

The Leedy's Spend New Year's in Honduras

John and Laurel Leedy travelled to Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras over New Year's. Their first and most significant task was to help their friend and **Team Up For Honduras** partner, Joe Self, furnish the apartment for the five girls leaving the orphanage. This involved purchasing furnishings for a three bedroom, two bath apartment. Friday, January 6th was moving day for Dilcia, Digna, Doris, Berta, and Yeny, along with Maria who is their house mom. With the help of a truck from CAMO, the girls belongings were transferred to the apartment and the girls made the trip of approximately one mile to their new home. Their smiles, wide eyes, and energy as they moved in, chose room-mates, unpacked, and began filling cabinets and closets, made the trip worthwhile and again validated the ministry project of **Team Up For Honduras**.



The trip also involved continuing to build relationships at the orphanage and with the eight girls that have now moved out and are being supported. This involved spending time daily at the orphanage with the girls. We didn't get to the orphanage the first day and Joe informed us the girls were very disappointed, so we made sure we took time each day the rest of the trip to enjoy some quality fun time with the younger girls. On Thursday the 5th, we purchased fifteen extra-large pizzas. Yeny and Digna helped us serve the girls dinner that night. We received much more than we gave from their smiles, hugs, and love. We also planned a work project at the orphanage for our summer mission trip. Sor Dinora and Joe helped us with this and we are going to remodel and paint their guest quarters.

We were also excited to lease our own two bedroom apartment and get it modestly furnished. Over the next couple of years we plan to increase our time in Santa Rosa as we move toward retirement. Others who go to Santa Rosa are welcome to use it when we are not there. Another highlight of the trip happened the final evening. After moving the girls, we went back to the orphanage to say our good byes. After many hugs and tears, we went to our apartment to prepare for a final pizza party with the girls **Team Up** supports. These girls, Laurel and myself had a great time of fun and fellowship with Joe, Miriam, and five older girls who were at the orphanage three to five years ago. It was so much fun to watch all the girls interact with Joe, calling him "Papa", "Checo", and "Daddy". Our translator Miriam shared hearing one of this year's graduates say to one of the older girls that it felt odd being together again, and the older girl responding with yes, but it really feels good. **Team Up** is committed to helping them maintain the connection, love, and support of one another as a family.



Beautiful Handmade Cards for sale by the graduated girls

Cards are \$2 each and all proceeds go directly to the girl that made them to help with personal expenses. We currently have about 20 cards and will have more available in March. We are also taking orders for Handmade Christmas Cards. If you order by June 10th you will receive a 25% discount on orders of 10 cards or more. Delivery for your Christmas Cards will be in October. To see cards or to order, contact: Laurel Leedy (330) 465-6279 or Flo Ramer (330) 465-0737

Free Concert & Party

Sunday, March 11th featuring "Mustard's Retreat"

Doors open at 5pm at Central Christian High School Performing Arts Foyer. Appetizers and Desserts will be served from 5:30-6:30pm. "Mustard's Retreat" will perform at 6:45pm.

Donations will be accepted to benefit **Team Up for Honduras**, a mission in Santa Rosa, Copan Honduras that helps orphan girls specifically as they graduate from high school and leave the orphanage. Stop by the **Team Up for Honduras** table for pictures and information on how you can help change lives.

A bit about Mustard's Retreat: For the past 4 decades David Tamulevich and Michael Hough, from Ann Arbor, MI have been entertaining audiences with their special brand of folk music. Highly acclaimed not only as songwriters, but as interpreters of traditional and contemporary song and stories, their show is full of enthusiasm, good humor, and fine music. Mustard's Retreat has performed in the area many times; Kent State Stage, Kidron Folk Festival, Columbus Festival, and area house concerts.



Benefit Ride/Drive for Team Up for Honduras June 10, 2012

Enjoy the colorful spring scenery on a ride over beautiful country roads from Dalton, OH to Chestnut Grove Ridge (3 miles SE of Salineville, OH) in scenic Jefferson County OH, near the Ohio River. Other points of interest nearby or along the way include: Monroeville–Morgan Raiders, Historic Hanoverton, OH/Locks and dam @ Stratton, Homer Laughlin Pottery (Fiesta Ware), Mountaineer Park. A map will be provided with these locations marked and you can choose your own route to visit as many as you prefer.

Team Up is helping high school graduated girls transition from life in the Hogar di Ninas orphanage to living on their own. The help includes helping them with rent for up to four years along with furnishings, college tuition, bus fare, medical needs, and some basic living expenses. The goal is to help the girls to become strong, independent, and able to take care of themselves in a poor and difficult culture.



Time: Registration 11am–1pm in Dalton, OH

(Door Prizes: 1 ticket/paying person @ registration, additional tickets may be purchased at beginning/end of ride)

Cost: \$15 for single rider or \$5 for additional rider(s) *Motorcycles and cars welcome*

Meal provided: Pulled Pork with all the fixn's will be served from 1–3pm @ Brush Creek Grange near Salineville, OH

Door Prizes: Will be drawn @ 3:00pm following the meal

(Prizes include: \$25 gas cards, 1 hr massage gift certificate, restaurant gift cards, and more)

Let's team-up together to make a difference in their lives!

Mission Trip – June 28 – July 7, 2012

We are excited about our upcoming summer mission trip. It has been interesting to see how God has brought our team members together. The team will be doing work projects at the orphanage, as well as further building relationships with the eight girls Team-Up supports. There will also be craft activities and lots of time to play with the girls in the orphanage.

Our work project will be to remodel and paint the guest room(s) at the Hogar di Ninas orphanage. There are usually a couple smaller work projects too while we are there.

Although our team is basically complete for this trip, it is not too early to start considering going along the next time. The size of the mission teams vary from 6 – 15, depending on the need at the time. If you have been feeling God's tug on your heart to do something different or to step outside your comfort box consider joining us another time. A mission trip to Honduras with **Team Up** provides a great opportunity for you to serve and help others while deepening your own relationship with God. Approximate cost of trip is \$1200, which includes airfare, lodging, meals and transportation to and from the airport in Honduras. Start saving up now and pray for God's leading in your life.



Keith & Flo Ramer and John & Laurel Leedy

Attached is a form which allows you to contribute through Interlink Ministries. Please make checks payable to:

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Apple Creek, OH 44606

ear-mark all contributions to:

Team Up For Honduras

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