

2013 In Review



This past year has been a very rewarding year and as we reflect we feel extremely blessed. Our mission project is located in the city of Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras. Since Joe Self, Keith and Flo Ramer, and John and Laurel Leedy created Team Up For Honduras as a non-profit organization in 2011, we have seen the project grow from its original goal of helping the older girls from the Hogar de Ninas (an orphanage for girls) as they transition to life outside the orphanage. The ministry to these girls still remains our primary focus, but with the generous giving and success in fundraising in 2013 we have been able to expand into the community and accomplish other projects as Joe, who is our eyes, ears, and heart for the needs of the people in and around Santa Rosa, presents them to us.

Presently we have seven girls who have graduated from high school and are being supported by Team Up. Most have jobs and three of them are also taking college classes. Our two newest graduates, Yamely and Osiris are planning to take the college admission exam soon and hope to get enrolled into college this year. Osiris, Yamely, Lillian, Berta, and Digna live with our house mom Maria in an apartment that we furnish. Francisca who is in her fourth year with us lives in a small one bedroom apartment, and Yeny is in Wisconsin on scholarship. She will be returning to Santa Rosa in June.

Other Projects: Last spring we covered the cost of repairing the back wall of the orphanage. Joe hired some local men to do the labor. We also continue to pay for small repairs at the orphanage as need arises and continue to enjoy a healthy and growing relationship with the Hogar. In July Joe utilized the same laborers to travel to a small village and finish the project we started in 2012 for a young mother Denia Ayala Ayala. They built a bano(bathroom) with an outdoor shower and a pila for washing clothes. We began supporting Roger and Nancy, a young couple with a three year old daughter. Roger was severely injured when hit by a drunk driver and has brain damage. He requires physical therapy six days a week and we are committed to paying for those services. In October a group of thirteen traveled to Santa Rosa with Team Up and built an outdoor kitchen for the Hogar de Ancianos(elderly home). We also painted the large entry room as well as doing some small projects at the Hogar de Ninas.



October, 2013 Team



A Great Big Thank You

Team Up For Honduras would like to thank all of our family and friends for your generous support, valuable time, and on-going prayers and encouragement. Through your generosity we are excited to see what opportunities 2014 will bring. The diversity of our support partners continues to amaze us. We received contributions from ten states. Even more amazing is the ecumenical spirit represented by our support partners. The mission group of 13 that traveled in October represented six different denominations. We would like to especially thank two parishes from Kansas and Missouri. St. Michael's Parish from the Kansas City area primarily support the Hogar de Ninas and the Hogar de Ancianos, but several from their parish have become sponsors of young ladies in our program. Individuals from Joe's parents church, The Church of the Annunciation in Kearney Missouri, have also been sponsors of some of our young ladies.

Yeny's visit

On Jan 1, 2014 Yeny arrived from Wausau, Wisconsin, to visit for 12 days. She has been studying at North Central Technical College in Wausau for the past 1 1/2 years on a SEED Scholarship. She is studying business courses and will return to Honduras this summer.

Yeny stayed with us, Keith & Flo Ramer while she was visiting Ohio. On Sunday Jan. 5th we had an open house where many of the people who had met her in Honduras stopped in to visit. She was able to enjoy a horse drawn sleigh ride as well as attend a Dalton High School basketball game. She especially found the tour of Venture Products in Orrville, Ohio very interesting. Venture Products manufacture the Ventrac compact tractors. Seeing the whole manufacturing process helped her understand more from her business classes. We also visited Lehman's Hardware in Kidron and enjoyed a tour of Harry London chocolates in Canton, Ohio. It was great to have her visit Living Water Community church where the Leedys attend and Dayspring Christian Fellowship, the Ramers home church. She enjoyed time with John & Laurel Leedy visiting with family and attending their granddaughter's basketball game. Yeny also prepared a Honduran meal one evening for the Ramer family including our children and grandchildren. We also spent several evenings at home talking and watching videos.



As part of the SEED program Yeny is required to return to Honduras for at least two years following her graduation. This is to encourage her to use what she has learned to try to better her home community of Santa Rosa De Copan, Honduras. As part of her training she developed a



community action plan (CAP) to work with the girls in the orphanage to better prepare them for living on their own following graduation. She would like to coordinate workshops and teaching on Saturdays about personal finance, skills for preparing resumes and cover letters, personal

relationships and community involvement. She will be returning to Honduras in June. One of the first things she will do upon her return is find a job which can be a difficult task in Honduras. We as Team Up will continue to support her during this time and help in any way we can as she prepares to implement her CAP.

On Jan 12th we took Yeny to Cleveland for her return flight to Wassau. It was hard to see her go but we were grateful for the time she spent here with us, and look forward to good things as she returns to Honduras.

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Upcoming Events

April 12 Folk Concert-7:00 PM In the Performing Arts Center at Central Christian HS Kidron, Ohio
Featuring- The Yellow Room Gang with Mustard,s Retreat, Matt Watroba and Rod and Annie Capps

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