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A MOST MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU!!

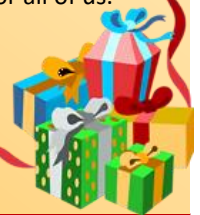


"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift"
2 Corinthians 9:15

A most Merry Christmas to all of you!! As you prepare to celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I wish for you a deeper relationship with Him as you end this year and begin 2020. This past month began with our annual H2H Fundraising Banquet in Portland, Oregon attended by 168 supporters. Our Spanish School just finished their February through November school year. Our Bilingual School Seniors began their TES program, teaching adults to read. We were blessed to have our Christmas Prep team arrive to help prepare our Village for Christmas. Oscar and daughters Sarah and Rachel returned to Honduras following a 2-month fundraising journey that lead them across the United States. Our son, Daniel who is studying to be a missionary pilot at Moody Bible Institute in Spokane, WA, came to our H2H family at age 6, and now at 21, has organized a fundraiser to build homes for the poor while he is visiting in Honduras for Christmas. It is such a blessing to see God working in our adult children as they pay the blessings forward that they received from you, our H2H family. Please enjoy the details in the articles and pictures following. Thank you for all your support this year with your prayers, love, and finances. We are looking forward to an amazing 2020 and all the blessings and lessons God has in store for all of us.

God bless,

Mary



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More loving adults to help at the village

Sponsors for our new kids

Funds to operate the Schools

Because we have so many children who attend for free or reduced rates, we need help

CHRISTMAS PREP TEAM



I was honored to be joined by retired H2H Board Members Dean & Rachel King, longtime supporters Ken & Linnea Zednik, and soon to be US host of Luis Gustavo, Phil Jasa on this visit to prepare the village for Christmas and love on the kids. A gift bag plus a separate clothing bag with a new outfit – shoes, socks, underwear, jeans & shirt were organized for

each child. This process was made much easier this year by the amazing pre-sorting job that Lisa Closner and Chris Himm did while they were packing the suitcases for us to carry the gifts to the village. Thank you so much Lisa & Chris!

The new outfits are proudly worn to the Christmas dinner that we hold for all who are involved with the ministry in Honduras: our kids; our workers and their families; our teachers and our doctors. The kids will dress up in their new clothes again on Christmas Eve for our celebration at the village when the gift bags are passed out.



There is a lot of excitement among the children around birthday celebrations. Whenever I visit the village one of the first questions the kids ask me is whether or not we're celebrating birthdays during my visit. When I tell them that the celebration is planned, they first tell me their birthdate (to make sure I know we're celebrating their day) and then they ask when the celebration is. From that point on they ask me about the celebration again each day just to be sure nothing has changed, and this goes on until the birthday celebration



takes place. As the ministry celebrates birthdays quarterly a celebration for the 23 kids who have birthdays in the 4th quarter was needed. After passing out gifts, praying for the kids and singing happy birthday, Hondurans like to top off the celebration with a piece of cake and a cup of pop. Girls' House-mom Lourdes loves to bake, and she did her usual marvelous job making the cakes for us again.

In addition to working with the kids to write letters to their sponsors and decorating the Christmas trees, the team helped the kids make Christmas cookies. Every year the kids have a blast rolling dough, cutting cookies and decorating them. This year Linnea brought some sprinkles and they were a hit with the kids. The house moms also got in on the action and it was fun to see them smile while they rolled out their dough & cut their cookies.



At the end of the day, lots of cookies were made (we used 16 pounds of flour to make the dough), lots of frosting was spread and lots of flour wound up everywhere – on the cookies, on the floor, on the kids...

All in all, a good time was had by all.

- Rick Stephens



SCHOOL NEWS

Spanish School - A Year In Review

We just finished our 2019 school year, happy for all the experiences with our students, teachers, administration and service staff.

We saw how God took care of us and how he took control of every situation, starting with the visit of our friend Bruce Van Natta last February, who brought us a message that touched our hearts and gave us specific ways to draw closer to God.



As a Christian school, our main purpose is to focus on God and the quality of human beings we want to develop, and it was very satisfying to see great changes in the lives of our staff and students.



Our students had fun in Miss Maribel English classes, and with Miss Norma in Spanish, learning grammar rules repeatedly. Mr. Derick taught well in history and physical education and coached our soccer team to a first-place victory for the first time in an eight-school tournament.

A good time was had with Miss Darsy at the science fair, where knowledge and creativity were put into practice throughout our school and community.



Other activities and special events included Valentine's Day, Father's Day, Summer day, Language day, Fruits day, Mother's Day, Recycle day, Students day, cultural day, Spirit days, Retreats, Independence Day Parade, Children day, Teacher's day and our first English Academy Graduation.

We took three educational field trips that enhanced our classroom learning and did some social work, creating in our kid's empathy and moral responsibility for our society.



City Tour



Taulabe Caves Trip

We are grateful to all of you who support Heart to Heart Ministries. Thanks to you, we watched God's miracles happen for our students and staff as we learned about and put into practice the fruits of the spirits.

Thank you - Iris Vasquez



Exciting News on Daniel's Christmas Project

H2H's Daniel Manzanares had a dream to build two new homes for families in need in Honduras this Christmas. Thanks to your generous donations, he was able to raise all the funds necessary and construction has begun on the first home! Daniel's work is a wonderful example of putting God's love into action. We can't wait to watch the two families move into their new homes! Watch for the complete story in January's newsletter...



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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!

2020

February 10-18 School Support, Gary Thacker
February 20-28 Crusade Team, Bruce Van Natta
June 17-25 School Support, Gary Thacker
July 6-16 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:

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| 1st Quarter | January 16, 2020 |
| 2nd Quarter | May 15, 2020 |
| 3rd Quarter | July 15, 2020 |
| 4th Quarter | October 1, 2020 |
| Christmas | October 1, 2020 |

Thank you for supporting our kids.

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