



GIVING LIFE, BRINGING HOPE TO ORPHANS IN HONDURAS

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THANKSGIVING, A TIME TO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!



Happy Thanksgiving from all of us to you!

An old hymn says, "Count your blessings, name them one by one, count your blessing, see what God has done..." Here we have so much to be thankful for. First, we have a Savior who loved us so much, He died for us to pay for our sin, so our relationship with God could be restored. And if that was not enough, He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of us, the actual DNA of God, to help us stay close to Him and to let Him work through us and draw others to Himself in His Name.

Just like all of you, we face seemingly insurmountable challenges on a daily basis that threaten to take us down. One example: A while ago, the water pump at the village went out. Oscar worked on it for days, making several trips to San Pedro Sula for parts, only to find something else was needed as well, and back he would go again. He was exhausted and discouraged. Saturday morning on our way to have our Church/ Swim/ Movie day with the kids, we prayed. A short time later, after a week without water, he and our own Adonis, who is studying to be an electrician, got the pump working, and voila - we had water in the pipes again! Later that day, we took our school bus for a trial spin to see if the small part which we had just installed was the answer to it sitting idle for months. It was! We thank God for the blessing of answered prayer, and for raising up his sons, Oscar and Adonis to care for His kids.

I pray all of you have a blessed Thanksgiving – hopefully in the company of those you love – and knowing Who to thank.

~ Mary

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"Not what we say about our blessings but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving."

~ W T Purkiser

5000 Flee Honduras on Foot For a Better Life



This was the view out my car window at 6 AM on the way to school a few days ago – 5000 souls, walking to what they hoped would be a better future than the present trials they live with here in Honduras – starvation, unemployment, threats to their lives, military-controlled movements, quarantine restrictions on church, shopping, banking, and medical needs. Most were young men who see no future here for them or their families. There were whole families pushing strollers with all their worldly goods either on board or on their backs. Mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers carrying the babies of the family in their arms. I wept, realizing the desperation these people must live with daily that would prompt them to go on this treacherous journey, knowing most of them would not make it. Indeed, 2000 were stopped at the border and bussed back to Honduras the next day. I heard one person died that day – two young brothers were fleeing together – and one fell off a truck and under its wheels, the other continued on in his name.

Later that morning, I drove to the Village, past this chain of humanity lining both sides of the highway, that had started their journey over thirty miles away in San Pedro Sula the day before, and now stretched from here over fifty miles to the Guatemalan border. Some were walking in groups, some by themselves, some resting under roadside trees, some sleeping stretched out beside the road. It brought up close and personal this view of refugees all over the world who are doing the same, most in the hope of a better life than their home countries offer.

As I arrived at the Village, located out in the countryside, away from the cities, it hit me how blessed our H2H Family is to have this place of refuge here in the middle of great turmoil. It is an oasis of safety, where each child is loved, cared for, fed, educated, clothed, and has almost 100 “brothers and sisters” to relate to, play with and share their lives with, even while isolated due to the quarantine. ***I thank God daily for all of you who make this possible.***

Several years ago, the Serrano’s enjoyed a trip to Disneyland, gifted to their family by one of you. Amy said the sign there read, “The Happiest Place on Earth”. She told me later, “No, the happiest place on earth for me is the place God gave us for His Kids, the Village”.

As I met with the kids in their computer lab classrooms, I asked them to consider the blessings they have as part of our God-given Family which came into existence because first He touched the heart of a young man, Tio Oscar, when he was their age, then the heart of a young woman, Mommie Amy, whose philosophy for hurting kids was, “God grant me the wisdom and courage to change the things I cannot accept,” and then the hearts of all of our supporters and sponsors who have heard about and visited and have made all our kids part of their own families.

It is not a perfect place, but it is a place where our perfect Father has full reign to influence, change, and nourish the lives of the ones He has given us to raise. Please pray always for us to accomplish, with your help, all He puts in our minds to do for these precious lives. Thank you!

El Chile

Amy’s Dream Kids – Chile



Last week, we invited all our Amy’s Dream Kids from Chile and their mothers, to the bilingual school. Eighty-five guests arrived, covered in masks and wearing their party-best clothes. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch, and each child received gifts from H2H. Their mothers were given a basket of food for each family. Sarah took new calendar pictures of each child. In spite of the number of babies, toddlers, young children and others up to age twelve, they were wonderfully polite guests. We sang and worshipped and had a blessed time.



Celebration

HIGHLIGHTS

Honoring MFS Bilingual School Class of 2021

It is Honduran tradition that at the beginning of each new school year, there is a ceremony to honor the incoming Senior Class that usually involves the whole school. This year with Covid, and no student body in residence, we held a Senior Luncheon, observing all the Covid Protocols of distancing and masks, where we presented them with their new senior shirts. Only our administrators could be in attendance, but our staff welcomed them from the balcony as they exited the banquet room below for outdoor pictures. Congratulations to Cesar, Darwin, Deysi, Norma, Ana, Annette and Valeria – The Senior Class of 2021!



Norma, Ana, Deysi



Making Treats-Saturday Family Time

Saturday, we went to the village to have church, a swim and a movie with the 100 kids and adults who live there. We made Rice Krispy Cookies for 100 with the littles (K-2nd grade age) and they loved it! The best part, of course, was licking our fingers after mixing the gooey melted marshmallows into the cereal! Lots of giggling, singing and laughing!



Rice
Crispy
Cookies



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Luis A - Age 15



Iveth - Age 22



Daniel - Age 23



Reina - Age 22



Santiago - Age 12



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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

No teams are scheduled due to COVID-19 and travel restrictions

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	February 15, 2021
2nd Quarter	May 15, 2021
3rd Quarter	July 15, 2021
4th Quarter	October 1, 2021
Christmas	October 1, 2021

Thank you for supporting our kids.

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