamingos Restaurant and Hotel in Omoa, Honduras. They were both born in Columbia, lived in Seattle, WA, and then moved to Honduras in October 1999, one year after Hurricane Mitch devastated the country.

They purchased the land in Omoa and built the Flamingos Hotel, opening the restaurant on Easter of 2000 and the hotel the following year. For the last five years, most of the

WWH2H mission teams have had the pleasure of staying with them, enjoying the Caribbean Ocean views, the comfortable, clean, air-conditioned rooms and of course, the five-star cuisine each day!! Each time, it is like coming home.



In 2006, we invited the Cardozas to visit the Children's Village for a birthday party. The next day, they said they wanted to help the children. Every week since then, when they go to town to buy food for their restaurant, they buy several hundred dollars worth of extra food for our children. What a blessing!! They do all they can to help the less fortunate in their community, as well. We love them and look forward to “coming home” to Flamingos when we are in Honduras. They are part of our amazing WWH2H Family that God has provided for our lives. Thank you, Juan and Diomar!!



FROM: Iglesia Cristiana Corazón a Corazón
Puerto Cortes, Honduras

TO: Iglesia Cristiana Resurrección
Centralia, Washington

Thank you for your love and support with your donation of Sunday School materials!



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 hosting 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

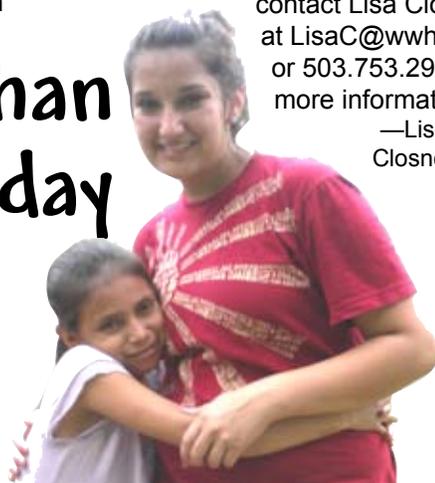
lecture on orphan issues at your college.

- 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 Closer at LisaC@wwh2h.org or 503.753.2993 for more information.

—Lisa Closer

Orphan Sunday



Sponsor Correspondence and Gift Giving

The Christmas gifts have begun to come in. Don't miss this final opportunity to send a personal birthday or Christmas gift to your child. Be sure to include a signed Christmas card and a personal photo of your family.

The deadline is October 15. Please send them c/o Lisa Closer, 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 contact me at LisaC@wwh2h.org or 503.753.2993.

May God bless you abundantly for the care you give His children.

—Lisa Closer



Village Report

by Amy Serrano
National Co-Director

¡Dios es fiel! God is faithful! And praise the Lord all is well here in Honduras. This month has seen its share of complications, but here we are headed for October and God's faithfulness is proven once again.

Teacher's Strike

One of the biggest challenges this past month has been the teacher's strike which has meant three weeks of lost school time for our kids. It's really amazing that one of the biggest highlights for the kids is going to school. This strike really hit them hard. But once again, God came through for us. Praise the Lord the kids are back in school now all over Honduras.

Soccer Camp

In the time that the kids were out of school, we had the great blessing of soccer camp! A family came with the MRi team to put on soccer camp for our kids at the Village, as well as about 30 children that live in Tegucigalpa. The kids loved it! And it came right on time to keep the children's minds off of the long boring days of no school. Dave and Paula, the camp leaders, said that their vision was to teach soccer camp and to share the word of God. During one of the sessions, a few children prayed to receive Jesus in their heart!

English Classes

English classes were another big help during this whole strike problem. Maria is doing a wonderful job and I think that people coming to visit the Village are pleasantly surprised to

find that they can hold small conversations with most of the kids.

MRI Dental Team

It was a great blessing for this ministry to host the MRI dental team. In 10 days, the 24 members of this team treated over 300 people!

The mission of the team was divide and conquer. One part of the team went to Tegucigalpa and treated all kids at the Children's Village. All of the children received cleanings and fillings. The team was pleasantly surprised to find the kids had nice looking teeth. The team also took care of our staff and their children. The other half of the team had dental clinics in the church in Puerto Cortes. About 200 people were given dental care and the gospel! It was a great blessing to work with these wonderful people. We thank each of you and hope to see you all again here someday. *See article on page 1.*

Medical/Dental Clinic

The clinic is marching on to completion, and everything is coming together perfectly. At this point, the structure is complete and only lacks patients!

We were contacted by some old friends from Saint Mark's Episcopal church in Bay City, TX. They had a large amount of medical

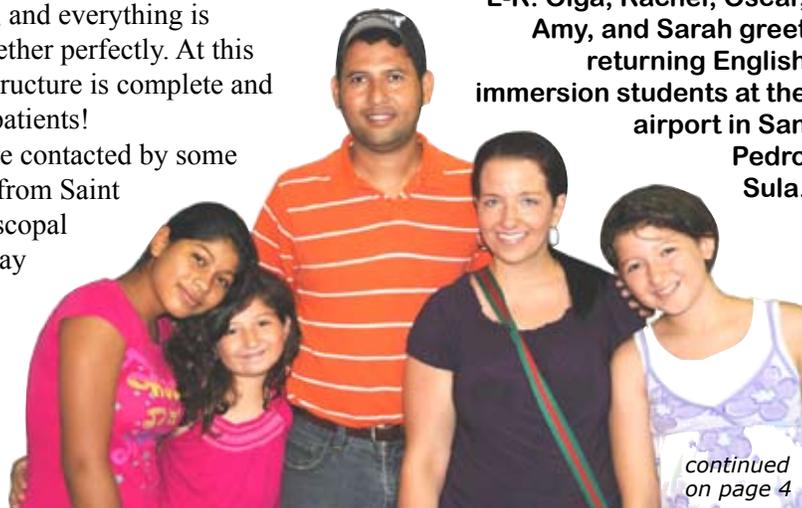


WWH2H Board Member, Wil Meckle, and National Co-Director, Pastor Oscar Serrano try out the brand new, state-of-the-art dental chair.

equipment donated, such as hospital beds, blood analysis equipment, birthing room equipment, and more. We were able to send the dental equipment donated by ADEC, as well as some donated bicycles from Oregon, down to Texas to make it out on the boat.

Of course, getting the container out of the port had its challenges, but God prevailed. We have all that we need to begin a full-service dental clinic and birthing room. God only knows the glorious plans that He has for the clinic building.

L-R: Olga, Rachel, Oscar, Amy, and Sarah greet returning English immersion students at the airport in San Pedro Sula.



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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.



Village Report

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Mercy Ships Team

We also want to thank the wonderful Mercy ships team that came in the beginning of September. The team provided funds that helped with the construction of the medical clinic in Puerto Cortes. They brought desperately needed clothes, shoes, and school supplies. We are so blessed to see the love that this group poured out on our children.



A hand-crank hospital bed is unloaded from the truck

Medical Equipment Container

We had the tremendous blessing of sharing all that the Lord brought to us in the container of medical equipment. Dr. Nelly, our ministry doctor, brought us to three different villages deep in the jungles of Honduras without power or running water. The three hospital beds we brought were hand-crank operated. We were surprised by the great need in each of these three villages and pray that these beds can in some way ease the poverty and suffering.

School Celebration

Celebrations on September 15th are fun as always. The kids marched in the local parades with Marisol and Alexi out in front as honor roll students. Carla was elected to represent her age group in the Miss Independence contest in which she came in third place.

Junior

This month we had the chance to meet and shortly care for Junior, a 13-year-old young man that had club foot surgery. The mayor personally asked the ministry to care for him while his foot healed, because he lived with his elderly grandmother that could not care for him. It was a blessing to have Junior with us.

Downs Child Communicates

We were surprised this month to have a very neat revelation about one of our very special residents. His name is Isaac. He is five years old and has Downs syndrome. Isaac has shown us that he is very bright in many ways, but had not yet found his way to communicate... until now!

While our Mercy Ships Team was here in September, one of the team members, Jane, a retired speech therapist from Alabama, noticed that Isaac seemed to be able to understand and repeat some simple communication in sign language! Since that time, I have worked on teaching him small words and phrases that I know. As a result, Isaac has now discovered a brand new world of communication.



Volunteers from the security division of the Port of Puerto Cortes share gifts, food, and games

Kids Day

September 10th is a huge day in Honduras known as Kids Day. This is a time with practically the same

A doctor from Cuba watches volunteers unload one of the hospital beds in rural Honduras.



magnitude as Christmas.

It is usually celebrated with games, piñatas, gifts, and cake. This year, we were blessed by three different groups that came on three different days to share this time with our kids: the security division of the Port of Puerto Cortes, the high school of Portrerillos (a small village just beyond Tegucigalpa), and the Revival Church of Puerto Cortes.

The kids also came to Sunday school at our church in Puerto Cortes, and had games, cake, and piñatas. We had over 200 children that day that were also fed the word of God. We want to thank each group that came out and shared this love with our children.

English Immersion Kids Return

Finally, the big news of the month: our kids are back home! Iley, Nelson, Adonis, Luis, Oscar, and Marlon are now back at home with us. We were sooooo happy to see them. Their homecoming was really a beautiful thing. I told Oscar that it feels really good to have them back home—we feel complete again. Jane and Wil Meckle, WWH2H board members, were so kind to escort them back. This was a great success that we hope to repeat someday soon.

Thanks to Everyone!

I can't thank you enough for all of your prayers and support. We feel them all the way from here. Please know that the kids lift you all up in prayer each day.

—Amy



Isaiah 43:4 "Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give you... people for your life."

And He has! This ministry would not exist if not for the hundreds of volunteers who bless us with their help every year. They are the "people for your life" gifts from God who do the lion's share of the work in Honduras and in the U.S.

Goodbye Kids!

It was a teary-eyed bunch who gathered at PDX to send our six kids back to the Children's Village. The first ever WWH2H Summer English Immersion Program participants, Marlon, Ilcy, Adonis, Nelson, Oscar, and Luis were loaded down with stuffed bears, snacks, new luggage, and tons of hugs and kisses as they headed to the gate. WWH2H Board Members, Jane and Wil Meckle, were the mommy and daddy accompanying the group's return to Honduras. The children had a wonderful three months in the U.S. with their host families.

A very special thank you to Dean and Rachel King, Jessie and Joel Elliot, Alicia and Jeremiah Hanson,

From the President's Desk

by Mary Frenter



and Jim and Tammy Culverwell and all their extended families and friends, for making this experience possible with your love, prayers, and finances for these children.

Challenges

With the economic challenges everyone is facing in these times, WWH2H is no exception. In the last year, finances to manage this work have gone from tight to tighter. We need everyone's help to maintain the Children's Village and provide the necessities of life for the many children God has brought to our family there. The greatest need is for monthly sponsors and

donations. We are asking each of you to pray daily and to be advocates for WWH2H by finding at least one friend or family member to become a monthly donor to this ministry. They can go online to our wwh2h.org website and donate via PayPal or send a donation by check or money order to WWH2H, P.O. Box 372, Carson, WA 98610. Thank you for your continuing prayers and financial help for this profound work God is doing in Honduras.

1st Annual Fundraising Banquet

In conjunction with the National Orphan Sunday celebration on November 7th, our first annual Fundraising Banquet is coming up, Saturday, November 6th. Please reserve this date on your calendar and join us to help our children in Honduras. Email or call Kim Stephens, our Banquet Coordinator, to reserve your table, 503.698.3114 kimstephens01@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!! —Mary

**CHILDREN'S VILLAGE
Immediate Need:
Monthly Sponsors!**

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.



WWH2H Calendar & Volunteer Teams:

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- October 30–November 9: **Mercy Ships Work Team.***
- November 6: 1st Annual Fundraising Banquet, Embassy Suites, Portland Airport. Contact Kim Stephens at 503.698.3114.
- November 8–16: **Christmas Prep/Maintenance/Letter Team.** Contact Lisa Closner at 503.753.2993.
- December 10: Marvin & Karen wedding, Hixson, TN

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- January 26–Feb 2: **Crusade Team** from Bruce Van Natta / Sweet Bread Ministries, Wisconsin. Contact Tom Graves at 715.423.5990.
- February 1–12: **Medical/Dental Team** from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Northwest. Contact Mary Frenter at maryf@wwh2h.org or 509.427.8585.
- March 15–26: **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, Faith Tabernacle.** Contact Karen Douglass at 509.427.5697.
- June 17–26: **High School Team.** Contact Lisa Closner at LisaC@wwh2h.org.
- July 21–31: **Maintenance/Letter Writing Team.** 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.

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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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