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Children's Village



GIVING LIFE, BRINGING HOPE TO ORPHANS IN HONDURAS

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"SWEET APRIL SHOWERS DO SPRING MAY FLOWERS" THOMAS TUSSE



The Thursday before Easter, we celebrated Christ's Resurrection at the Village with our kids and some of the families from our teaching staff. We did Easter early because of the danger of traveling on Easter weekend. I have said it before and will again - in Honduras, we go BIG or go home, and we never go home! With eight acres to spread out on, there were about 150 of us for a day that began with our church service, followed by egg coloring, an egg hunt, Easter cupcakes, games, pinatas, barbequed hamburgers and hotdogs, swimming, soccer games and ice cream cones. The day ended with a movie, popcorn, and hot cocoa with marshmallows. Whew! And EVERYONE slept well that night!!



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More loving adults to help at the village  
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The poem says, "April showers bring May flowers", and that is true here in Honduras as well, along with allergy flare ups and watery eyes from the pollen. The trees are in full bloom and glorious colors are everywhere.

## Our Heroes, Our Kids

When this ministry began, we had a vision of not only rescuing and raising these children, but of giving them a hope in Jesus and a future. Right now, almost half of our children are between the ages of 15 and 27. Of those, 30 are in College and the rest are in High School.

I remember Amy kiddingly telling Sarah and Rachel when they were little and complaining about doing chores, "That's what I borned ya for!!" Our children all have chores and most have jobs that not only help our family run smoothly but help with ministering to the needs of others as missionaries in their own communities. They all have had the opportunity to be part of our Body and Soul Food Ministry this past year, preparing and delivering food to hundreds of people.

Adonis is head of maintenance for both schools, the clinic, and the church. Jehovany helps him and is a full-time guard for us. Both also go to college.

Nelson is head of maintenance at the Village and goes to college online.

Mayra, Iveth, Katherine, and Nicholas are helping in the classrooms at the village and going to college online.

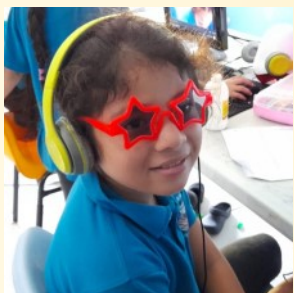
Nora and Alba work at the Baby House for us.

Felipe manages the farm for us, and Nahun, Guillermo, Corbin, and Julio assist him.

The gifts God gave them are being developed, and the skills they have learned and are learning in our family are invaluable tools that will help them be successful for the rest of their lives.

## School

We will soon be finished with this school year. I have been going to the village each week to do Brain Game challenges with the kids. Our "Slowest Marble" designs and "The Great International Egg Drop Contests, Parts I and II", have given our kids a chance to use their creativity while having a great time! Last Friday was "Sunglasses Day" to end our Spirit Week in April. Our five Seniors, Deysi, Ana, Norma, Cesar and Darwin, will graduate in June and join the ranks of our current kids in college next fall. Our "baby", Dunia also graduates from Prepa.



## Marcel and Elvia's House

Marcel and Elvia have worked alongside us in H2H here in Honduras for over 20 years. Their home was destroyed by the two hurricanes last November. Oscar and our boys went to work rebuilding it, and our girls did the finish work, painting the whole thing.

## Food delivery

We are continuing to deliver food to families still struggling from their losses in the Hurricanes last November. We headed to Baracoa this week. We were told there were protests and the road was closed. We prayed. About five minutes after reaching the barricade, it parted and we were allowed through before it closed again. Amazing Grace!!



## The Farm

Our mountain farm is doing great. We are close to harvesting our second crop. Our boys are putting the finishing touches on the 3 bed/3 bath house they just built there. Recently, Oscar and four of our girls installed solar power in the house, wired it, and lit it with bulbs they made. Our first well on the property is dug and functioning.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Spanish School - A Year In Review



### Amy's Book

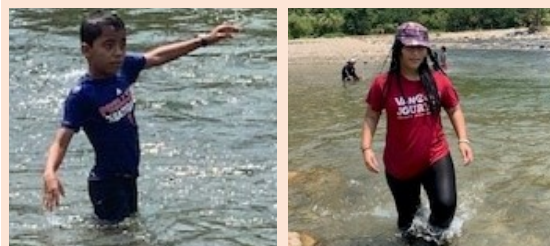
This month 200 copies of the Spanish version of Amy's book arrived in the mail. It is the story of H2H, and indeed, the story of our kids' lives for the past 20 years. This is thanks to a most generous donation from H2H friends who edited and published it for us after Amy died. We are forever grateful!! As we lovingly gave each of our kids their copy, they immediately began going through it to find THEIR names within its pages. I hope all of you will get the opportunity to read this story, "Answering Compassions Call", written by our beloved Amy Serrano. It is a testament to God's unwavering call to each of us to come closer to Him, obey His voice, and be filled with the Holy Spirit to empower each one to serve Him and live for Him.

Thank you all and God bless you for your continuing support of H2H ministry, God's answer to the prayers of many here in Honduras.



## 2020 Birthday Celebration

To celebrate 2020 birthdays, we took the whole village to the river for a belated birthday party. It was the first time "off the ranch" in over a year for most of our kids! There was swimming, barbeque, and cake for everyone.



### Sarahi

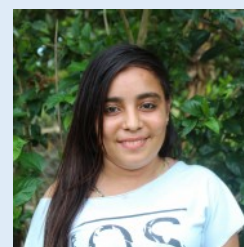
A couple of weeks ago we visited Sarahi, now married and living near Siguatopeque. Below are some pictures of her with baby Liam, her husband, and us. She is doing well. We took her food and some yarn that arrived in the container for her knitting that she loves to do.



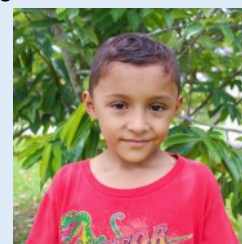
## MAY BIRTHDAYS



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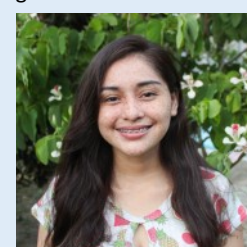
Alba - Age 24



Dixon - Age 9



Marleny - Age 11



Nohelia - Age 21

### First Visitors since March 2020

Our son Marvin Ramos, who lives in Tennessee with his wife and two children, came for a visit. His sisters, Wendy and Susanna live with us.

Rick arrived with all the tools to do budgeting classes for the seniors at both schools for two weeks. He also brought a suitcase full of 2020 birthday cards for our kids, and Sponsor Letter Writing materials to write to all of you!





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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!

### Letters for Kids Needed

Thank you to all who sent letters in response to last month's request. We so appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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. If you would like to correspond with a kid, your letter will definitely brighten his/her day. Please send your letters to the H2H office by June 30, 2021.

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Thank you for supporting and blessing our children

### Gift/Letter Dates

To get gifts & letters to our kids on time we need to receive them at our office by the following dates:

3rd Quarter	June 24, 2021
4th Quarter	October 1, 2021
Christmas	October 1, 2021

Thank you for supporting our kids.

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