



# Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries



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**NEWSLETTER**

**AUGUST 2011**

Hello again from rainy Washington! What a blessing it is to be here with all of our WWH2H family in the U.S. The Summer English Immersion program is in full swing! We are now in our last two weeks of this year's program and all that I can say is it has been a major hit!

## Children's Village Update

Our Assistant Director, Marcel Almendarez, has reported that many of the kids at the Village have come down with Dengue Fever. Dengue Fever is a very uncomfortable flu-like illness that is often present in these hot humid months of late summer. Dr. Jensi, our ministry doctor has made several visits to the Village treating the kids as needed. Please keep them in your prayers.

Maria, our interim teen girls' mommy (in our absence), reports that the girls are doing wonderful. She says that they all have pretty interesting hairdos, as they use each other for practice in the salon classes.

## English School Preparations

Annalisa and Jackie Almendarez, our Spanish curriculum teachers, have been working very hard in preparation for the opening of our pre-K through 1st grade English Immersion School that will officially begin on September 5th! The classrooms are just beautiful. When I first saw them, all I could say was, "I want to come to school here!" I can't wait to see the progress that has been made since we have been gone.

Gary and Ashley Kwasney and Sarah Matoon are all prepared and

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by Amy Serrano  
 Honduras  
 National Director



ready to go. These three brave souls, in addition to our two Honduras teachers, will be the educators for this school year. They will be arriving in Honduras on August 15th. Please keep this project in your prayers.

## MercyShips

At this time Gary and Sylvia Thacker and their team from MercyShips International are in

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## SUMMER ENGLISH IMMERSION PROGRAM

### Photo Gallery



▲ Miriam and Kimberly and Kim Stephens play in the July snow at Timberline Lodge



▲ Oscar hula hoops at a WWH2H picnic in Centralia



▲ Katherine and Rachel Serrano



▲ Denis and Jenna Fester ride a tube on Lake Sammamish, WA



▲ Olvin tackles a crocodile statue at the zoo in Tennessee



◀ Rosa and Jency visit with Mandy and Jessie Russau who have been to the Village several times



▶ Miriam and Sarah Matoon at Mirror Lake on Mount Hood



## Village Report

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Honduras. MercyShips has partnered with WWH2H for the last seven years on projects for the ministry. Their current goal is to finish cleaning and painting our aging, rusting C-channel steel supports throughout the buildings. They will also be helping us with maintenance projects in the teen boys' house in Puerto Cortes. We want to thank each person on this team for their great sacrifice, and welcome you all back to Honduras someday.

## August Teams

We are preparing for our many August teams, which will include two medical teams, a maintenance team, a school prep team, a soccer camp, and container unloading! Wow! What a blessing to come home to! Our medical teams this month include one that has been with us for many years and another that is new to our family.

The MRI team based out of Redmond, WA will be returning this month. This dental team does cleaning, filling, extractions, and any dental work for our kids and workers at the Village. They bring their own portable X-ray machines, cleaning machines, filling equipment and all that is needed to keep the smiles bright and beautiful.

We will also be joined by our Centralia, WA pediatric medical team in August. This team will be journeying into the remote mountain areas of Honduras where medical

care is not available. They will be providing desperately needed medical care and education on everything from dental health to nutrition. Most of all, they will be sharing their faith in Jesus Christ.

## Container Update

We are expecting our container to arrive shortly after our return in mid-August. The container is filled with many amazing and wonderful things that are needed for the clinic, school, Village and church. Getting containers released from the port after arrival seems to

## Summer English Program

We are so excited about our Summer English Immersion program for 2011. It is fun for our family to be here while the kids were here. Immersion is a perfect word for the event. Each one of the kids has grown by leaps and bounds in their English proficiency. They have been completely immersed in the great, interesting, and sometimes weird world of what is American culture.

I have watched as the kids gaze in wonder at seeing snow for the first time, stretch themselves to learn and use English, and raise their eyebrows at some of the food. But overall I think they have seen how loved they are.

Our board members and ministry friends from Centralia put on a wonderful meet-n-greet picnic for the kids.

Though it was raining (and Women's World Cup Soccer was on TV), we had a great turnout. The kids were able to see how much they are loved, supported, and prayed for.



## SUMMER ENGLISH IMMERSION PROGRAM

Back row (L-R): Kim Stephens, Oscar Serrano, Lorna and John Atherton. Middle Row (L-R): Jency, Rachel Serrano, Miriam, Katherine, Rosa, and Amy Serrano. Front Row: Rachel Serrano. Not pictured: Olvin, Denis, and Gaby

always be an interesting challenge. So we ask for your prayers in this matter as well. Our heartfelt thanks to each person that procured and donated the very valuable items that are on this container, as well as everyone who helped haul, itemize, and pack. We could not have done this without you!

## Amazing Love

I can't say enough how blown away I am to see the amazing love that flows from our friends and supporters here in the States for our kids in Honduras. I know and feel that it is really the love of the Lord that is coming through. Our kids love you and are praying for you each day. Please know how thankful we are to you for your prayers and support. —Amy



## Amazed by God's Work

These verses (*at right*) have sustained me a lot in the last months. WWH2H is so totally God's creation that we continually stand amazed at what He is doing. Just four months ago, we had no funds to send a container, let alone the things to fill it. We had neither the funds to equip a school nor the teachers to teach in it. We had no funds to bring the Serranos home for a much needed rest. And so much more.

By God's grace and supply, all these have been accomplished. I thank Him and praise Him unceasingly for His great wisdom and love for all of us and especially for His precious children that we are blessed to care for. Thanks to all of you who, by your prayers, work, and financial obedience to God's direction, have helped all this to happen.

*2 Corinthians 8:9*

*My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.*

*Philippians 4:19*

*But my God will supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

## From the President's Desk

by Mary Frenter



## New WWH2H Office

We have finally outgrown the "WWH2H International Headquarters" office, a 9'x10' room in our home. As folks keep telling me, WWH2H is no longer a small *mom-and-pop* organization. We are bursting at the seams. So, praise God, with the help of tons of volunteers, a new office is beginning to take shape in a former garage attached to our house. I will keep you posted for the grand opening next month.

## Anticipating August Teams

It is with joy and anticipation that we look forward to our many August teams that will care for His Kids and others in the next few weeks. We will be joining them as part of the school preparation team.

Thank you again for your prayers and support. —*Mary*

## Special Thanks:

*WWH2H is so blessed with many volunteers to accomplish His plans. It's not possible to name everyone, but we want to acknowledge some of the many:*

- ➔ *Many thanks to Gary Thacker's MercyShips team that did so much to help in July in Honduras.*
- ➔ *Thank you to our wonderful WWH2H Honduras board of directors and church family who constantly give of their time and energies to help our volunteers and our kids. They are such an important part of this work in Honduras.*
- ➔ *Thanks to everyone who helped fill, load, and ship the 40-foot container to Honduras in July. Special thanks to Frontier Missions for letting use their warehouse and loading docks for the week it took to accomplish the deed.*

## SAVE THE DATE

### WWH2H MINISTRIES 2ND ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011  
6:00 PORTRAIT SALE  
DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT  
FOLLOWING

SPEAKERS:

**BRUCE VAN NATTA**  
INTERNATIONAL AUTHOR & SPEAKER  
SAVED BY ANGELS

**AMY SERRANO**  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT WWH2H  
THE PRESENT—THE FUTURE



## Prayer Needs:

- ➔ *Healing for our children from Dengue Fever*
- ➔ *Healing for Norman's leg, broken in an accident while working for an independent contractor*
- ➔ *English Immersion School preparations and opening*
- ➔ *Quick release of our container from the port in Honduras*
- ➔ *Physical protection and wisdom for our many August volunteer teams*
- ➔ *New monthly sponsors for our children to cover the many needs that arise when raising 80 children*
- ➔ *Wisdom and direction for our WWH2H Board of Directors as we work to accomplish what is before us, as well as plan for the future that God has in mind for His kids*



## 2011

- **June 15-August 15: Serranos Furlough and Summer English Immersion Program in U.S.**
- August 15-24: **Maintenance/Correspondence Team.** Contact Rick Stephens at ricks@wwh2h.org.
- August 19-27: **MRI Dental Team.** Contact Claudia Blazer at 425.284.2603.
- August 19-27: **Medical Team.** Contact Joanie Swedberg at 360.388.1063.
- September 17-27: **\*Mercy Ships.**
- October (TBD): Contact Wil & Jane Meckle at outbackrvpark@hotmail.com
- October 25-November 8: **\*Trinity UMC/Mercy Ships.**

- November 10-19: **Maintenance/Correspondence/Christmas Prep Team.** Contact Rick Stephens at ricks@wwh2h.org.

## 2012

- January 4-14: **Crusade Team.** Contact Mary Frenter at 509.427.8585 or maryf@wwh2h.org.
- February 14-25: **WWH2H Medical Team.** Contact Mary Renner at maryr@wwh2h.org.
- March 30-April 9: **WWWH2H VBS Team.** Contact Karen Douglass at ladybug@gorge.net.



*\*Mercy Ships Teams are coordinated by Gary Thacker at gary.thacker@mercyships.com*

## 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 through Christ our comfort overflows.

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