

Honduras Work Projects 2012

We were shown three work projects when we arrived at the Hogar de Ninas. The first was to replace a wall in the guest quarters that had been damaged by termites. The damaged wall had been removed the week prior to our team's arrival by John & Laurel Leedy, Dan Hostetler, Mike Dunlap and Sadie Hicks. The second was to paint the lower 4' of the wall around the inside of the chapel. Third was to do some repair and concrete work on the front of the orphanage to repair and prevent water seepage into one of the classrooms. With three projects going on, we were able to utilize everyone in the group, including some play time with the girls to keep them away from our painting project.

Monday morning Gordon Immel and Keith Ramer began framing up the new wall with metal studs. The rest of the team worked in the chapel, scraping paint, repairing cracks and voids in the wall to prepare for painting. Several team members worked on repairing, resealing and re-painting a portion of the outside front wall of the orphanage. Tuesday was our day off as Joe took us to see more sights and history of the country of Honduras. Wednesday, Keith and Gordie hung drywall on the new wall while Don Gaut coordinated painting the first coat in the chapel. Others from the team worked on the outdoor project in the front of the orphanage. Thursday, the paint was still sticky and we were not able to do the second coat until Friday morning. Gordon and Keith finished preparing the wall for sanding and painting. Everyone worked well together, stepped up, pitched in and we were able to complete all three projects.

Testimonies from team members:

"I've seen many pictures from missionaries over the years, but I did not fully understand and appreciate their testimonies until now that I have experienced it firsthand. This trip has definitely touched my heart and given me motivation to learn some Spanish so I can better communicate the next time I go."

"For the first time in my life I felt like God had absolute control over my life and my purpose was clear from the beginning of the trip."

"Girls are girls whether in the USA or in an orphanage in Honduras. They giggle, play, want to look pretty, like boys, and want to be loved; just like girls everywhere."

"Getting to know the girls at the orphanage has changed our lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with them every day. We have an urgency to arrange our lives so that we can be a constant help to them. We thank the Lord for sending us on this trip and for blessing us materially so that we can help the girls both materially and spiritually."

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."- Matt. 19:14 "Words cannot even begin to describe my journey in Honduras. God has a special place in his heart for each of the girls from the orphanage. The girls all say how blessed and lucky they feel to have us in their lives; honestly, I feel even more blessed and lucky to have them in mine. I've come to realize when Jesus said this verse He didn't mean just for the children to be blessed by us, but that we are even more blessed in return by them. They will steal your heart away and when you leave, all you can do is remember that there is never a goodbye, only a see you later."

"For me, the things that really touched my heart was listening to the girls sing their prayers and watching the girls laugh and play like any other kid, even when they have so little. Love seems to radiate off of them even in their position. I also liked seeing how different girls connected with different ones on the team."



Front Row: Flo Ramer, Alyssa Neuenschwander, Andrea Denning, Laurel Leedy, Ashley Bickel, Alyssa Denning, Donna Immel
Back Row: Keith Ramer, Kayla Gaut, Don & Jenny Gaut, John Leedy, Joyce Shelton, Gordon Immel



Team up for Honduras is excited to announce one of our girls has been accepted through a scholarship program to study in the United States for two years. Yeny Arely Garcia Bueso graduated from high school November 2011 along with four other girls from Hogar de Ninas. She was taking college classes and working during the spring semester. In April

she found out she was accepted into the program so began taking more intense English classes. August 8, 2012, she along with 36 other students from Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua arrived in Florida, then traveled on to Wassau, WI. She is living with a host family the first nine months along with a roommate from Nicaragua. The remainder of the two years they will share an apartment on campus. She is attending North Central Technical College and is taking business classes along with accounting, marketing and English. It is her hope that this education and experience will prepare her to possibly open her own business when she returns to Honduras. She is enjoying the beautiful college campus and meeting new friends. Her host family also took her camping one weekend. She seems to be adjusting well and adapting to life in the United States. It is a joy to see the girls we are supporting, doing so well during their first year out of the Hogar.

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 30 cards available. We also have Handmade Christmas Cards that will be available in October. To see cards or to order, contact:

Laurel Leedy (330) 465-6279 or Flo



"Then these righteous ones will reply 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"

Matthew 25:37-40

Team Up For Honduras Adds New Projects



During our recent mission trip in June we were able to add two new projects to the work we do in and around Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras. Our primary emphasis continues to be our support of the young ladies who have graduated from high school. We also continue to do projects and support the orphanage, The Hogar de Ninas. But when we started Team Up for Honduras in 2011 our charter stated "as funds become available other projects will become part of the ministry". Opportunities have come up during the year and because of support from friends through fundraisers, monthly commitments, and sponsorship we have been able to respond to needs. The reason for the name Team Up for Honduras is that this is a faith venture and we believed others would team up with us.

Our partner in Honduras, Joe Self, continues to be our eyes, ears, and heart for the people there. On our mission trip in June, John and Laurel Leedy along with Interlink Ministries director Mike Dunlap and mission team member Sadie Hicks were able to travel with Joe to Camalote Talgua, a small village in the mountains about 40 minutes from Santa Rosa. There Joe introduced us to Denia Ayala Ayala, a 27 year old mother and her two children, Josue Eli Ayala Ayala, age 4, and Yenifer Naomi Ayala Ayala, age 2. Her husband left her two years ago and does not help her. Denia gets limited help from her family. Her parents gave her a small lot and the family began building her a small block home. They only had money to construct the walls. During our visit Denia and her children were mudding the walls. Team Up has committed to provide the materials for the roof, a concrete floor, the three windows, and door. We have also decided to provide materials for a bano(bathroom), outdoor shower, and pila(to wash clothes). Joe also introduced us to Luis Gonzales age 26 who lives in Carrizal. He broke his left leg while playing soccer and has had his leg operated on four times. The first three surgeries were not done correctly and after the third surgery two bones fused together. Finally, with the help of a Canadian doctor he had surgery in El Salvador on May 6, 2012 and it was successful. The original injury was November 1, 2010. He has a degree in Civil Engineering and was teaching at the University when the injury occurred. He has not worked since then. The University has agreed to rehire him when he can work again. He had a check-up while we were in Santa Rosa and the doctor said his recovery is going well. We started supporting him this year and have agreed to do so until he gets back on his feet.



We want to thank our friends for your generosity making it possible for all of us to Team Up together to care for the orphans, the recent graduates, the elderly, and others in Honduras.

Mission Statement:

To be real people to those in need in Honduras including the children and staff at the Santa Rosa de Copan Hogar de Ninas, the girls who leave the orphanage, and others as opportunities arise, by exemplifying Christ's love through our prayers, interactions, support and actions, and by listening to their voices and hearts as well as the Holy Spirit's direction regarding our role in their lives and culture.

We continue to Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and contributions. All donations for Team Up For Honduras go directly to the ministry, no monies are used for our personal expenses, such as travel, lodging or meals. Team Up depends solely on your generosity through donations and fundraisers. Listed are a few of the upcoming events:

October 2012– Silent Auction: OSU vs Michigan football tickets

Spring 2013 – Folk Concert

June 2, 2013 Motorcycle



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