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Children's Village



GIVING LIFE, BRINGING HOPE TO ORPHANS IN HONDURAS

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# Amy's 2017 RECAP

*We look back and Thank God,  
We look forward and Trust God*



Happy New Year to all from Honduras! So many wonderful things happened in 2017! To recap, **4** kids have gone to the US to start their adventure at Universities and will join the **5** already there while another **10** are attending university and other extended education programs here in Honduras. There were **5** of our kids who graduated high school and we got a new bus. We had VBS and medical outreaches that attended to over **1000** people and prayed with several hundred to receive the Lord. Feeding programs were launched by several teams who brought food to hundreds of needy people before and after the terrible floods. We were able to keep several families alive by providing food and adequate shelter, even rebuilding several homes. New ceramic tiles were put in all of the class rooms of the school, a new playground structure for the boys' home was built, a new garden was put in at the village, and we had an unfortunate fire incident. An extension to our school was made and we are now able to offer day care, extended kindergarten and preschool classes. We took 120 people to the movies, several of our kids were baptized and **13** new kids were

added to our family. During the fall, we had an amazing season of meeting with current supporters and finding new ones through the two fabulous banquets. A team from Idaho came to check all of our kids' eyes and provide glasses to those that needed them. On a very sad note, we also lost our very dear friend and sister Amabilia Ramos to cancer. Since the elections in November, Honduras has been challenged by political uprisings that are gripping the country. All together it has been a really big year!

This holiday season has been nothing short of amazing. We had several parties where we were blessed by our church yet again this year. The Christmas party was held on the night of December 22<sup>nd</sup>. With all of the political problems we really weren't sure if there was even going to be a party, but there was and we were so blessed. The church starts early in October finding sponsors for each kid to give them a gift. A large banquet of food is made. This year's event even included sparklers for all the kids. We are so thankful for our church and this tremendous labor of love they do for our kids.

Then came Christmas night at the village. As always each year, it was amazing! There was more food than any 120 people could eat; including tamales, pork, cake, soda and candy! The kids all had their new Christmas outfits on, we gave out gifts all together, and our hearts were so full. But it did not end there - there was also New Year's Eve yet to come. Personally, New Year's may actually have been my favorite party at the village. It is the night we do fireworks and s'mores. *-Amy*



Ahimar, Paola, Julisa



Extended Kindergarten



New Bus



New Playground For Boys

## Prayer for Honduras

Finally, I ask for your continued prayers for this nation. As some of you may know, there is tremendous political turmoil here due to questionable elections held back in November. Both sides thankfully called for a truce during the holiday season, but protests are scheduled to start again soon. Pray that God will bring a peaceful resolution to the political challenges. The last week before Christmas vacation, our second partial exams could not be finished at the school because the protesters took to the streets. Our bus was stranded in a protest, but thankfully our kids were escorted through by the police. The village is unaffected during these protests because they live far away from the main city. Our main concern is our kids' inability to go to school.

—Amy

### Looking Ahead

"The more we go on with God, the more amazed we are at what there is to find out."

—Oswald Chambers



## Forecast For 2018

We are so very excited about this upcoming year. What we are hoping to accomplish in 2018 includes but is not limited to: Rescuing more children from the streets of Honduras; building a home for our volunteer staff from abroad, install renewable energy at all of our properties, add a second floor to the school which will allow us to become self-sustaining, add a dental wing to our dental/medical clinic, raise more funds to hire more house mommies, find funding to pay contract renewal allowance payments to our staff as required by the Honduran government, to have many more teams come to Honduras, get new appliances for the homes and so much more! We are excited to see what God has mind!

—Amy

## Mary's Report

A most Happy New Year to all of our Heart to Heart Family!! 2017 was a year filled with many of God's completed plans that Amy has mentioned in His work through H2H in Honduras. We look forward to "seeing what He has in mind" for 2018. We can be sure it will be for our good and His Glory!!

Right now, we are waiting to see what will develop of the reported uprisings planned in January by the opposition political party, as the inaugural date of the recently elected president draws near. We are praying and making contingency plans in the event that the infrastructure of the country gets shut down again, as it did in December. Even the international airport in San Pedro Sula was closed for 3 days, causing me to get stuck in Houston waiting for it to open, so I could return to Honduras after a brief visit to the US. We lost several days of school due to road closures, preventing students from coming to school. Our Christmas Program was also postponed. We will begin the new year at school January 8<sup>th</sup>, finishing our finals and having our Christmas Program, which this year will include our first Annual Singing Christmas Tree. Pictures to follow in February.

Our wonderful Mr. Steve Haunstein, The H2H Science Guy to all the kids, blessed us with a month of experiments and fellowship at the school and with our kids. His trip was cut short due to the uprising, and he barely made it out of the country before the airport closure in mid-December.

Not to be daunted, however, our Idaho Optometry Team, headed by Dr. LaVar Kofoed, his beautiful wife Kimberly, and his whole family of 24 folks, came December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>, blessing us with their medical skills, musical talents, and gifts for all the kids. Thank you all so much for helping us, Kofoed Family!!!

As we march into 2018, please keep us in your prayers for all the plans our Father has for His kids in Honduras. Chief among these will be to rescue more children from abuse and abandonment. I am filled with joy to see the progress from hopeless to hopeful, of our new children, most of who came in September. Even after only a week with us, we see dramatic changes in their countenance. Thank you all so much for your prayers and support for this profound work God is doing here. We love you all and wish God's very best for you in this new year!!



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“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!

### VOLUNTEER

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 [office@h2hcv.org](mailto:office@h2hcv.org). Join us!

- March 10-18: School Support, Leader: Gary Thacker**
- March 18-26: School Support**
- May 24-June 1: School Support, Leader: Gary Thacker**
- June 4-12: School Support, Leader: Gary Thacker**
- June 12-22: Drama/Music, Leader: Mikaela Gronseth**
- June 22-30: VBS, Leader: Debbie Matoon**
- July 6-14: Canyon Creek Team**
- July 16-26: Bethel Team**
- July 26-Aug 3: Village Support, Trinity UMC Team**

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### Gifts and Letter Dates

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

1st Quarter	January 20, 2018
2nd Quarter	April 20, 2018
3rd Quarter	June 30, 2018
4th Quarter	October 15, 2018
Christmas	October 15, 2018



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