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Amy's News... VOLUNTEER BLESSINGS

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace..." 1 Peter 4:10



Greetings and Happy Easter from Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries. It is such a joy to write to you all once again and tell you that God is good, God is faithful and God is Love.

This month has been Father's day in Honduras which is March 19th. It has really made me focus on how much grace is in the love of the Father, and that not even a sparrow falls from the sky goes unnoticed. We continue to face wave after wave of continued attacks, and we really don't know why, but we know that God is with us all the time. Yesterday to be exact, we had 10 of our Heart to Heart children at the clinic with fevers, stomach issues, coughs, etc. I myself have been ill for going on for two weeks now, and Mary and her husband Lyle have been ill, as well. Many of our teachers have been out sick, as well as children from the village and town. The good news is that spring break begins this Friday. It will be such a restful time for us and our kids! But even in the difficulties, God always seems to send something our way saying, "See I knew this, and I provided." We currently have a team from New York who were able to help sub for the absent teachers. God is good!

We have been blessed by a few teams lately. Gary and Sylvia Thacker were here with members of their home church in Mineola, Texas. The team assisted the school, but also did many wonderful things for the village, such as providing a new fridge for the boy's house. They also went out with the church on several evangelical and food distribution programs. Since the major floods that hit this country back in October of last year and then again in January of this year, a very generous donor has provided food for over 100 families that lost their homes and farms with provisions of food. The team went with our church to provide for the families, as well as provided food for an additional 45 more families in need. We are so thankful to this team and we pray that God blesses them in every way. We hope to see them all in Honduras again soon!

Currently, we have a team serving from New York State. Elvia Toombs has been a friend of the ministry, since she came with her friend Patricia North back in 2016. Elvia is a Dental Hygienist and has spent time doing cleanings for our kids' teeth this week. The rest of her team have been assisting at the school and have been a tremendous help in our time of need. They have many fun activities planned with the kids for this week such as dying Easter eggs and some crafts. They also came down with a whole suitcase of jelly beans and plastic eggs for hiding! We are so blessed by this team and so thankful they are here. We pray this is your first trip of many!

We also want to say a special thanks to two very special people. Dave Batchelor, was a man sent by God and we are so thankful. Dave volunteered with H2H from January to the beginning of March, and during his time with us, our beautiful Diana went to be with the Lord. As many of you know, we lost Amabilia back in July, so the children had already suffered the loss of "family", but never so closely the loss of one of their own. Still today, 2 months later, her loss is so shocking! Once again God said, "I've got this!" Dave has over 20 years' experience as a grief counselor, and at that very time, he knew exactly what to do. He brought colors, markers and paper, and he let the kids color their feelings. The result was a room that was completely wall-papered with heartfelt prayers, poems, songs and some simple drawings of tears. He was able to work with the kids through their grief. He also saw many simple needs around the

village, such as replacement of the windows and took out of his own pockets to provide. We are very thankful, Dave, for your love and friendship!

We were also blessed by a short visit by our longtime friend Gerald Palmer. He and his family have sponsored many of our children for several years. He blessed H2H in his short time here with a new fridge and washer for our university girls in San Pedro Sula, as well as a Pizza Party for the entire village. Many thanks for your visit!

Overall, we have been so blessed this month knowing that God knew it all before hand and has cared for us in so many ways. As always, we are so thankful from the bottom of our hearts for your love and support.

-Blessings, Amy





Soccer Tournament

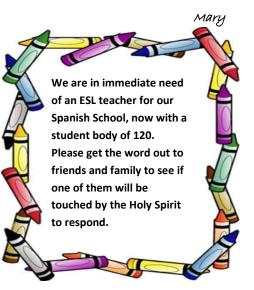


Mary's News ... WELCOME SPRING

A most glorious Happy Easter 2018 to all of you! March was just a blur as we raced toward Spring. There is less rain, more sunshine, and some flu still popping up here and there, but mainly, our H2H Family is doing better.

For school, third partial has just completed and we ended the month with an amazing Family Field Day last Friday. Our school, our Spanish School, and another Christian School in town, all came together for a fabulous day of races, relays and soccer games. The day began at 7:30 in the morning and ended with a BANG at about 2:00 in the afternoon. Parents helped and participated, our visiting New York team helped and participated; and all in all about 500 people enjoyed a great day of fun. We are so thankful to our staff for all their help with this event, but the lion's share of "kudos" goes to Miss Luisa, the chairperson, and her 10th grade homeroom who ran the whole show.

Easter Week is upon us. Two nights ago the electricity went out for a while. Everyone gathered on our sun porch for a time of storytelling. So much fun! Oscar took all our teen girls to the Coffee Farm in Los Flores for an overnight today. They come home tomorrow. Thursday, we have Easter Celebration at the village with a service, swimming, a BBQ, egg coloring and, I am sure at least one soccer game. On Friday, Oscar heads to the Coffee Farm with the teen boys for an overnight. Our kids are so blessed by God to have Oscar and Amy for a mom and dad!! Please continue to keep this work in your prayers for provision, people to help, and His wisdom for every step we take.



School/Student Activities: Band



Gloria



Nayelly



Nicole

After 3 months of learning to read music, our kids are beginning to learn to play actual instruments!! They love it and I am so proud of their perseverance. Looking forward to a school band next year!



Guillermo



Marleny & Luis



Jonathan & Cesar

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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!

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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 <u>office@h2hcv.org</u>. Join us! May 24-June 1 School Support, Gary Thacker Leader

June 4-12 School Support, Gary Thacker Leader June 12-22 Drama/Music, Mikaela Gronseth Leader June 22-30 VBS, Debbie Matoon Leader July 6-14 Canyon Creek Construction Team July 16-26 Bethel Construction Team July 26-August 3 Trinity UMC Team

TOY DRIVE OPPORTUNITY

One of the most rewarding opportunities in caring for our Heart to Heart children is shopping for birthday and Christmas gifts. During the months of April, May and June, Worldwide Heart to Heart is holding a toy drive.

Here are a few ways to participate:

- 1. Purchase new toys or books and mail to our office
- 2. Send a financial donation stating it is for gifts for the children
- 3. Shop on Amazon: go to our Facebook page and click the link to purchase preselected gifts for the children

Thank you for partnering with us as a wonderful way of giving to our kids!

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