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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."

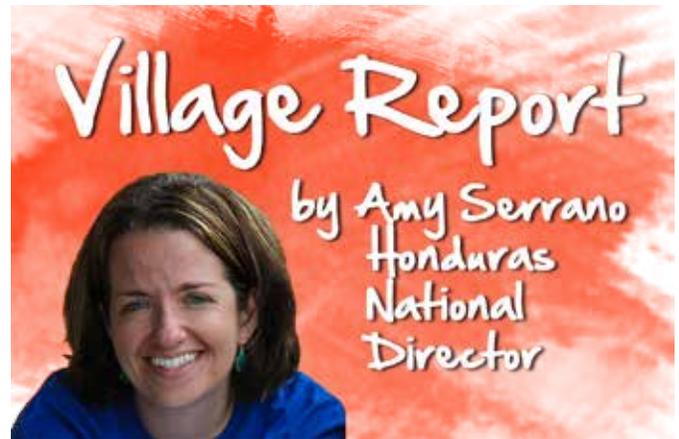
II Corinthians 1:3-5

GOODBYE AND HELLO!

Happy April to all!! This month we are celebrating a month of rebirth. Spring is in bloom and the heat is on here in Honduras. Spring break will be upon us as Easter week is around the corner. The kids are so excited about the fun activities planned and having a week off of school. The kids are currently in final exams at school and we are planning to begin the last semester of the year. I am shocked at how quickly this year has gone!

March has been an exciting month, new faces and visits from old friends have been the hallmark. This ministry is blessed in many ways, but the most significant blessing is the wonderful people that you meet along the way. All the different talents, personalities and gifts, all brought together by our heavenly Father to bless these kids that He loves so much!

We want to say thank you from the bottom of our heart to Warren Reagan and members of the Bread of Life Restoration Center church for the wonderful day of fellowship, food and gifts. I had a chance meeting with Warren several years ago in in our local bank here in Puerto Cortes, and he and his church have been friends of this ministry ever since - always remembering to visit our kids whenever they are in Honduras. They prepared wonderful small gift packages for each kid and just spent the afternoon loving on them and showing them Jesus. We pray that you and your ministry are abundantly blessed.



This has been a very exciting time for us here at H2H. Gerardo and Alana Ramirez have made their long term move

to Honduras. Gerardo and his family have been friends of ours personally for more than 15 years. Gerardo was just a teenager in



the church that we pastored in Washington and has come to Honduras several times over the last ten years on mission trips. He and his wife Alana have felt the call to serve in Honduras for long term and are now here working at our school and in our church. Their heart is with the kids and we are so blessed to have them.

We want to thank Tanner Lux and his friend CR who came for a short visit to our ministry. Tanner is the brother of Mercedes Lux our 4th and 5th grade Learning Center teacher. They only spent a few days with us helping in the school, but I believe it left a huge mark on their hearts. We want to thank both of you for serving here and loving our kids. We pray that the Lord bless you were ever you go.

thank
you!

We also had to say a sad goodbye last month to Katie Farnham and her husband Joshua. They so truly exemplified devotion to Christ! The kids will always love both of you, and we

hope that you will find your way back some day to visit the them. Katie was here in Honduras for 2 months filling her practicum requirements for her collage studies. I think you both know that God used those two months to do amazing things both in your lives and in the lives of the kids. Their lives are richer now because of knowing you both. Thank you so much for your love and service.



Summer English Immersion Program 2014

I would like to ask you all to lift up our Summer English Immersion Program in your prayers. The process on this end has met challenge after challenge, but we have made headway. The kids have all received their official court permission letters to travel. On the 8th of April they will have their passport appointments for those that do not currently have passports. The vision of this program is for our kids to travel for 6 weeks to the US and visit the homes of their sponsors. They will be immersed in the English language and American food and culture. This is our 4th year running the program and it has been hugely successful! This year we have 9 participants traveling to Washington, Oregon and Wisconsin. We are a bit behind schedule this year because of all the snags, however things are progressing. All of the kids are as excited as you would imagine. Please continue to lift this program up in prayer.

Happy Birthday Lyle Frenter (Mary's Husband)

We were so blessed last month by our volunteer teachers and our teen boys and girls as we celebrated Lyle Frenter (husband of Ministry President Mary Frenter) and Felipe Borjas (head house father of the teen boys home) birthdays. It was also a "room warming" party for Lyle and Mary who have moved to Honduras indefinitely to run our school. Both are retired teachers with over 40 years of teaching experience. We all piled on their bed (all 40 of us) and got our picture taken. As you could imagine with that group, nothing is ordinary. By the end of the evening no one was dry, all were thrown in the pool, and I think it was one of the best days I have had in a long time. We are all apart from our families in one way or another. The kids, many don't even know their families; the volunteers, are separated from their families over many,



many miles; however, I think it is my honor to call you all my "family" now. We are blessed with 91 of the most wonderful children in the world, and the most amazing, anointed people in the world to care for them. I want to especially thank Lyle and Mary, who have made the tremendous sacrifice to leave everything and follow the call of God here in Honduras. The move has not been easy, but your presence has already blessed so many lives.

It is true, WWH2H is a large, amazing, one-of-a-kind family that I would not trade for anything. We are so blessed by all of the people that God has brought into our lives now and throughout the years of this ministry. In my heart I am so blessed when I think of all the people that God has brought to us, including all of you who love our kids each day, through your prayers and support. You really are giving these kids a hope and future, and they are so thankful to you for that.

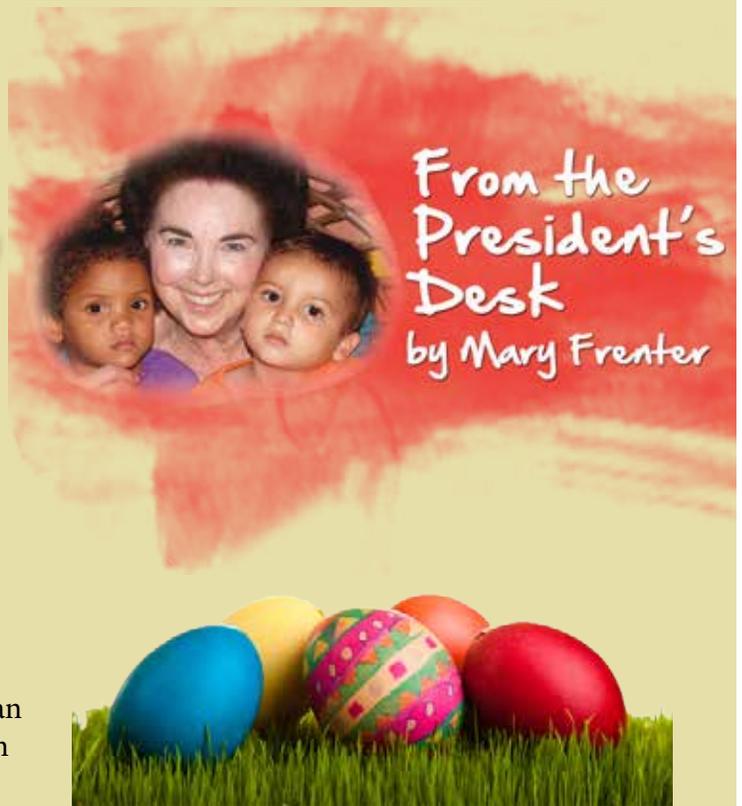
With love, Amy Serrano

Happy Easter!

May God bless you all during this celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!! We are rejoicing right along with you, here in Honduras.

The doors of our classrooms are beginning to sport Easter Basket decorations. For Semana Santa (Easter Vacation Week) we have a full schedule of activities planned for our children. There WILL be an Egg hunt at the Village, thanks to Lisa Closner's team who arrives in a few days. We are blessed!!

School continues to be amazing!! We have just finished the 3rd of 4 Partial (quarters). Most all the children have improved in their grades. We are so thankful for our wonderful teachers and so proud of our students. Sammy continues to pop in each morning and each afternoon (sometimes in between) for his hugs. The love that flows all over this place is tangible!!



Turn to page 7 to see who drew this eagle!

We had a contest last week to name the eagle, our school mascot. When the students voted, it was an exact tie between Arsen (don't ask :) and Oswald. So I polled the staff. Again, an exact tie! Finally, I asked Oscar, who had just walked in, and he broke the tie!! Oswald is the name of our School Mascot!! We are now having everyone submit drawings of Oswald. WE HAVE SOME VERY TALENTED ARTISTS IN THIS PLACE! At Chapel, Amy told the story of the eagle, we did eagle cheers, and we are working on our Alma Mater Song for next week! I told these kids they

are the ones that get to make all the traditions for all the years to come. Linda Henson, the artist who painted the Determination Series of Eagles in the ensuing years after 9/11, arrives. She is going to work with some of our budding artists while here.



Please pray for us as we finish out the school year. Please pray for the teams still to come this year, at least one each month.

Please pray for more workers for the abundant harvest that is here, ripe for the picking. We need more long term volunteers for the village, for the school. Come and see what the Lord is doing for His Kids here.

God is truly creating "the most beautiful of Jewels" from the lives of these, His chosen ones. (Ezekiel 16:25)

With love, Mary Frenter

School Teachers & Volunteers NEEDED!

Please continue to get the word out there to folks you know, who may be interested in volunteering to help us next year at the school. God had already brought a few, but we can use all who are called to come. Thank you for continuing to pray for this profound work God is doing for His Kids through WWH2H!!

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. You do not need a US teaching certificate to teach the ACE curriculum. However, we will conduct training for you to use this curriculum, classroom management and the Love and Logic method of discipline. We will help you organize your yearly plans and set up your classrooms. While room and board will be provided, each will need to raise your own support for additional funds to cover airfare, Residency Cards, and personal items.

Please contact Mary Frenter at MaryF@h2hcv.org

HELP!!!!



We will not have a container this summer so we need the following items that can be taken with teams to Honduras and/or the funds to purchase them there.

- **New/gently used: Clothing, shoes, sandals, flipflops.**
- **NEW underwear, bras, socks**
- **School supplies**
- **Washers, dryers (money donated towards)**
- **Kitchen Supplies: Large/sturdy pots, pans, baking pans, utensils, blenders, microwaves, towels, hot pads, dish rags**
- **Bedding: twin bed sheets, pillows, pillow cases**
- **Linens: bath towels**
- **Funds to hire someone to make the drapes for our classrooms.**
- **Mattresses (money donated towards)**
- **Student chairs (money donated towards)**

Spotlight on the Kids

Starting this month, we are going to give you some insights about some of our children so you can learn more about them, highlight their accomplishments and successes as the Lord moves them along the path of their lives. This month we want to spot light a few amazing children and young adults.



Luis Mejia

Luis just turned 18 and has been with us for 8 years. Luis grew up in the hard dangerous streets of San Pedro Sula. One thing that marks his life is his love and devotion to the Lord; he is passionately and radically saved! His desire in life is to be an evangelist. Luis is cool and mature in all situations.

Luis is one of the participants in this year's Summer English Immersion Program, where he will visit his sponsors in the US this summer. To travel out of the country, he must appear before a judge in order for the courts of Honduras to give them permission to travel. This year there is a new judge who seemed particularly hard on the kids. She grilled each kid about why they wanted to go outside of Honduras. She asked Luis several questions including how his prior experience in the US was. His response was that it was wonderful.

"Do you want to go back again?" the Judge asked. "Yes I do," said Luis.

"And what if I say no?" said the judge, half expecting to see Luis come back with a negative response. Luis simply looked down at the floor then back at the judge and said, "Well your honor, I would just have to accept that it was not God's will for me right now." I could see she was stunned at the grace and wisdom he exuded. "Very good response," replied the judge, who went on to say, "You may go to the US. Please represent our country well while abroad."

Me: Luis what are your goals for the future?

Luis: I would like to go to the university. I would like to study to be a doctor. I feel like God is calling me to the United States to find more people that want help Honduras.

Me: What were your best memories of growing up at H2H?

Luis: Some of my favorite memories of my childhood in H2H are the Christmas parties, all the friends that I have met from all over the world. I also love that H2H has allowed me to travel.

Me: What are ways that you think we can be better?

Luis: I think the kids growing up in H2H need more people to love and care for them. I think we also need more homes because there are so many more kids out there. But H2H is a place where God is alive!

Sponsor Luis today or any of the H2H kids by visiting
www.H2HCV.org/Donate

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donate today!

Luis Gustavo

Luis Gustavo is 15 and came in 2009 from the public orphanage in San Pedro Sula. How can you describe Luis Gustavo's larger than life personality?

He is definitely an artist and has a personality all his own with a strong character. Back in October, out of the blue Luis and his two younger brothers ran away from the village. We were all heart broken. Four long months passed and we had no word on their well being. Then at an event in San Pedro Sula in December we saw one of the younger brothers now living in the children's home in San Pedro Sula where he had grown up. But there was no sign of Luis. Finally in February he appeared at the village and wanted to talk. He told us that his brothers were determined to run away and he felt that he could not let them go alone. They both wanted to return to the orphanage where they had been raised. However, when the two younger brothers left they decided to steal MP3's, cameras and handheld games from the other children. There was so much disappointment in the Village when they left. When Luis showed up however, he had a sack with all of the stolen items. He said that he hid it and told his other brothers that it had been stolen. He saw them off to the places they wanted to go to make sure they were okay, and then he returned to us. He could not stop his brothers from their decisions but wanted to make sure they were safe. The amazing God given talent of Luis is his artistic ability.



Me: Luis what do you want to do when you grow up?

Luis: I have so many goals for my future. I love art. I also really like rap music. I like to play football. I would also like to be an engineer and study construction.

Me: How do you think you can be a positive influence in Honduras?

Luis: Praying to start studying. I think someone just needs to put interest and effort into Honduras. Honduras needs more education.

Me: What are the things that you are most thankful for in life?

Luis: I have so many things, my education, I am just thankful for everything in my life!



Lesly Fuentes

Lesly has been a resident at the village since 2009. She is 16 years old and is a pure joy. Lesly never hesitates to dream big. She isn't quite sure what she wants to do when she grows up, but you can bet it will be something great. Her life was not always easy. She grew up in extreme poverty in the mountain villages near Copan. Her family gave her up because of their inability to care for her. She also came to us directly from the public orphanage. Lesly is also an artist and my home (aka, Teen girl house) is testament to that. Lesly likes doing whole walls of her art. Seen here is her submission of an idea for a school uniform for next year.

Me: what do you want to do when you grow up?

Lesly: I don't know yet. I have thought about being a fashion designer. I would also like to be a doctor because I like to help people.

Me: How do you think art can positively affect the youth of today?

Lesly: I think it is such a cure for boredom and creating always make me happy. It helps us young people express our feelings in a positive way. Also, when I am sad I draw it out and it helps me release my feelings.

Me: if you could have one wish what would it be?

Lesly: I would like to be able to fly, so that I could see the whole world.



"I hope we have a great summer like last year. I have been looking forward to it for a long time!"
Julio

"It was the best summer (last year's summer program) that I have had in my life. We were all happy at the end and were sad to see that the summer was over."
Kevin

"It's very important for us to have a program for the summer because it helps to keep us distracted and out of trouble. It helps to forget how hot it is as well. I think some great ideas for this year would include some community service and helping others. I would love to have some music and singing classes as well."
Lesley

Summertime. It is virtually every kid's favorite time of the year! Have you ever sent your kid to a summer camp? Didn't they love it and come back full of fun memories? This year, we are going to build a structured program for the kids with all kinds of fun activities.

Here's just a few of events and activities that we are planning, but we need your

help to make it possible: include visits to local parks and museums, swimming at the local beaches and rivers, mountain hiking, art, dance and cooking classes, bible study, first aid and more.

I really can't over emphasize the need for this program. As much as the kids need food, clothing and shelter, they also have a deep need for recreation. Last year was the first year that we ran the program and it was a smashing success! At the end of the summer all the kids told us "now that was a great summer", whereas in years prior summer had been synonymous with "boring". Of course we will need some help with the cost of running the program. We are trying to raise \$3000, which will cover all of the expenses of the 8 week long program. The expenses include hiring the director of the program, materials need for the various classes, extra fuel and transportation expenses, and entrance fees to the various locations. We are asking that you all prayerfully consider giving toward this need.

Please mark you donation as designated for "Summer 2014".

**Summer Program
2014**

**\$3000 Needed. 8 weeks of fun. 92 kids!
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April Birthdays



Jehovanny - 16



Jonathan G - 4



Nora - 15



Kevin Joel - 9



Martha L - 7

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!

H2H 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!

April 5-12 – Aquaponics Team:

Scott & Lisa Closner
(LisaC@H2Hcv.org)

Oct TBA – Gary & Sylvia Thacker

Nov 13-22 – Christmas Prep:

Kim & Rick Stephens
(KimS@h2hcv.org)

May 14-26 - Crusade team:

(KimS@h2hcv.org)

June 15-25 – Maintenance Team:

KimS@h2hcv.org

See rest of year on our website!

July 9-19 – H2H Vacation Bible

School: MaryF@h2hcv.org

August TBA – Soccer & Main-

tenance: Kim & Rick Stephens
(KimS@h2hcv.org)



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