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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

The excitement of Christmas is in the air! Thank you to everyone who has sacrificed to bless our kids! The gifts and festivities for Christmas and other holidays and birthdays are not budgeted into our normal giving, so we have special campaigns to raise the funds for those occasions, and the funds raised go toward a gift and new outfit for each child, the Christmas party food, decorations and games, as well as a New Year's Eve party. A very special Thank You goes to the holiday team in our office and all those in the states who have worked so hard to make this Christmas awesome for our kids! A special thank you to Lisa and Allison Closer for traveling down to Honduras and organizing all the gifts - a monumental endeavor! What a blessing to be surrounded in love at this time!



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Amy's News... RAISING OUR KIDS



Oscar and I have been back in Honduras since mid-November, and it is wonderful to be home. Our time traveling around speaking in various places was very beneficial. This time we went as far away as Madrid and Barcelona, Spain to meet with some Spanish pastors and churches who are interested in coming to Latin America to see how they can help grow God's kingdom. We also went to Louisiana, Texas, Missouri, Oregon and Washington.

At the end of our time in the US, we attended our annual Portland area Banquet. Personally, it was an incredible blessing, because we were able to reconnect with people we hadn't seen in years. We have attached pictures and videos, check them out! If you'd like to contribute, visit our website!



We celebrated Thanksgiving shortly after arriving back in Honduras. It was a day full of cooking, food and fellowship. As the girls decorated the house for Christmas, Oscar, Mary and I sat back and relaxed, amazed by our awesome, beautiful, big, happy family. We are so blessed - and thankful for every moment!



Did I mention a coffee drive thru? Yes, I did! We own a coffee farm which a friend purchased for the ministry back in 2011. The ministry was struggling through the financial crises of the time, and we watched one good ministry after another shut their doors because donations ran dry. Fearing that might happen to us, this friend encouraged us to become self-sustaining. He firmly believed that no matter how bad the economy got, people would want coffee. So, we planted 10,000 baby coffee trees and watched them grow. Today, 7 years later, the trees aren't babies but coffee bean machines, and we are in business! Currently, the sale of coffee has allowed us to put 4 of our June, 2018 high school graduates into college! We are selling some coffee in the US, and the rest is being sold in Honduras. We plan on putting a small drive-thru on the clinic property, which is on the main highway to Guatemala. We ask for your continued prayers over this endeavor, as our goal is to be able to fund all of our college students by 2020.



Finally, we will be sending one more off to college in the US. On the 16th of this month Alexi will be traveling to the US to start his new college adventures in Seattle. He will be going to Bellevue College and living with the Fester Family. He dreams of becoming a pilot one day and flying missionary missions. Please keep him in your prayers, as we watch all the amazing things God will do in his life!



Hilda Reyes Ramirez

It is graduation time at our Spanish language school, which runs the typical Honduran school year: February through November. The graduation ceremony will be held on December 12th, and we will have one very special graduate this year – our own Hilda! School has never come easily for her, but she has persevered and just finished her final thesis. We are so proud of her accomplishments. She may continue her studies and eventually become a teacher but will also continue to help WWH2H and our growing coffee business, as we set up a drive-through coffee stand on the clinic property.



School News By Mary Frenter

It doesn't rain but it pours...

This saying certainly held true a few days ago. Right after Chapel on Thursday, our little Dixon fell and hit his head, sending him to the clinic for stitches. Moments later, I was sitting in my office preparing the final plans for our First Annual Fall Carnival for the next day. All of a sudden, there was a loud crash, the lights went out and then a sort of rumble ensued. I ran outside to see the power box to the school shooting smoke and fireworks-type sparks into the air catching the wires and some of the leaves of a nearby tree on fire. THEN...I saw our preschool wing of children streaming out of their classrooms.

The grocery store next to our school is adding a large addition onto the back of their existing building. Yesterday we had torrential-type flooding rains. The wall that separates their property from ours, and the hill it is built on, all along the back of our Prepa, Day Care and Kinder Classrooms, collapsed, destroying the bathrooms for those classrooms and tearing down the wires to our main transformer.

Praise God, no one was hurt. AND you and I both know, He will use this seeming big challenge for our good and His glory!!! This all happened about 11:00 in the morning. First lunch was all lined up getting their lunches. Within the hour we had all student headed home safe and sound, for the rest of the day. God is good all the time!!!

Christian Movies Needed: We need Christian movies to show to our kids both at school during lunch time, and at the village on the weekends. If you are cleaning out your collection of DVD movies and need a place to send them, we would LOVE to receive them. Send them to our Clackamas office. Thank you soooo much!! Some ideas include VeggieTales, Sesame Street, Bibleman, Heros of the Bible, etc.

First Annual Fall Carnival

We ended the month with our first Annual Fall Carnival. It was an amazing day of games, the watermelon eating contest (won by Olvin), Karaoke, hotdogs, The Jumpy Houses, Checkers, bowling, the fishing pool, basketball hoop shoot, silent auction, raffle prizes and so much more. We raised enough money to provide 100 Christmas Baskets for some very needy families this month. Great job, Eagles!!

The Second Floor

The second floor of our English Immersion School continues to grow. One section is almost done. We hope to be able to begin using those three new rooms in the next couple of months, as construction continues on the next section. A huge thank you to Wayne and Marta von Borstel for providing the blessing of funds for this to happen.

Babies! Babies!! Babies!!!

As we end 2018, several of our staff are blessing our school family with new babies. Miss Heidi welcomed little Marcella. Miss Delmira welcomed little Sofia, and Miss Cristina will soon welcome little Emma. All this helps us remember that most blessed of babies, Jesus, whose birth we celebrate this month, and the promise of salvation from our sins, and the restoration of our relationship with God that event has had on mankind for the last 2000 + years. We look forward to what 2019 has in store for our somewhat large family, and we pray God will bless all of you with the desires of *His* heart in the coming New Year. Please keep us in your prayers. Merry Christmas from our Family to yours!!

December Birthdays



Dany - Age 8



Genesis - Age 19



Katherin - Age 10



Zacarias - Age 13



Guillermo - Age 11



Sammy - Age 13



Luis S - Age 23



Angel - Age 10



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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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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. Join us!

March 28-April 5 School Support, Thacker Leaders
April 13-20 VBS & School Support; Go Be Love Intl
June 17-27 Maintenance, Bethel Church

Gift/Letter Dates

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

1st Quarter January 31, 2019

2nd Quarter May 15, 2019

3rd Quarter July 15, 2019

4th Quarter October 15, 2019

Thank you for supporting our kids.

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