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"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."

II Corinthians 1:3-5

ONWARD TO 2014!

Happy February to you all! What a month, what a year we have just finished! I stand in amazement at all that the Lord is doing around us. The Lord's faithfulness is our foundation. He never lets us down; this ministry always was and will always be for His glory.

We welcomed the New Year with great gladness. It is a beautiful thing to be hundreds of miles from "home", yet feel so near to family. Though I dearly miss my blood relatives during the holidays, I must say that we have a true family here, as well. New Year's Eve was spent at the village with the children, our amazing volunteers and Honduran staff. The volunteer teachers pitched in to purchase beautiful fireworks for the kids to enjoy. They were given their own sparklers, while the larger fireworks were launched



from a distance as the kids watched in amazement. One of the funniest parts of the evening was the bonfire with marshmallow and chocolate s'mores! Max Stephens, with a few of the older boys, fashioned some sticks into marshmallow roasters, and our volunteer staff helped the kids learn the art of roasting. That



alone was hours of enjoyment for the kids. Sitting around the fire, roasting marshmallows, singing songs, enjoying each other, what could be better? Once their marshmallows were roasted to perfection, sometimes quite a bit past, they would take them over to a table where more of our staff and older kids waited to help them put their new found treat together with chocolate and graham crackers. Was it a mess? Oh yeah, one of the funniest of all messes! We



topped the night off by gathering together and counting down to the New Year. Then we passed out small cups of juice, and Oscar toasted the New Year. Jordan and Sten worked together on two wonderful "highlights of the year" videos that we showed right after the toast. Yet again, I am blow away by the dedication of our staff and their wonderful love for our kids.

We want to say a warm welcome this month to two new members of our team. Abby and Katie are volunteers that have come from the states to serve at our school.

Abby is a monitor and will be staying with us until the end of the school year in June.



Abby - our new volunteer!



Katie - our new volunteer!

Katie is doing the clinical service part of her degree in Missions work and will be with us for two months. Both of these great women have been such a blessing to the kids and the whole ministry. We are honored to have them here working together for this common goal.

We also want to say a very special thanks to our Women's Conference Team 2014. Two days of conference were attended by more than 100 women. The theme of the conference was "Transformed by Love" and empowered our woman in worship and their personal walk with the Lord. As this was happening, our teen kids that live in Puerto Cortes, as well as our teacher volunteers, went to the village to care for the kids so that our "Mommies" that work at the village could come and enjoy the conference.

During the week, the team helped at the school, working in classrooms as aids.

They also accompanied us to Concepcion Del Sur to attend the inauguration of the mayor of this beautiful town in the mountains of Santa Barbara, Honduras. After the ceremony and dinner, we were privileged to pray for his wife and him as they enter their new season in office.



2014 H2H Women's Conference



In addition, we thank long time faithful friend, Kim Sharp, our H2H Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, who is once again here from Washington State. She comes regularly to update the height and weight charts for the kids and check on their general health. Because of her dedication to our kids, their overall health has been carefully attended to.

Kim Sharp and many of the kids

We also said a sad goodbye to volunteer Sten Ivan. He has served in Honduras since November and has worked as a monitor and tutor at our school. Sten hopes to return for the 2014-2015 school year and serve as a teacher at the school. He is a wonderful man that loves our kids and has deeply enriched their lives over his time of service here.

More than anything, we thank all of you. It takes the effort of so many to make this happen and you have been our support and encouragement over the years. Because of you, hope and life has been given to our kids and to many others that we are blessed to serve in this country.



Sten Ivan and Freyson

Thank you and Goodbye!

This has been a sad month of good byes. Gary and Ashley Kwasney have served side by side with H2H for the last three years and have been the driving force of our school. They came to this country when the school was only a dream and worked hard to bring it into reality. January was their last month of service with H2H and they will be missed by all of the staff and children alike. We are so thankful to this wonderful couple for their dedication here. We pray that they are abundantly blessed in all that the Lord has for them in the future.



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@h2hcv.org



WORLDWIDE
Heart
to Heart
Children's Village

Hola, from beautiful Honduras!! This has been a month of

many adventures for us.

I have moved to Honduras for the foreseeable future to work side by side with Serrano's and Stephens'. Amy, Stephanie and I will partner with our school superintendent, Norma Cuestas to direct the school.

We are having a blast!! I covet your prayers for all of us as we listen to God for His wisdom and direction for all we are doing.

With the opening of our new H2H office in Clackamas, Oregon, the main business of running the ministry and organizing fundraising and teams is in the most capable hands of Board members Lisa Closner and Rick and Kim Stephens. I can still be reached by email. SKYPE and Google Chat are becoming my new best friends.

We begin each day in love and unity with 6 am prayer at church, attended by our leadership here. Their faithfulness in this is unmatched by any I have ever experienced. What a strength it is to me to know all God is doing through WWH2H is covered in such a way.



From the
President's
Desk
by Mary Frenter



Please join us in daily prayer:

1. For God's covering and guidance for our children, our workers, our supporters, our leadership, our families
2. For workers for the harvest (teachers, long and short-term volunteers)
3. For continuing and increasing financial support to care for all God has provided and to move into His future plans for this work as we show ourselves worthy of His trust to do so.

Worldwide H2H Open House!

Saturday, March 8 from 2-7 PM we will be hosting an open house at our new Heart to Heart office in Clackamas, Oregon!

We are so excited to bring everything under one roof! This will also provide an opportunity for all of you who have asked how you can help to be a tangible part of the day to day activities of caring for the children.

We hope you are able to join us at the open house where you can learn more about volunteering and the operations of the ministry.

Our new office address is 15850 SE 114th Avenue, Clackamas, OR 97015. Our new mailing address is PO Box 3275, Clackamas, OR 97015.

If you have any questions please email Lisa at lisac@h2hcv.org.

Office Needs!

- Labeler
- Business-size paper shredder
- Office Phones
- 1 gallon tank hot water heater



Writing Letters to the kids

By Lisa Closner
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Corresponding with a child is fun and rewarding for both the child and you! We have seen wonderful relationships develop between sponsors and their children through regular letter writing. Our children are learning English rapidly and enjoy receiving letters in their new language. Letters are exchanged 3-4 times a year.



Letterwriting Tips:

- Tell about yourself, your family and your interests
- Speak encouragement into your child's life. Let your child know you pray for them.
- Send photos of yourself, family, friends and pets.
- Keep letters simple and one page.
- Put your letter in an envelope but do not seal it!
- You can find more detailed information at:
<http://h2hcv.org/get-involved/#corresponding>



2014 Due Dates for
Letters to be received
by the H2H Office:
March 15, May 15,
Aug 15, Oct 15

Send to:
PO Box 3275
Clackamas, OR
97015

Gift Giving

By Lisa Closner
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Giving birthday and Christmas gifts to a Heart to Heart child is easy and very rewarding. Remembering a child on his/her birthday enhances your relationship and is another way to show you care. You don't have to be sponsoring a specific child to help with birthdays. With 93 children being celebrated through the year, we are always in need of gifts!

Gift Giving Tips:

- Choose gifts that are small in size and weight as all presents go in suitcases with teams.
- Do not wrap your gift! Send a gift bag, tissue and a signed card with a photo in it.
- Send gifts early to assure it gets to your child by the quarterly birthday celebration.
- Christmas gifts can be sent any time of the year. The earlier the better!!
- Consider sending a cash gift for children without sponsors and we can shop for them!
- For more detailed information about giving gifts and gift ideas go to:
<http://h2hcv.org/get-involved/#giving-gifts>



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February Birthdays



Daniel H - 5



Norma - 12



Ilcy - 16



Suyapa - 14



Walter - 14

All the children are growing fast! We celebrate birthdays on a quarterly basis and you have an opportunity to mail a card and/or a gift if you like.

Please see [www. http://h2hcv.org/get-involved/#giving-gifts](http://h2hcv.org/get-involved/#giving-gifts) to learn more. As you are reading this, would you please consider sponsoring a child this next year? \$50/month goes a long way and we need you!

WWH2H UPCOMING VOLUNTEER TEAMS FOR 2014

Below is a list of upcoming teams who will be going to our village to help in many ways. If you are interested in going, please contact the team leader listed for each team or KimS@h2hcv.org! Join us!

February 19-March 1 – WWH2H Medical Dental Team – Mary Renner – MaryR@h2hcv.org

March 28-April 5 – Thacker/Ogden Optometry Team

May 14-26 - St. Luke's Lutheran Church Aide Outreach team – KimS@h2hcv.org

May 29-June 9 – Thacker/Moore team

June 15-28 – Bethel Plumbing Team - KimS@h2hcv.org

July 9-19 – H2H Vacation Bible School - MaryF@h2hcv.org

See rest of year on our website!



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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 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.
- > Please visit our website for more information about the children we serve, our history, and our mission.

Privacy Policy:

Any information you provide H2HCV is held in strictest confidence. At no time will we share your personal information with any person or organization outside H2HCV. Thank you!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

