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GIVING LIFE, BRINGING HOPE TO CHILDREN IN NEED IN HONDURAS

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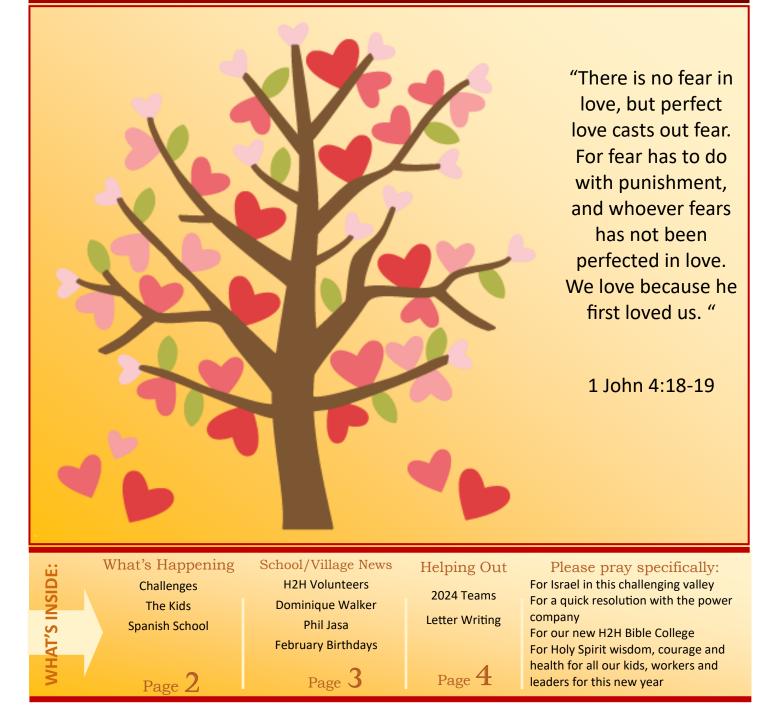
GOD IS LOVE

WORLDWIDE

Heart

to Heart

Children's Village



By Mary Frenter

This month we celebrate love, one of the Fruits of the Spirit. I remember Jesus' instructions in **Matthew 5:43-48** "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall **love** your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, **Love** your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."

These evil days all over the world, - in Israel, in Ukraine, in countries in Africa, in the US, in Honduras, - Satan is going about lying, trying to destroy what God is doing, perverting the truth, and causing so many to believe his lies. For years we have experienced this in our ministry, that the more God is lifted and souls are being saved and restored, the more Satan seeks to tear down what God is doing.

Our H2H Family is going through some challenging times right now. Please pray deeply for our whole family, that God will have His way, that His truth will be victorious, and that the Holy Spirit in each of us will be the promised Comforter and Guide in all we think, say, and do. The children are safe and OK. Please pray for the peace of the Holy Spirit over them. Pray for God to give His wisdom and favor to our leadership and the workers who care for His kids. Pray that His ministry stays strong to continue to share the Gospel will all those He brings to us in Honduras.

There is an old church song I am reminded of, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus", that has one verse that says, "Though no one join me, still I will follow..." Thank you to each of you who continue to join us, to stand with us in caring for the precious children in this H2H family God created.



THE KIDS

Our Village family of kids just completed second partial at the Bilingual School. We had our 100th Day of School Celebration at our Chapel last month. Two of our girls received certificates of honor for the Spiritual Fruit, Faithfulness: Osiris and Johanna.



SPANISH SCHOOL

The Spanish School opened its doors to a new school year on February 12th. Almost 300 students are enrolled. The facility is sporting an outdoor covered gym, complete with the newly poured cement floor. Our Rosy is managing the school restaurant again this year.

COLLEGE KIDS

14 of our daughters are back in school, taking next steps toward their degrees. We are so proud of you, Ana, Belkis, Deysi, Delia, Elena, Iveth, Katherinne, Marbella, Marisol, Olga, Reyna, Wendy, Alba, and Rosy. In the US, Daniel and Alexis in Washington State, and Lesly in Wisconsin, continue their education.

H2H VOLUNTEER VOICES

"This last summer, I had the opportunity to join a team going to the children's village in Honduras. It is difficult to compress 10 life-changing days down to only a few minutes, but I will try my best.

Every journey has a beginning, and the beginning of my path to Honduras started in the summer of 2022. On a summer day during announcements at church, Pastor was telling the congregation how Mary and Oscar were coming out in the next few months to speak to us about the village. Right after this happened, I zoned out and saw images of me in Honduras, and heard a voice say one word, "go."

At that time, when God had called me to Honduras, it had only been a little over a year and a half into my recovery from a severe traumatic brain injury. I was utterly perplexed as to how I was qualified to go on a mission trip. Although it took several months I finally surrendered to God's command and trusted in His glorious plan. I knew that if I did not go down to Honduras in the year 2023, I would be ignoring God, and that terrified me. To use Mary's words, "I did not want to find myself in the belly of a whale." So, I took a leap of faith, I found a team of complete strangers, and a year after receiving God's command to go, I finally made it to Honduras.

During those 10 days, I had the privilege to spend my time serving with my fellow team members and showing God's love to the most amazing kids. I will always cherish my time in Honduras. I could not tell you what my favorite memory from my time in Honduras is, because every moment there was my favorite. The time when quiet little Dixon shouted my name from the other side of the boy's house when we arrived one morning. Or when Elias didn't believe that I was a dancer, so I had to prove him wrong, and Josue David tried copying my moves. Or when Victoria told me that "I am a good woman." These are the memories that will last forever in my heart. And a piece of my heart will always be there in Honduras.

Now, you do not have to do what I did and leave the country for the first time with total strangers, although I highly recommend it, but I do encourage you to go. It is truly incredible to see how God can use you and change you in the blink of an eye even in an unfamiliar place. If you go, your time spent in Honduras will not be wasted, nor pointless.

You will have your own experiences, create your own memories and most importantly, impact the lives of these wonderful children of God and the people who work for the ministry.

God called me back to Honduras before I even left, and I can't wait to return to the place I love and be with the kids that stole my heart. I hope that God will lead you all to Honduras, so that I may someday see you there with me.

~ Dominique Walker

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Daniel R - Age 15



Daylin- Age 10





Alexander- Age 17 🛛 🛛 🗛

Mimi - Age 12

Phil Jasa

Mr. Phil, as we call him, comes to visit and help at the school and village several times a year.

"When I visit H2H, I spend my days at the Bilingual School. Mary has projects lined out for me when I come. I usually help in the library and the office. We put together the curriculum books for each subject for each grade. It is a lot of work. After school, I ride the bus back to The Village with the kids. I live in Edgar's House, named after one of the first children H2H tried to help. I eat at the Boys House with the kids.

This time I had a DVD player with a speaker, so we could watch movies. One of their favorites is <u>God's Not Dead 2</u>, a very powerful movie. When I'm not doing that, there is time to do repairs on Edgar House. It was built about 20 years ago. My favorite time with the boys is when I get to just talk and pray with them. Some have asked Jesus into their hearts, as a

result.

Thank you all so very, very much for your prayers and support for the kids and this ministry."



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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. COVID restrictions have been lifted in Honduras and <u>you will not</u> <u>need a covid vaccination to come to Honduras</u>. We are hoping 2024 will be a year you will pray about planning a team from your church to help us.

2024 UPCOMING TEAMS

June 18-28 Bethel Church Team

October 6-16 School Support, Rick Stephens

Contact our office for more information.

(503)-427-0258 or www.office@h2hcv.org

Hope to see you in "24"!!

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.

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