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# Amy's News

## RAISING OUR KIDS

Blessings once again from sunny warm Honduras. We are now in the final count-down to summer as this week will be the last week of classes for the bilingual school. They are currently taking their final exams. The summer teams have already started rolling in. The first of our summer teams, led by Gary and Sylvia Thacker, has arrived. From now on until the beginning of the new school year in August, we have teams scheduled back to back with activities for the kids throughout the summer.

### Mother's Day

This month we celebrated Mother's Day, and it was so special in so many ways! I always tell people that we are one of the most blessed ministries in the world because of the amazing people that God has brought to do what they do in this ministry, and our house mommies are no exception! I simply cannot express in words how much we honor and respect these amazing women! And I know that God honors them as well. We let our local community know that we have several women that care for our kids as their mothers. We told them that we wanted to bless them for mother's day, and the response was amazing!



All of the mommies got a cash bonus and the day off to spend with their families. While the mommies were out, we went with all of our teen age girls to babysit, with a pizza party! Local grocery stores donated cakes and food baskets for each of the mommies. I think they felt very blessed, and they deserve that and more. When you are remembering WWH2H in your prayers, please remember the amazing women that are on the front lines caring for our kids' needs each day. They are beautiful, wonderful women!

### Blessing of Clothes

Another way that we are a very blessed ministry is all of the amazing donations that come in to care for our kids. Recently, between two teams that came from the states and a local donation, we had lots of beautiful clothes, so many that it took all of the girls from the teen girls' house (16 girls) an entire day to sort the clothes and make a bag for each of the children. We did that on a Friday, and I was so excited about Sunday, seeing all the kids come to church in their beautiful new clothes. I was not disappointed! You know when God is your Father, we are well cared for!

We have another wonderful story from the feeding program that has been running through the church. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, there were terrible floods in this country back in October and January. These floods took out entire communities and left hundreds of families homeless and with a complete loss of their crops. One of our US supporters is working with us to provide food to those families. While we were giving out the food one day, Gary and Sylvia were tagging along with their team and noticed the home that one woman was living in. Her name is Martha. She is a 75 year old widow. The home was completely falling apart and the roof had collapsed. Gary and Sylvia provided the funds to build her a new home. The home is very small, she lives alone, but its foundation is concrete block and it is made of strong material. They filled in the land as well, so she is up out of the water! We praise God because He heard the prayers of this little old widow and came to her rescue.



Several years ago, I had a similar experience. It was when we were running Meals from the Heart, a program that served a meal each day to the street kids in Puerto Cortes. One lady living at the garbage dump would come each day with her 6 or 7 grandkids. She was helping wash dishes one day when I asked her, "What would you do for those kids if this feeding program was not here". She told me "I don't know. I owe money at every grocery store in town and none of them will give me credit anymore, so I prayed that the Lord would give me a way to feed these kids, and then this feeding program showed up." God heard her prayer! All of this was because a little old lady prayed in faith. Martha prayed in faith, the little old lady at the feeding program prayed in faith, and many of the kids have told us that when they were still out there, they prayed that God would save them. God hears and He is saving. But what a joy it is to know that you can be part of an answered prayer. Each of you that are praying for and supporting this ministry are God's hand and feet in answering prayers. Thank you so much for your faithfulness.



# School News From Mary

This month our Annual Arts and Music Festival was a wonderful success. From the amazing "Rugs" (beautiful pictures put together on the floor of the gym using colored sawdust) to the dancing, and singing performances by our students, everyone did a great job.



## Science Fair

All the grades participated in our Annual Science Fair in May. The guest of honor and "Keynote" Scientist, was none other than Mr. Steve Hauenstein, our Science Guy who comes to share science experiments with us every year at this time. Thank you, Mr. Steve!!!



Jeremiah 29:11

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

## Graduation

As we head into June and the graduation of our seniors, I love to read this verse to our kids who have completed this important step in their education. Those going on to college in either Honduras or the United States are Genesis, Karla, Marisol, Mayra, Reyna, Alexi, and Francisco. Those going on to business or trade schools are Nohe- lia, Nelson, and Jehovany. We are so proud of our H2H graduates and know that God has given them a solid foundation in Him to stand on as they venture out. In addition, our 5 year old Prepa students will also celebrate with a formal graduation. Pictures to follow in our July report.



## TES Graduation

For the last 6 months our Senior Class has been teaching reading to several adults in our community who never learned. Recently, the adult students graduated from the program at a lovely luncheon put on by the seniors. One blessing is that some of the adult students are the parents of some of our kids. Their own children are teaching them to read. We are so proud of our seniors and this project, and of the very gracious way they taught their students.

## School Needs

### ESL TEACHER NEEDED

Our Spanish School needs a full time ESL teacher. Please contact Mary if you need more information about this position. [maryf@h2hcv.org](mailto:maryf@h2hcv.org)

We need help for our H2H children for their school expenses for the coming school year, 2018-19. We have 100 of our children who will be in school in Honduras. Each one needs the items below. The cost to sponsor a child's clothing and uniform for the year is \$100 per child. The cost for their backpack and school supplies is \$50 per child. The cost for their text books and insurance is \$150 per child, for a total of \$300 per student for the year, or a total cost of \$30,000 for our 100 students. School begins in August, so we need the funds by July 15<sup>th</sup>. If you or your church would be willing to sponsor some of the children for these things, please let me know.

If you would prayerfully consider giving 10% more toward the school in your regular monthly donation, that would be wonderful!! For instance, if you give \$20 now, 10% more would be \$2 or a total of \$22 monthly. Please designate you want the increase to go towards the school. Thank you!!

\$100 per student needed for:

- 2 pr. jeans - \$30
- 1 pr. school shoes \$20
- 2 school shirts - \$15
- 1 school PE shirt - \$5
- 1 school PE pants - \$10
- Unders, socks, bras - \$15
- 10 Spiral Notebooks - \$5

\$150 per student for Text Books / Insurance

\$50 each for a backpack and school supplies

We are hoping to find individuals or churches who will purchase and send/bring the items below. The backpacks here are more expensive and of poor quality. The cost to ship them may equal the extra cost to purchase them here, but in that case the quality would still be poor.

Supplies needed in each backpack:

- 1 Backpack
- 10 pencils, 2 erasers & 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 box Crayons
- 1 box Colored pencils
- 1 box Colored markers
- 1 scissors (round-tipped, safety)
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 each - Protractor, ruler, compass
- 2 Highlighters
- 5 Black pens
- 5 Blue pens
- 1 Scientific Calculator
- 1 USB



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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!

### VOLUNTEER

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 [office@h2hcv.org](mailto:office@h2hcv.org). Join us!

**June 4-12** School Support, Gary Thacker Leader

**June 14-22** Arts/Crafts Mikaela Gronseth Leader

**June 28-July 5** Trinity UMC

**July 6-14** Projects, Canyon Creek Team, Lisa Closner

**July 15-25** Bethel Construction Team

**August 3-6** Shawna Henson

### Gift/Letter Writing Dates

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

**3rd Quarter** July 1, 2018

*(we realize this is a quick turnaround but the last team able to take gifts to Honduras leaves July 15)*

**4th Quarter** October 15, 2018

**Christmas** October 15, 2018

*Thank you for partnering with us as a wonderful way of giving to our kids!*

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