



**Village
Report**
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WHAT A MONTH!!

Hello to you all once again. What a blessing it is to tell you all of the amazing things that are happening. We are so abundantly blessed and overflowing with thankfulness to our God who is truly faithful month after month. We are so grateful, first of all, for all of your prayers and support which make this ministry possible. We are thankful for the wonderful kids that God has blessed us with and all the wonderful people that have come along side us to support the children..

BEAUTY SCHOOL IN ACTION!



Last month a new group of 8 of our teen girls started taking cosmetology classes at our beauty academy. It is a two year program and they will learn everything from hair, skin, and nail care to massage. Most of the girls starting the program are between 15 and 16 years old and will finish the academy when they turn 18. The dream for the academy began several years ago when we realized that our teen boys were learning valuable marketable trades by simply working alongside the masons, carpenters and electricians through our years of construction. So we needed to come up with a solid training plan for the girls. A donor provided the materials necessary to outfit a beauty school and last year our first 5 students graduated with a license in cosmetology. One of the girls is now living on her own and working



STUDENTS: SARAH, KERAN, DILCIA, MARTHA, ESPERANZA, REINA, ALBA, HILDA, TEACHER: LINDA (SECOND FROM RIGHT)

at a salon that she helped establish. We are excited to see how the new girls will progress in the coming years at the beauty academy!

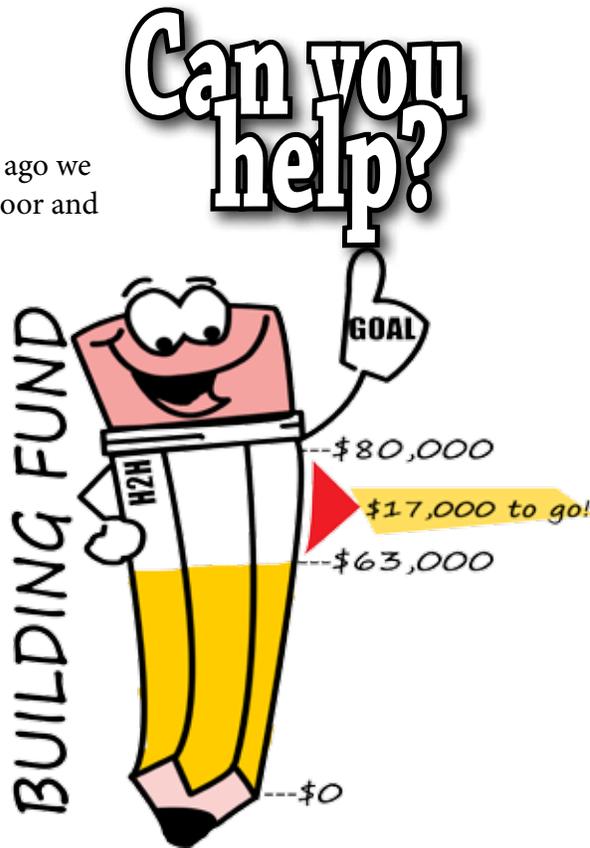
Maybe next time you come down to Honduras, you can get your hair styled by one of our girls!

PROGRESS ON OUR SCHOOL CONTINUES!

We are also hard at work expanding our bi-lingual school which opened last August. We are full to capacity and with many more students wanting to enroll for next year, we have embarked on our "phase 2" plan to build the 3rd floor of the school. It hardly seems



possible that only 8 weeks ago we began work on the third floor and it is amazing how fast dedicated people can work! We currently have our construction team working after school hours so we don't bother the children in classes and are working long shifts from 3:00p until 4:00am virtually every night. At this time, praise the Lord, the outer structure is built, the roof is on and we are now working on the plastering and electrical system. Soon the doors and windows will also be ready to be installed. We are hoping that the new rooms will be operational by the end of March at the latest. Please help us by praying that the remaining \$17,000 will come in to finish the ceramic floors, ceilings, desks, air conditioning units and other details to finish the third floor completely. We want to thank everyone who have given and contributed to this important project. The care and education of our kids gets better every day thanks to your prayers and support.



THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS!

We also want to thank everyone for praying for us during the loss of our 2 teachers last month. Many of our children are still working through their grief, but with each day, they are moving forward just as our fallen teachers would have wanted for them. With much prayer and seeking, however, we have found not just two but three new teachers. Ana, Brenda and Linda have been hired and will be in training this month. Please pray for them as they fill in the gap for the rest of this year. We believe that the Lord sent them our way and will use their lives in a great way for these children in need.

MEDICAL/DENTAL TEAM SUCCESS!

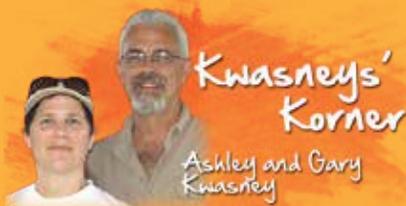
The 2013 WWH2H Medical/Dental team was a great success! I must say it was one of the funniest medical teams that I have been on. Each person on the team worked with so much energy and professionalism. It was 10 people serving in their distinct specialties but functioning as a true team. We also did something new for the first time this year, our medical team included students and the teacher from our beauty academy who provided haircuts and nail painting. The residents we served were thrilled. Also our pastor Alfonso Orellena came along with a small group from the church to do evangelism and pray with the waiting patients. Twenty-five people gave their hearts to Jesus and many rededicated their

lives to him. One woman was delivered from a spirit of suicide. We are so excited about all that was accomplished through this medical team and we can't say thank you enough to those who came and served. We hope to see you all again next year.

WRAPPING IT UP FOR NOW

We consider ourselves so fortunate to be working in Honduras in this time of need. God is moving in such an awesome way and touching so many lives. We ask for your continued prayer because there are still so many kids in WWH2H who are still healing and needing their lives restored. Please help us pray that they have a truly life changing encounter with Jesus. Also please help us to pray for and reach out to the children who are still out there and need to be saved.

Your prayers and support have sustained us through the years. God is forever faithful and will be faithful to complete this good work that He has begun.



Buenas noches!

Hey, we are still here in sunny, hot, humid Honduras! What a year it has been so far. Last month we told you about the tragic accident that happened to our H2H family with the loss of two of our teachers in car accidents. On February 13th we finally found teachers to replace Jorge and Saul. It is not easy replacing ones you love, especially for the children in their classes. It has been hard. But we took time to comfort and console our students and staff. We are moving forward and excited to have our new teachers, Brenda, Ana, and Linda. Their English skills are awesome and they have a heart for our students and the ministry here in Honduras.

We also have gained several new volunteers in the Teacherage. We now have eight teachers living here. Megan Smith left us for the U.S. last week. She has plans to get married soon and needs to prepare. Our new teachers/volunteers are Mikaela Gronseth, Brandon Naffin, and Sarah Kirchner. We also gained Kathy Vallejo (Spanaird) who was living out at the Village but decided to join us full time in order to help more at the school. We are so excited to have all the help.

On another front, in January we started a tutoring class for our older young people, the ones living here in Puerto Cortes and going to high school. When we started the school here in Puerto Cortes in August we gave the high schoolers the option of continuing their studies where they were or moving to our new school. They opted for continuing their studies where

they were. However, as the year progressed and they began to see our school in operation and talk to their brothers and sisters who are in our school they decided that they all wanted to join us. They graduated from ninth grade in November from their other school and after Christmas break I started a tutoring class for them to get them ready for school in the Fall. (Mikaela, one of our newest volunteers took my class.)

In our tutoring class, which runs from 8 AM to 2 PM, we are only teaching English (phonics, vocabulary, grammar, reading) and math. I gave each student a placement test and have a detailed analysis of what they need to learn to reach their grade level by the end of May when I will retest them to order their material for August. They all tested in 1st-3rd grade in reading & English. The math scores were between 1st and 5th grade. So we are working on filling the holes in their math skills and improving their English skills. It is going great. We even have a few town kids who have joined us for a total of 19 students in my class. I'll keep you posted on their progress.

Here we are reciting Romans 12: 1-21 in English with motions that Mary Frenter taught them while she was here. Too funny.

Keep us in your prayers as we pray for all of you. We could not do this without your prayers and financial support.

I was watching the movie Schindler's List recently for the first time. Besides the obvious horrors of what the Jews suffered during the Holocaust, I was struck by Schindler's great sorrow in the end, that he had not saved more, that he had wasted some of his money on foolish things when he could have used it to buy and save one more person to work at his factory. The abused and abandoned children of Honduras

remind me of those people. The need is so great and the children are so many, we know in our heads we cannot rescue, raise and educate them all. But our hearts cry out... which ones do we leave out... which ones do we turn away... which ones do we ignore? What are we wasting our money on that could be used to help just one more of His kids instead?

Fortunately, our medical dental team that recently returned from Honduras did not have to face those questions. In 5 days of clinics in 5 different locations, we saw almost 800 patients. We did not have to turn anyone away. All who came were seen and treated. Praise God!! It was an amazing picture. We held our clinics in schools. In one room the dentists set up. In another room was the medical care. And in another room, our WWH2H Beauty Salon Teacher and her helpers were cutting hair and doing nails!! Under the shade trees in the school yard, one of our pastors and his helpers were giving the message of salvation and handing out tracts. And all around the Holy Spirit ministered healing through His precious Saints to all they saw. 25 people asked Jesus into their hearts. Thank you to each of you who went, to each of you who prayed, to each of you who supplies funds for this to happen.



The third floor of the school has the walls up and the roof on!! Our fearless leader, Oscar Serrano, worked all day helping translate for the team, then headed to school to help with the construction that began each day at 3:30 p.m. and continued to whenever. One night he got home at 2 am and was up at 6 to do it all over again. The older boys go to school all day, and at 3:30, change their clothes and head to the third floor to work. One day, on his way up to the third floor hefting a sack of cement, I thanked our Denis for this help and his reply with a big smile was, "No... thank you for giving us this opportunity!!" They are all my heroes!! You would all be so proud to see how our kids are doing in school and with their English.

One day while we were here, Samaritan's Purse leaders, Brad and Mary Phillips, stopped by for a visit. I believe they live in San Pedro Sula. It was wonderful getting to meet them in person, having emailed with them several times over the years. They were so gracious in their responses after seeing the progress we are making on the 3rd floor.

If ANY of you have contacts with dealerships who may be willing to donate a van, a truck and/or a tractor, we are in great need of each of those. As any of you who have been here will attest, the roads here are so hard on vehicles. We need a truck to be used at the village, a van for our volunteer teachers, and a tractor for use at the village. Our tractor we have needs a complete overhaul including a new motor. I KNOW God has these things out there somewhere for us. Thank you for your prayers concerning this.

In June a team from Chehalis will be coming to Honduras to build us a service road from the front to the back of our property at the Village, and to do

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A VIEW FROM THE GIRLS VILLAGE TO THE BOYS DURING THE START OF RAINY SEASON. THE WALK BACK AND FORTH CAN HAVE UP TO A FOOT OF WATER!

tion to that. If you or someone you know would be able to help us with this please let me know. The road is so important for safety as well as a health issue, as during the rainy season and even throughout the year, the place is flooded and having access to the girls' and baby houses becomes extremely difficult.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continuing prayers and support for this amazing work God is doing for His Kids in Honduras.

Teachers NEEDED!

We continue to look for people who are interested in volunteering for a minimum of 1-2 years in Honduras. We are looking for individuals who love the Lord and children, have a teachable spirit, and are team players. They do not need a US teaching certificate to teach the ACE curriculum. However, we will conduct training for them to use this curriculum, classroom management and the Love and Logic method of discipline. We will help them organize their yearly plans and set up their classrooms. While room and board will be provided, each will need to raise their own support for additional funds to cover airfare, Residency Cards, and personal items. Please contact Mary Frenter at MaryF@wwh2h.org or 509-427-8585 for an application and more information.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Daily please hold Serrano's, and all the workers in WWH2H, up in prayer for God's guidance in the plans He lays before them.
- Please pray for the school, the children and their futures.
- Pray daily for WWH2H and a child
- Become a monthly sponsor for a child, the school, the ministry
- Join a volunteer mission team
- Hold a fundraiser for WWH2H

“THE FIRST FOUR - A DAY IN THE LIFE”

BY JORDON RINTA

TEACHER - H2H BILINGUAL SCHOOL IN HONDURAS

We hear a lot about the Final Four. March Madness (the greatest sporting event in the world!) is almost upon us. But, I want to tell you about the first four. What am I talking about? I'm talking about four boys from the Heart to Heart Children's Village. Their names are: Alexis, Francisco, Jehovanny, and Olvin.

This Thursday we started something new at the teacher's house here in Honduras. Every week, we will invite four of the boys or girls from the Village to come spend the night with all the teachers.

Our first opportunity to invite four boys over was a huge success. After school, we all walked to the teacher's house. On the way, many of the boys wanted to stop at the “Super Barato” (a new grocery store near the school). Most of the boys have not had the opportunity to see inside this massive



LEFT TO RIGHT: OLVIN (IN BACK), ALEXIS (IN FRONT), FRANCISCO, JEHOVANNY



FRANCISCO IN SCUBA GEAR AND OLVIN ASSISTING

Before dinner, a few boys climbed some coconut trees and tried to get down a few coconuts. I read a book to Francisco about “The Stupid Smelly Bus.” It's incredible to see how far Francisco has come in learning English from when I was first here over a year ago.

For dinner, we treated the boys to a typical American delicacy: Hot Dogs!

They ate their fill of hot dogs, beans, Doritos, and avocados. During dinner, all the boys wanted to watch a movie. So we decided to stream ‘Jumanji’ on Netflix. It was a hit! During the movie they also enjoyed chowing down on M&M's and popcorn. At one point, we asked Francisco if he wanted more popcorn. He said, “No, I'm too full!!” Getting these boys to the point where they don't want to eat anymore is a rare occurrence! After the movie we cleaned up, played a game, and got ready for bed.

It is amazing the things we take for granted growing up as a kid in the states. Having plenty of food, watching lots of movies, and most of all enjoying an evening with our family. These things are normal for most of us. Although our families may

(by Honduran standards) grocery store, much less any grocery store. So, they took advantage of the chance to explore uncharted territory.

Once we reached home, we took a few minutes to settle. The lull in activity didn't last long, as the boys were quickly ready to swim in the pool. The pool provided hours of entertainment. These boys rarely get a chance to be in a pool. Three out of the four didn't really know how to swim! The ‘funoodles’ were flying around everywhere, splashes were abundant, swimming lessons ensued, and everyone had fun.

After the pool party died down, it was time to get ready for dinner. Before



FRANCISCO IN THE COCONUT TREE

not be perfect, most of us still have a pretty good support system.

It was a privilege to provide a special night for Alexis, Francisco, Jehovanny, and Olvin. We hope to continue doing this every Thursday night, so that each child at the Village has an opportunity to come. Please pray for these special nights, that God would continue to impress worth on each child's heart.



ALEXIS TRYING OUT THE SCUBA MASK

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



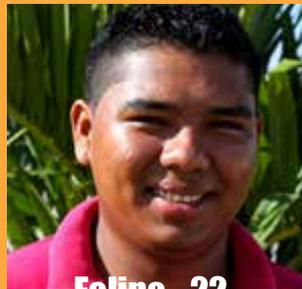
Alberto - 16



Marlon - 20



Ana - 11



Felipe - 22



Darwin - 8



Nahun - 14



Freddy - 10



We celebrate the kids' birthdays on a quarterly basis and it's never too late to get involved. The kids would love if you would consider sending a present to celebrate their birthday. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Closner (LisaC@h2hcv.org).

Also, please consider sponsoring these wonderful children. 100% of your donation goes directly to supporting the children! It's easy and fun.

Just go to H2HCV.org and click on the donate button.



2013 MISSIONS CALENDAR

- **May 17-27:** Crusade Team. Contact Mary Frenter- MaryF@h2hcv.org or Kim Stephens – KimS@h2hcv.org
- **June 14-22:** Letterwriting/maintenance/Road building team Chehalis Bethel Church. Contact Rick and Kim Stephens - RickS@h2hcv.org, KimS@h2hcv.org
- **July 20-30:** VBS –Living Faith/NWU Team. Contact Gary and Sylvia Thacker - GaryT@h2hcv.org, SylviaT@h2hcv.org or Karen Douglass - ladybug@gorge.net
- **Aug. 13-19:** 4th Annual H2H Soccer Academy/Tournament team. Contact Dave Fester - davefester@hotmail.com
- **October 5-15:** Gary and Sylvia Thacker - GaryT@h2hcv.org, SylviaT@h2hcv.org
- **October 19-29:** Gary and Sylvia Thacker - GaryT@h2hcv.org, SylviaT@h2hcv.org
- **November 14-23:** Christmas Prep/Quinceanera. Contact Rick and Kim Stephens - RickS@h2hcv.org, KimS@h2hcv.org
- **November 22-30:** Summit Valley Community Church Youth Team. Contact Guy Bumstead and Mary Frenter – MaryF@h2hcv.org

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- > We use all contributions as designated by our donors, and return or transfer monies to a related fund if a project is overfunded.
- > 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 H2HCV.
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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 troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the suffering of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

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