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to Heart

Children's Village



GIVING LIFE, BRINGING HOPE TO ORPHANS IN HONDURAS

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PRAYING FOR THEIR HOMECOMING



Dear friends and family of WWH2H,

On February 1st, as you know, the CPS of Honduras, SENAF, came and took 36 of our children who live at the village. They gave us no reason, and to date, have apologized to us. However, since the deed is done, they have told us there is a lengthy process to resolve it. We are working with the children's birth parents, lawyers, and SENAF to bring our children home as soon as possible.

While we wait, the Village is getting a facelift in all areas, so when they arrive it will be to a fresh, updated home. They have requested a full fried chicken dinner, with all the trimmings, for their homecoming meal, and with arms open wide, we are eagerly awaiting their return.

Recently, I was looking through my computer files and found a blog message from Amy from 2015. I have included it in its entirety because it states in no uncertain terms how we all feel about our children that God has brought to this family, as only Amy can express for us.

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## AMY BLOG NOVEMBER 2015

*Well, once again, I'm on a plane. I spend a lot of my life here. And since there is not much else to do other than read, pray and write, I have spent the first portion of this ride doing the prior. I started to read a new book that got some wheels turning in my mind, and it is about quality orphan care.*

*I am really bothered by this, and for those that know me, you know that I have been bothered about it for a long time. We are currently in the US working to raise funds for H2H, so that we can better care for the kids that God has put in our lives.*

*When we left Honduras on the 4th of November, I was so hurt! I really did not want to leave. This is my home, and my family is big and crazy (98 kids and about 80 volunteers and staff), but I love it and would not change it for the world. I imagined myself living out the next several months in disparity, and heavy-hearted, but the reality is I have not felt that way. I think our family in Honduras is surviving well without us, also. The truth is that God, when He asks us to do something, does not have our suffering in mind. Though I am really starting to have Christmas in Honduras withdrawals, I'm okay, because I know that this is the best way we can love the kids for right now.*

*Recently, during our time on the road, I have had the chance to spend a time with a lot of families and people that love H2H. One thing that I have noted is the quality of care that kids receive in the US. Not only the quality of care, but the idealism of what appropriate childcare looks like. Though I don't always agree with every effort that is practiced, there is one inescapable rule governing the whole idea - kids are precious! No expense spared, no short cuts. The ideals held are for the proper upbringing, education, health and safety of the child, and there is no cost too high.*

*Now, I'm not saying that every American parent cares for their child in such a way, but in general, as a whole, and perhaps on a government level, proper care of children is one of the biggest social agreements and expenses. I see the schools in the US, and please understand my point of view, that I'm looking at it through the scope of living in a third world country for the last 11 years. My Americans would say that our schools are bad. My response to that is, "honey, you don't even know what bad is"! I see schools with strict guidelines on how deep the sand pit has to be on the playground, how high the fence needs to be, and what grade of metal is used on the playground structure. I see large parent-teacher committees that discuss, investigate, and review curriculum, choosing the best that their 6-figure budget can buy and that will, in less than 10 years, be changed out for a newer, better curriculum.*

*In addition, I had the chance to share the ministry with a mothers' group at a church. All the young moms came with the baby sling and rosy-cheeked bundles of joy in place. Before my time to share, we got into the "mommy" conversation. You know the one, where we all share the latest techniques in raising our children. I saw each mom caring for her children, and saw a beautiful thing, the beauty of family!*

*Not all of us have the best concept of family, but whatever our concept is, it was most likely designed by our own family that raised us. The truth is, what I have learned over the last 11 years, and most probably, over the last 40 years, is that we were all created with a unique need and capacity for family. We all need to belong to something, right? We all need to have an identity. In fact, family done right, has nothing to compare with it- it is beautiful and wonderful. I watched each mother, careful to make sure that their kids had clean hands, that what they were eating was nutritious and making sure that they were disciplined lovingly, when they did something wrong. The children were in the spotlight, and needless to say, when I started talking about my children, I had a captive audience.*

*Why are kids so important? Why so much concern, so much fuss, so much money? One reason - they are precious! Once, I saw an auction where a violin was passed around. It was a big mess. Every string was broken, and it was in bad shape. It was passed around like something of little importance and very little concern was made for its well-being. However, when it was announced that this was actually a 400-year-old violin that had belonged to Chopin, a gasp went through the room. At this point, gloves were put on, and it was treated as if it were a newborn baby. Its identity made all the difference in the world. It went from common to sacred in seconds.*

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*Why do we love them? For more reasons than can be expressed in this small blog, but the main one are:*

*They are defenseless; they can't help, protect, defend, educate, or heal themselves, so we realize that it is our duty and moral obligation to do it for them.*

*They are us, replicated. Flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone, they hold the future in their hands. Since we are not immortal beings, we live on through our kids, so the old saying, do unto others what you would have them do unto you, is magnified.*

*They are a living breathing human life, and for that there is no price!  
They were not only put here for us to love them, but also for them to love us.  
Not only do they need us to define them, we need them to define us.*

*We love our kids, give them all that we can, and spare no expense in their upbringing, and rightly so. If there was ever a cause worthy of giving to, sacrificing for or worrying over, it is definitely the magnificent wonders of our world called children!*

*Though we will not be here to see it all, the children that we raise will be the legacy that we leave. Our generation will be marked by the one that we disciplined behind us.*

*Each mother sat and watched the video playing. And in that video was face after face, of child after child, that lived on the streets, slept in the garbage. Kids that were being beaten, starved, abused on and on!!!! Wow! I looked at all the other beautiful, plump, loved children in the room, and I was grief stricken. Not that those kids should not be loved, but why not the others. The injustice sometimes seems unbearable...*

**She must have been interrupted, because she left it unfinished, but this message from her so long ago, is just what we needed to hear, as we go through this valley following in His footsteps, standing strong, not giving up, for OUR kids in OUR family that God created!!**

**"Though we will not be here to see it all, the children that we raise will be the legacy that we leave. Our generation will be marked by the one that we disciplined behind us."**

**Please pray with us for Holy Spirit comfort, hope, protection and faith for Ahimar, Alejandra, Anyeli, Dany, Daniel R, Carlos, Daylin, Maycol, Dixon, Dunia C, Dunia P, Elias, Estefany, Esther, Jairo Yasir, Isaac, Genesis, Geidy, Jairo Cardenas, Yaneth, Jose, Juliana, Yulissa, Katerin, Marilyn, Marleny, Martha, Nicole, Nohemi, Paola, Osiris, Santiago, Nayelle, Roselli, Victoria, and Yohana.**

**...and that includes all the children listed above, the many that have already grown up with us, and all those He will still bring, to be loved, rescued, raised and restored, by this family of God He created for His purposes, WWW2H.**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Dunia C - Age 10



Osiris - Age 16



Ana - Age 22



**New mural on the walls of the living rooms at the Boys and Girls houses, lovingly created by our Miriam and Idalmy.**

**Next month – update on the power company challenge, the March 18<sup>th</sup> opening of our new Bible College and ESL Night School, and of course, most importantly, where we are in the process for our children to return. Thank you for your continuing support and prayers.**



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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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*When it comes to orphans we're not liberals or conservatives. We are radicals!*

## TO OUR HEART TO HEART COMMUNITY—THANK YOU!

# VOLUNTEER

**TEAMS** - US volunteers have been returning to Honduras and COVID restrictions have been lifted and you will not need a covid vaccination to come to Honduras. 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 2-11 School Support, Rick Stephens
- June 23-July 2 VBS, Rick Stephens
- October 6-16 School Support, Rick Stephens

Contact our office for more information.  
(503)-427-0258 or [www.office@h2hcv.org](http://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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*Thank you for supporting and blessing our children*

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