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Dr Susy Graduates



Susana came to H2H from Las Flores in about 2011. Her brother Marvin was one of our first 6 kids taken in and he is now married and living in the US and ministering in Lake Yojaha, Honduras. Susana's sister Wendy also grew up under H2H care and is in college. Another sister, Amabilia worked for the ministry until the Lord took her home in 2017. Before entering college she spent two years assisting in our medical clinic.



"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion until the day of Jesus Christ"

Philippians 1:6

What's Happening School/Village News

Helping Out

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Resolution to the power challenge.
Wisdom moving forward with the school year.
Help finding employees we need to run our Clackamas Office. Rick officially retires this month.
Good Physical health for Oscar and all of us.
Spiritual protection for all our kids.
Leaders to help at the Village.

A Month of Celebration

By Mary Frenter

SPOTLIGHT ON ISAAC (Part 2) - By Miss Rosa



Here I was again at my beloved school. Like every year, I was nervous and anxious, yet excited, to meet my new fourth graders. At the end of each year, teachers have to let go of their group of students, who have grown a year older, taller, smarter, and better-prepared for their next year. Yes, it is kind of sad, but still fulfilling.

This time I met a group of kids who were equally wonderful - restless, curious and a bit mischievous. "A new challenge," I said to myself. However, this year was going to be quite different, as there was a cherry topping for this cake.

"Miss look! There is a BIG BOY in our room!" yelled a kid. "No, no, silly, it is a SPECIAL kid, right Miss?" said another kid. Everyone stared back at me. And that became the topic of the first lesson of the day.

Standing against the wall, all tidy, well-dressed, and carrying his new school bag on his shoulders, stood Isaac. I had known Isaac for a few years, but I had never worked with him.

In fact, years ago, the first time I visited the Heart to Heart Village where he lives, the radio antenna from my car disappeared. (The story goes that a kid named Isaac used it as a flag pole that day.) On Saturdays, we taught music at the Village. I remember he was always taking our musical instruments for some ingenious craft. Ay yi yi, Isaac!

Now, here he was in my classroom. It had been decided that he would attend school this year, and I thought it was going to be great!

Isaac is a teenager, tall and very strong. He has beautiful light brown eyes, thick eyebrows and a smile! Oh, what a smile! You could see him smiling even through that mask we all had to wear due to the pandemic. I would soon discover how talented and gifted he was. I was ready to teach him all kinds of things, but didn't realize, he was prepared to teach ME even more things! Oh, by the way, he has Down's Syndrome. "It will be like having a four-year-old kid in your classroom," I was told. And here he was, my big four-year-old masked student, ready for school.

Since that day he has become everyone's best friend. He has proven to be smart and gifted. His classmates look up to him. But it was not always like that. Some kids used to fear him, distrust him, and tried to keep away from him. Isaac had no time for that! He was always so excited to come to school, sit at his desk and start his magical day!

Every time he came with an idea of what he wanted to work on that day, from drawing angels, crosses, clouds, crowns, kings and queens and of course Jesus, to Mary Frenter and God. He can go from Christ has died, to Christ has risen. Oh, and how he loves to draw himself. He draws his own silhouette and cuts it and pastes it on our classroom walls.

Being a special kid, Isaac has difficulties speaking, but not communicating. He has learned to use body language to communicate. He manages some words, and to my surprise fifty percent of those are in English, the other half Spanish. Then he uses his hands to draw in the air the rest of what he means to say. His favorite sign is the THUMBS UP! He always uses this one when we finally get what he is trying to say. (But I get the THUMBS DOWN, too!)



"Ay No Miss Lota!!!" he cries out if I don't draw the things as he wants. "Mas gande, muy gande!!!" (Bigger, much bigger!) He signs every work of art as Isaac Mary, for Mary Frenter, his H2H Gramma.

Isaac and I are gregarious without a bit of shame. We both dance awkwardly and love it! We like crafting, and can do it all day long. But most of all, we both LOVE Christmas! For the Christmas season, we played Christmas carols whenever we could. When his classmates were in a different class, he would ask me to play Christmas music. He would then start singing and dancing. And, of course, I had to join him. There was no way out of that! But when he saw the kids coming back, he would make me run back to our desks and pretend we were quietly working. It was our little secret....

Isaac also likes baleadas. (Baleadas are a delicious Honduran food made of flour tortillas and beans, yummy!) He calls them POLLO. He always sneaks out during recess and somehow convinces Mrs. Elvia, the woman in the food store, to give him some. But I always know when he does that, for he walks in to class triumphantly, with his hands behind his back, hiding the baleada under his shirt. Jajaja!

He is also very playful. Sometimes he hides things from me, so that I need to go around looking for them. His eyes usually betray him, as I can see them sparkling with excitement when he hides something from me. It was not so funny, when the other day he hid my keys, and we did not find them until the next day...



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End of the Year



No one knows what will happen next year. The fourth graders have grown one year older, taller, smarter, and prepared for their next year. It is time to say goodbye. We all came that last day feeling happy for the coming vacation, but at the same time feeling nostalgic for having to move on. We all learned so many things together. Isaac brought something human beings need to our class family: pureness of heart.

There are two big questions going around now: Who is going to be the fifth gradeteacher, and will Isaac be promoted with them to the next year?

The kids needed to know. They loved Isaac so much by now, that they wanted to be together for the rest of their time in school. We don't know for sure what is happening in the future. But we do know that God has wonderful plans for these children, and great plans for Isaac. All I can wish for is to be part of these plans, too. We love you, Isaac!!!

Happy Birthday Isaac -

No one knew when Isaac's Birthday was. He said it was in Mayo, Junio y Julio. (Hahaha!) During the year we celebrated every fourth grader's birthday. There is always cake, pizza, and sodas. He is always happy to have pizza. His friends asked me when Isaac's birthday was, so I went to his Grandma and asked. "June 29," she said. "Oh, no! We will be out of school by then," said one of his friends. So, we decided to have an Isaac Birthday/Goodbye party.

That day was wonderful. All the kids brought presents for our lovely Isaac. We placed them inside a big box and gave it to him as a surprise. You could tell by the look in his eyes that he was very excited. With every little present he pulled from the box, you could see him glowing.



Dear Pastor Scott, Jeannie and the Bethel team:
Please forgive this tardy thank you for all the amazing things you did for our kids during your June trip to H2H in Honduras!! You blessed the kids so much and all of us. They are still talking about you. Please come back next year and please continue to pray for us as we head into our new school year.



The Power company challenge is still not resolved. The Spanish School is still in residence at the Bilingual School. We have solar panels installed at the Bilingual School. Still more repairs to do before we open again in mid-August.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Ahimar - Age 12

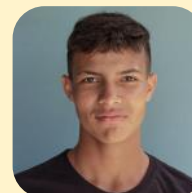


Victoria - Age 11

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Yaneth - Age 11



Maycol - Age 17



Marilyn- Age 16



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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!

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

AUGUST 2-11 Village Maintenance, Gary Thacker

NOVEMBER 9-18 Village Support, 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 September 1, 2023

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