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GIVING LIFE, BRINGING HOPE TO ORPHANS IN HONDURAS

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NEW BEGINNINGS - SCHOOL



August and September have been full of new beginnings for H2H. We celebrated our 13th anniversary as a school and opened our Bilingual School doors to over 240 students in grades PreK to Seniors. There are over 300 in our Spanish School.

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Please pray for us as we seek the Lord's Direction.

Pray for Spreading the Gospel to more in our community.



Our H2H Seniors, Gloria and Geidy, joined their classmates for the grand entrance at our opening ceremonies the first day. They arrived by truck spewing colored smoke, wearing their new Senior Jackets. Our Seniors are leaders in our school, orchestrating all important assemblies, Chapels, and programs during the year.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day is a big celebration in Honduras, for kids up to age 12. This year we took the whole PreK – 6th grades to SPS to visit a museum, ending the field trip with lunch at Chuck E Cheese!!













INDEPENDENCE DAY

September 15 was Independence Day in Honduras. Our schools participated in the annual parade.



UPDATES FROM THE "FRONT LINES" IN H2H HONDURAS



Meet Miss Greysi Hernandez, an intern from Leadership Mission International, doing her field work requirement with H2H at their request. "Leadership Mission International (LMI) invites women from rural areas throughout Honduras to engage in their own personal development journey at The Leadership Center (TLC). During their two years on campus, young women receive a nationally accredited education and the mentorship and support to become change agents leading entrepreneurial ventures and sustainable development in their communities." We were very blessed to have her with us for 10 weeks.

BIRTHDAYS



Marbella - Age 21



Delia- Age 22



Belkis - Age 24



Olga - Age 27

Idalmy- Age 21

Ten of our H2H College students returned to their studies in San Pedro Sula early in September, after a celebration to end the summer vacation with church at the new village Mission Center in Tepita, followed by lunch and an ocean swim in Masca.

The twelve remaining at home in Puerto Cortes are teaching, working, or taking online classes. We are blessed by, and so proud of our girls.

After Church BBQ





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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!

/OLUNTEER

Below is a list of upcoming teams who will be going to our Village to love our children and support the ministry. If you are interested in going, please contact us at <u>office@h2hcv.org</u>. Join us!

2025

January 8-15 School Support, Reign Church January 15-20 School Support, Reign Church

Hope to see you in 2025!

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the LORD

Isaiah 54:17

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Dear Supporters of H2H children,



We are very grateful for the generous support you've given us over the years. Thank you.

I want to stress that ALL the funds you've donated to Heart to Heart in the past have ALWAYS gone to the kids, and the Ministry commits to that continuing to be the case in the future.

As you may have heard, H2H has been going through an extremely difficult time for the past several months. The hate and persecution manifested from many corners have left us speechless.

We could not share this information with you previously for fear that anything said would negatively influence the Honduran authorities in their decision process.

What happened is a group of North Americans has unleashed a flood of lies and false accusations both nationally and internationally against Oscar Serrano.

In the Honduran legal system, an accused is presumed to be guilty until proven innocent and their standard procedure is to arrest the accused and put him in jail while they do their investigation.

While we fully expect Oscar to ultimately be exonerated, we needed to separate Oscar's legal challenges from our ministry activities to enable us to continue to help people in Honduras. So, by mutual agreement we made the difficult decision to remove Oscar from Heart to Heart. Mary Frenter is now legally registered as the Director of H2H in Honduras and is President of the Board in Honduras (ASOCORA) and is President of WWH2H in the US. All plans and decisions for the ministry will be made by those two boards.

When the accusations were initially made, SENAF (Honduras Child Protection Services), came to our village during the night, got our kids out of bed and hauled them away in vans. Then SENAF, the police and the judiciary each interrogated every kid, trying to get them to say that H2H had mistreated them. Each child told them that they love us, they wanted to come back to live at the village, and that WE ARE THEIR FAMILY.

During their investigation SENAF made several suggestions to better comply with their standards – things like putting up signs showing an emergency escape route, making labels for the door of each room, making an office for an on-site nurse and a psychologist - and we implemented all of them.

When SENAF, the Fiscalía (District Attorney) and the judge assigned to the case completed their investigations they met with us and apologized, saying there was no basis for their having taken the kids in the first place. They told us the children would be returned to us on the coming Friday. When this information became public, the accusers enlisted a human rights group from Germany with apparently strong political connections to intervene. On the day before the scheduled return of the children, SENAF told us that these two American couples and the international rights group threatened SENAF, the police, and the judicial courts that if they gave the kids back, they would release a national and international smear campaign against H2H as well as against all the Honduran agencies with false accusations that would ruin all of us. The Government told us they could not risk the unfavorable publicity and therefore they would be sending the kids back to their families instead of returning them to us.



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While we do not believe this was in the best interest of the children, it is the direct result of the efforts made by those attacking the ministry. The following children were returned by the government to their families as a result of the false accusations made and the legal environment they were made in and they are no longer under the care of WWH2H in Honduras:

1.	AHIMAR	9. DUNIA C	17. JULIANA	25. NICOLE
2.	ALEJANDRA	10. DUNIA P	18. KATERIN	26. OSIRIS
3.	ANYELI	11. ELIAS	19. MARILYN	27. PAOLA
4.	CARLOS	12. ESTEFANY	20. MARLENY	28. SANTIAGO
5.	DANIEL R	13. GENESIS	21. MARTHA	29. VICTORIA
6.	DANY	14. JAIRO C	22. MAYCOL	30. YANETH
7.	DAYLIN	15. JAIRO Y	23. NOHEMI	31. YOHANA
8.	DIXON	16. JOSE	24. NEYELLY	32. YULISSA

If you personally sponsored one of these children, I ask you to prayerfully consider continuing to support our various ministries in Honduras with your prayers and finances. Alternatively, please pray about shifting your sponsorship to one of the 24 kids who are still under our care. Their pictures are on our website <u>www.h2hcv.org</u>.

In any event, thank you so much for your years of faithful prayers and support for His Kids in Honduras. They have been a real blessing.

Over the course of 5 months SENAF kept apologizing to us for having taken the kids in the first place, telling us they had fired those responsible and telling us the kids WOULD be returned to us eventually. We kept our caregiver employees and guards on at the village, faithfully paying them. Finally, we could no longer support them without the children being there and sadly we had to let them go.

We temporarily closed the village and hired armed guards to protect it. This property was gifted to us in 2000 by a local family wanting to help us help kids. We have always considered it God's property. As such, we continue to care for it, keeping the grounds and interiors in good condition as we pray about next steps for it that God wants.

We know He wants it used for ministry and spreading the Gospel. To that end, we are in the process of registering a program that will serve not only the Tegucigalpita community, but others all over Honduras. In addition, as God guides, we hope to open the facilities to churches for VBS camps, crusades, Christian conferences, sports camps, mission teams and so much more.





Please pray for us as we seek the Lord's direction. Please pray too that those bent on destroying us will be thwarted in their efforts. They are calling our employees and telling them not to work for us because we are evil, they are telling families not to enroll their kids in our schools, they are contacting our supporters and sharing their lies in an effort to get them to stop supporting us. They actually created a Facebook page and a Go Fund Me account using pictures of the village and the H2H name suggesting that people give their money to them instead of to H2H.

They are unrestrained by the truth. But God is in control.

On a side note: My phone and e-mail have been compromised and no longer work. Please call the office if you need to get a message to me until I can get new ones set up.

Blessings,

Mary



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