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Children's Village



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...and a **Happy New Year 2023** to all of you from our Heart to Heart Family in Honduras!

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By Mary Frenter

It has been a wonderful year of recovery and a return to *almost* “normal” life here with our Heart to Heart children. To recap, 27 of them are now in college, 48 attend our K-12 schools, several graduated from high school, two graduated from college, one as a medical doctor, the other with a Bachelor’s degree in education, and the rest are out of school and working full time for us or others. Several of our adult children got married this year, some moved to Spain, and some to the US. Just like Charlotte’s children at the end of that wonderful storybook, “Charlotte’s Web”, they are moving up and out into the world, to use their God-given gifts to make it a better place. As our Amy used to say, “We are only part of their journey, not the whole thing”. We are so blessed to have been part of that journey!



Our two schools, Spanish and Bilingual, with 500+ students in K-12, are open full days now, still with masks and covid protocols, but back to most pre-covid activities. We celebrated our 11th Birthday School Year lead by our H2H Worship team.



And Happy Birthday cupcakes for all!

For the first time in 3 years, we were able to have our Bilingual School Christmas Program, with the parents of our 235 students in attendance. Thank you to David Day of Triplo Gear who donated the funds to replace our Basketball hoops!! The stage was decorated with art projects from the kids, like the Christmas Sock Daniel is holding.



It ran almost 3 hours with songs, dances, and plays honoring the life of Christ. To the strains of “Come on Ring Those Bells”, with actual jingle bells on their wrists, Mary Frenter’s grandson, Grey Bumstead, here teaching PE and Computers this year, led the whole bilingual school of over 200 students in a line-dance that encircled the audience. The program ended with 500 of us singing Silent Night in a room lit only by the candles in our hands. Beautiful!



The birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, was so celebrated throughout. We topped it off with fireworks exploding in the parking lot! No one wanted to leave.



We hosted US Mission Teams that began returning this year with one in August and another in November, and several of our supporters made the trip to help us throughout the year.

While our 2 schools are a major part of H2H Ministries, we also have many other pieces to our H2H puzzle that need daily care: a clinic; a church; two farms; a Children’s Village in Tegucigalpa with our Boys, Girls, and Babies homes; 2 homes in Puerto Cortes for our teens and young adults,; and a home in San Pedro Sula for our college students there.



This fall, Oscar and I traveled from the East to the West Coasts of the US for a 7-week fundraising trip, visiting many of our supporters and presenting in over 20 locations. It was wonderful reconnecting with so many old friends and supporters and meeting new ones.



As you can well imagine, with so many children, there were the birthdays, family outings to the river, the beach, our farm in the mountains, visits with their US sponsors who came to see them;

...numerous trips to the doctor and dentist at our clinic;

...the 3-hour September 15th Honduras Independence Day Parade from the courthouse to Central Park in Puerto Cortes.



And our Annual Village Christmas Cookie Bake





Chess became a favorite for many, as our Math/Physics teacher, Mr. Kevin, a Honduras National Champion of the game, donated his time to come to the village on weekends to teach them.

November was again highlighted with our Annual Quinceañera and it was a beautiful ceremony hosted by our H2H Board Member, Rick Stephens, complete with beautiful gowns, held in the Bilingual School gym/auditorium that was transformed into a magical place of elegance, to honor our 5 daughters who turned 15 this year.



December Birthdays



Zacarias - Age 17



Guillermo - Age 15



Nicole - Age 16



Dany - Age 12



Katerin - Age 14



Genesis S - Age 23



Dixon - Age 11



Thanksgiving was celebrated at school the day before with a feast for everyone and lessons about all the things for which we are thankful. Our Seniors!!

At home on Thanksgiving Day, with 4 turkeys, and copious amounts of mashed potatoes and all the fix-in's, we hosted about 60 of our family, including son Kurt and his wife Helen. Three of our canine family of several watch-dogs, gave birth that week to a total of 20 puppies, who were welcomed by 3 year old Ra-faela, our turtle. Amazing Grace!!

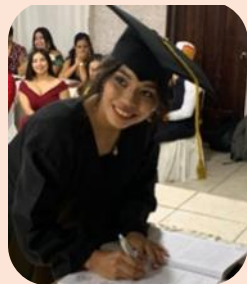


This year Mary Frenter's son, Kurt Frenter and wife Helen visited Honduras to bless us with a beautiful mural depicting the doves representing the Fruits of the Spirit as listed in Gal 5:22-23 - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.* It graces the whole back wall of the gymnasium/auditorium at the Bilingual School. Helen is an amazing, accomplished artist and musician, originally from Beijing, China.



Our beautiful daughter, Miriam, graduated from college with her Bachelor's Degree in Education. She is the kindergarten teacher at our Bilingual School.

Our daughter, Delia, graduated from our Spanish School.



This month, Lisa Closser visited from Oregon, with her friend Meredith Brann, who is a professional musician, writer and performer from Nashville, TN. Meredith performed beautiful Gospel favorites at both our church and Sunday School while here. She plays guitar and filled in for us on bass with our H2H Worship team. She and Lisa prepared all the gift sacks for our children for Christmas. Lisa also taught our Bilingual Staff how to teach drama to their classes and how to use the Drama Boxes she produces. It was a short, but multi-productive few days!!!



Today at our house, all our 24 "chicks are in the nest". Sarah and Rachel Serrano arrived from the US this week, and our San Pedro Sula girls are home from college. This morning, early, they set up in the backyard and prepared the 300 tamales for our Christmas breakfast. Oscar drove to Los Flores yesterday to pick up the fresh pork for our Christmas dinner on Saturday at the Village. Last night we held our Christmas Service at church, with over 200 people attending. Dinner was served and Christmas Baskets were given to many in need.

As we end 2022, I am reminded of so many Bible verses that tell us to have faith, to hold on through the storms, to never give up... that JOY comes in the morning!! They are all true! This year has shown us that, as we emerge from the "Covid" years into the light. In 2013, while here to lead a crusade for H2H to thousands in Puerto Cortes, good friend Bruce Van Natta gave the following Word from our Lord to H2H:

Have I not sent you to be my hands and my feet? Have I not sent you to be a light in the darkness, a city on a hill? Now, go forth and do the works I predestined you to do!

God has not changed His mind. That is still our commission from Him. I pray in the new year that all of you will join us to further the Kingdom, with your prayers, financial support, and by coming to help in new and committed ways to "go forth and do the works I predestined you to do!" God bless you all! We love you and we need you!!

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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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TO OUR HEART TO HEART COMMUNITY—THANK YOU!

TEAMS - US volunteers have been returning to Honduras this year. Some COVID restrictions have recently been lifted. To come, the requirement of the Honduras authorities and H2H Ministries, is a negative covid test. You will not need a covid vaccination. We are hoping 2023 will be a year you will pray about planning a team from your church to help us.

UPCOMING TEAMS

APRIL 20-29 Village Maintenance, Gary Thacker

JUNE 19-29 Village Maintenance, Scott Collins

JULY 20-27 Youth Missions, Gary Thacker

AUGUST 2-11 Village Maintenance, Gary Thacker

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PRAYER NEEDS

Prayer for wisdom, health and spiritual protection for our board, as we move forward to obey God's directions to us for the new year.

That God would provide workers to help us, for the fields here in Honduras, that are ripe for harvest, and in the management of this ministry.

Funds to hire a Strategic Planner to manage H2H Fundraising and Donor communications. **Please contact Mary Frenter right away if you can help @ maryf@h2hcv.org**

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