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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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Mary & Josue

By Mary Frenter

## Happy New Year 2022!!

"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat! Please put a penny in the old man's hat..." as the song goes, and while we do not have goose for dinner here, our traditional feast features pork as the main meat. This year was no exception, but HOW we obtained said pork was!! For most US families their Christmas dinner is purchased at the super-market, all prepared and packaged to cook. Not so here.

A couple of days before Christmas, Oscar sent Susanna, Wendy and me to Corinto, a town on the border of Honduras and Guatemala, our neighbor to the west. We were to



meet their dad and cousin who were delivering our Christmas Pig to us from their home in Las Flores, a village high in the mountains of Honduras and the location of our Jubilee Coffee Plantation.

We headed to the border on a torrentially rainy day at O'Dark Thirty in the morning. About 3 miles from the border, transport trucks had barricaded the way southwest and east, as they waited to cross into Guatemala with their sometimes suspicious, loads. They had turned a 2-lane highway into a four-lane, one-way headed west, using the spaces on the sides of both lanes, as well. We inched our way forward for almost the next hour and finally were rewarded

with the left turn into the small town of Corinto. In time, we connected with Mr. Ramos and his nephew who had arrive in the pouring rain, after a 3-hour trek down the mountain's treacherous road... ON MULES!! Yup, you heard me right, MULES!! Because of heavy rains and slides, the dirt roads were impassable to vehicles. They had begun the fresh slaughter of said pig at 1 AM that morning in Las Flores, butchered it, packed it on the mules, and presented it all to us in recycled 50 lb. bean sacks. After a short visit, we loaded the sacks into my car and headed back home. When we got to the border turn, a one lane road south on the side of the road, had opened and with only a slight delay, we were on our way to deliver Christmas dinner to the Village. The adventure of life here in Honduras never ceases to bless me!!



So, on to Christmas!!

December is a most joyous occasion for H2H! We have developed many family traditions that our kids look forward to each year.

After our School Christmas Pageant, vacation began!



Traditional Christmas cookie baking,



Making tamales,



Christmas Eve gifts, roast pork dinner, a movie with popcorn and pop, and our end of year video of our family, tamales for breakfast and gift bags from "Santa" of fruit, candy and pop, rounds out the list.



As an added blessing, Sarah, Rachel and Daniel came home for Christmas where they are on break from their colleges in Washington state.

**Looking back, over the past year, in spite of "Life with COVID", has been full:**

Received a 40-foot container of things we need, thanks to all of you and to Wil and Miriam Henriquez who sponsored it.

Celebrated the High School graduation of our H2H Seniors, and associate degrees for some of our USA college students.

Developed "Amy's Garden", 16 acres in the mountains to raise vegetables and coffee.

Opened both our Bilingual and Spanish schools to on-campus classes for about 400 students after 17 months online.

Opened our church after 21 months without, complete with H2H Worship Team starting up again.

Visits from a few of our H2H supporters and family.

Said goodbye to Blanca, who officially became the daughter of H2H Family Ed and Katy Peterson in August.

Celebrated Quinceañera for seven of our daughters.

Held the 2021 Annual Fundraising Banquet in Portland.

Preparing the 2022 container for departure.

Welcomed several litters of kitties and puppies.

Celebrated over 100 birthdays for our kids.

Fed thousands in our Body and Soul Feeding Ministry.  
Prayed for salvations for hundreds.

Opened our Jubilee Coffee Kiosk again.

Released Amy's book "Answering Compassion's Call" in print on Amazon and online from our website.

Building, planting, maintaining, restoring our Village buildings, our 2 schools, our church, our clinic, our two farms, our 6 houses, more solar panels.

Constructed our first windmills.

Celebrated the 10-year anniversary of our schools and the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Honduras Independence.

Several of our young adults voted for the first time in a National Election that elected the first woman president in the nation's history.

All of this and more, was covered by the love and grace of our Father, who continues to guide and direct every part of what He wants done in our lives and the lives of our children, as we obey Him in our service for His Kids.

**Looking forward, please pray with us about the following Prayer and Needs Requests:**

Currently, we have over 40 teens in our family, with all the challenges that age group experiences. Please pray with us to make wise decisions as we guide them through these years, and that they will listen to the Holy Spirit to protect and help them.

Hondurans just elected their first woman President, Xiomara Zelaya. She is the candidate all our family was hoping would win, because we believe she cares for kids and will open the door for more at-risk children to be allowed to come to our family. That door was closed by the previous administration in 2018. Pray with us that this is true, and that God will bless us with more children to rescue, restore and raise.

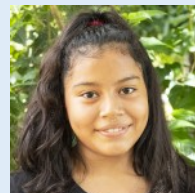
The government is hinting that they may allow us to open schools fully in February which would mean all kids on campus and the end of online school. They may also permit us to extend our school day from only 3 hours now, to hopefully 5 or 6, allowing us to add more classes and activities than we currently have.

Our only dependable vehicle includes Oscar's truck and my car. The van and black car spend too much of their time with our mechanic instead of us. So, this year, we are hoping to replace the van with a new one. We will see what God has in mind.

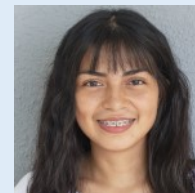
We want to develop our coffee exports to the US. Please pray for God to bring us to the right people to be able to do this. Funds from this endeavor pay the way for our 20+ kids who are in university here in Honduras.

We ask for ongoing prayer for :  
 protection from illness  
 for guidance in next steps for Amy's Dream Kids  
 for expanding our solar power project  
 for expanding our Amy's Garden project

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**



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Deysi - Age 18



Nicolas - Age 20



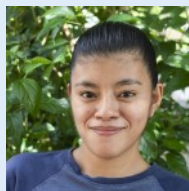
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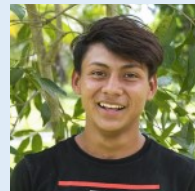
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Daylin - Age 8



Yoselyn - Age 22



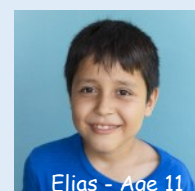
Exequiel - Age 19



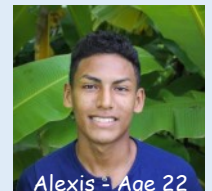
Mayra - Age 22



Jairo A - Age 12



Elias - Age 11



Alexis - Age 22

**Gift Deadlines**

To get gifts to our kids on time, we need to receive them at our office by the following dates:

**1st Quarter** January 24, 2022

**2nd Quarter** March 24, 2022



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2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NIV)

“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 receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.”

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*When it comes to orphans we're not liberals or conservatives. We are radicals!*

# TO OUR HEART TO HEART COMMUNITY—THANK YOU!

**Ready for Volunteers**

**TEAMS** - We are starting to have volunteers come to visit from the US again. We are hoping 2022 will be a year you will plan a team from your church to come help us. Some restrictions have been lifted in Honduras and if you have been fully vaccinated, we are hoping you will pray about coming down to help out. This year we need teams for:

- Medical/dental/optometry brigades
- Village upkeep and repair
- Bilingual School Library set up
- Vacation Bible School and Crusade Teams

Contact our office for more information.  
(503)-427-0258 or [www.office@h2hcv.org](http://www.office@h2hcv.org)

Hope to see you in “22”!!

*The Kids would like to hear from you . . .*

*The H2H kids really look forward to receiving and reading letters from their sponsors, and they enjoy writing back as well. One of the impacts of the Covid pandemic we have observed is that the correspondence to the kids has dropped off. For about half of the children, they have not received any letters. If you would like to correspond with a kid, your letter will definitely brightens his/her day. Please send your letters to the H2H office by **February 1, 2022**.*

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*Thank you for supporting and blessing our children*

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