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QUINCEAÑERA 2022



Marilyn Alejandra Martha Osiris Lorena

A picture is worth a thousand words!

Enjoy all things Quinceañera this month for our daughters Marilyn, Alejandra, Martha, Osiris, and Lorena!

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"She is clothed in
Strength and Dignity
and
she *Laughs*
without fear of the future"
-Proverbs 31:25

By Mary Frenter

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!



Patricia North, Genesis, Diana (Oscar's sister), Oscar, and Elvia Tombs

Oscar and I are back in Honduras after spending seven weeks in the US visiting many of you from coast to coast. It was wonderful to see so many good friends of the ministry after the last two years of restrictions! Thank you all for your gracious hospitality and support for this ministry! After visiting Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington DC, Virginia, Missouri, Washington, and Oregon, we are now back home in Honduras. We would love to visit you when we come to the states. If you have any interest in this, please email me, maryf@h2hcv.org.

Quinceañera 2022

Fifteen of our US H2H family came to celebrate with them – Gary and Sylvia Thacker and team members from Virginia and Texas: Mackenzie Bolen, Bill Canady, Cailin Drain, Ali LeGrand, Dave LeGrand, Alan Lambert, and Tami Myers; Dave Bachelor and Phil Jasa from Centralia; Kurt and Helen Frenter from Texas; and Pastors Scott and Jeannie Collins from Chehalis. I wish all of you could have experienced this amazing celebration, which is planned and executed by our board member Rick Stephens each year, that honors our daughters, God's beloved Princesses. It is difficult to describe, but I will try!



Lorena Osiris Rick Martha Mary Alejandra Oscar Marilyn

For those of you new to the ministry, in Latin American Culture, a Quinceañera is a coming-of-age celebration for a girl who is having her 15th birthday. It is a combination of the Spanish words *quince* "fifteen" and *años* "years". It is customary to celebrate this event in a very lavish manner. It is somewhat like a 16th birthday for girls in the US.

Several years ago, one of our girls was asked what she wanted for her 15th birthday. Her response, "I wish I could have a Quinceañera, but I know that is not possible." So, we began having Quinceañera celebrations once a year for all our girls who turned 15 that year.

The planning begins early in the year, with each honored girl choosing the pattern and material for her gown and visiting our seamstress. In the spring, the first fitting happens and by September the girls have their final gown fitting; and the finishing touches are completed by buying high heels, jewelry, and hair decorations.

Prior to the this November Quinceañera, Tio Rick, who is the director of all things Quinceañera for our ministry, works diligently to finalize every detail. He arranges for our gym at the Bilingual School to be transformed by professional decorators into a lavish wonderland, complete with red carpet, entrance arches, columns, flowers, and a picture background for photos with family and friends afterwards. Tio Rick orders the chairs for guests, the special cake and drinks, purchases the

Quinceañera Crowns, the heart lockets with Amy and Oscar's pictures inside, and a Bible for each "Princess" with their names engraved on the cover; which are presented to each girl as part of the ceremony. In the midst of all the preparation, Tio Rick schedules a special day to commemorate this celebration by "capturing the moment" with pictures. Tio Rick and an army of hairdressers and helpers, take the girls in their gowns to beautiful locations for pictures, including the historic Fort in Omoa and the beaches there. The day before the Quinceañera is rehearsal day including all those who will be part of the celebration.

On the day of Quinceañera, the girls get up early to begin the primping and pampering every Quinceañera requires – pedicure, manicure, hair, and makeup. And then they all go to the "waiting room" at the school to put on their gowns and wait for the knock that tells them it is their turn to take the arm of their escort for the procession through the arch, down the aisle and up the staircase to their place on the stage for the ceremony to begin.



Alejandra & Gary Thacker



Elias Martha Daniel

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Maycol Marilyn Nicole

After each girl is on stage, the program begins with our H2H Worship team, led by Tio Oscar with everyone worshipping. Then comes the speeches about each girl, the presentation of the Bibles, the crowns, and the necklaces, and it ends with prayer. Finally, each one, arm in arm with their escort, is led down the stairs, and the red carpet to the picture location. As pictures are taken, the guests are served Quinceañera cake and refreshments, and everyone joins the girls for congratulations and lots of photos!

After everyone leaves, all the honored girls are treated to a delicious dinner at our home, along with their guests, about 50 altogether. It is a blessed time for all of us, and one we look forward to each year as our daughters grow up.

12th Annual Banquet

Our 12th Annual H2H Banquet is in the books for another year! It was a blessed night of catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. Thank you to Chris Himm, who organizes the event each year. Thank you to Kim Stephens who stepped in at the last minute to facilitate everything when Chris Himm had a family emergency that day. Thank you to Teresa Johnson and her team from Living Faith who once again blessed us with amazing decorations and helped to set up. Thank you to sisters Rebecca and Isabella Alvarez, who graced us with their beautiful voices during the evening. Thank you to H2H Founder and Director, Oscar Serrano, who spoke so eloquently of his journey since God's call came on his life as a young man for this work in Honduras. And last, but not least, thank each one of you who attended and/or prayed for this banquet, for listening to, and obeying what God gives you to do for His Kingdom work. If you missed attending the banquet, you can catch all the highlights at <https://www.h2hcv.org/banquet>.

Please continue to pray for more sponsors for our kids to help us meet our budget requirements each month.

Please pray for...

Strength for our administrators and teachers, and wisdom for all the children who are finishing up 2nd quarter exams in December.

For salvation for those who come to our school and their families.

For salvation for those who come to our church and their families.

Wisdom for our board, as we listen to God about His plans for us in the new year. Please pray for what the Lord would have you do.

November Birthdays



Iveth - Age 25



Alonso - Age 17



Santiago - Age 13



Daniel Z - Age 25

We need your help...

Each month we are short the funds needed to accomplish everything we do, from the school fees and teachers' pay, to the children's' homes and all the needs there. Would you consider making a gift to the ministry to help meet all the needs?

Consider sponsoring a child and making a difference in their life, or if you already do, increasing your gift by \$10 or more each month.

We need funds to pay the school expenses for all 50 children under our care still in the Bilingual School. Even though they have partial scholarships, it still requires \$1000 per child per year for them to attend our school. Please prayerfully consider helping with this.

Change In Gift Policy To Rescue More Kids

Finances in a charity operation are always tight and now that the Honduran government is going to allow us to start taking in more kids, we have been looking at ways to change our spending, so we have more funds to care for more children.

When it comes to giving birthday presents the ministry uses operating funds to purchase the bulk of the presents for the kids, which is very expensive to do. Along with the cost of the actual gifts, we incur shipping charges to send gifts to Honduras. Effective immediately, at each birthday celebration only children 12 years of age and younger will receive a birthday gift. Those who are over 12 years of age will still be celebrated – sang to, prayed over and served cake. Also, rather than give a full set of clothes in addition to a toy in the gifts at the birthday celebration, we will distribute the clothes to kids as their needs arise.

For Christmas each kid regardless of their age will receive a gift and an outfit. As we are in a transition of implementing the new policy, the gifts and clothes we received or purchased for kids over the age of 12 who celebrate their birthday in the 3rd or 4th quarter will receive those gifts for Christmas.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to teach the kids under our care proper values and to also provide the ability to rescue more children from the desperate circumstances many of them are living in.



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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 children in need,
we're not liberals nor conservatives. We are radicals!*

TO OUR HEART TO HEART COMMUNITY—THANK YOU!

TEAMS - US volunteers have been returning to Honduras this year. Some COVID restrictions have recently been lifted. To come, the requirement of the Honduras authorities and H2H Ministries, is a negative covid test. You will not need a covid vaccination. We are hoping 2023 will be a year you will pray about planning a team from your church to help us.

UPCOMING TEAMS

JUNE 19-29 Village Maintenance, Scott Collins

JULY 14-20 Village Maintenance, Gary Thacker

JULY 20-27 Youth Missions, Gary Thacker

Contact our office for more information.

(503)-427-0258 or www.office@h2hcv.org

LETTER WRITING - The Kids would like to hear from you . . .

The H2H kids really look forward to receiving and reading letters from their sponsors, and they enjoy writing back as well. One of the impacts of the Covid pandemic we have observed is that the correspondence to the kids has dropped off. For about half of the children, they have not received any letters. If you would like to correspond with a kid, your letter will definitely brighten their day. Please send your letters to the H2H office by February 1, 2023

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