

# Heaven's Reach Ministries

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Mission Honduras

Showing, Teaching, and Releasing God's Love

## Especially blessed!

We pray you all had a wonderful & blessed Christmas. Ours was especially blessed. We took a two week break from Spanish school and



returned to the mission house to celebrate Christmas with a few of the Hope & Future Students. The mission house was so quiet when we arrived. All the Honduran



employees are off on vacation during the month of December & all the missionary staff returned to their homes for Christmas.

It was very strange at first.

We were sad about not being home with our children & families, however we were blessed to spend our Christmas with Dunia, Paola, & few other H&F students. Dunia, is a 15yr old H&F student who has



been estranged from her family for several months now and has been staying with a



family in La Esperanza during the week (for school) & then staying at the mission house on the weekends & during her school breaks. Paola, is a 20 yr old H&F student who graduated last year 2008 & will begin university Jan 2010. She lives with her aunt & grandmother. It is a

strange situation, she has a place to sleep, however is

responsible to provide her own food & for Christmas her family leaves and goes to another town & she does not. She spends the time alone. So for the last 2 years she has spent Christmas with Dean and I.

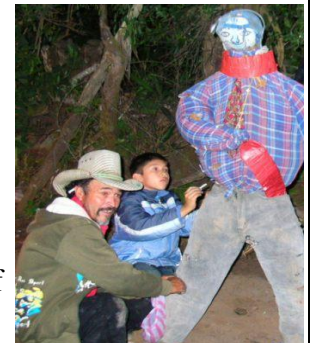


It was a blessing to spend time with both the girls and to be a family with them. We decorated a

Christmas tree, baked a ton of things, played games, watched movies & had a wonderful time being a family with them! Not to mention the other girls from my small group that came by and spent time with us!



Then for New Years Eve Jim Taylor & Corbett, Andy, & Mackenzie Warren returned so we fixed a ton of great food (a mixture of Honduran & American), played games & then at midnight joined a Honduran family for a typical Honduran New Year's celebration. It was so much fun & so interesting to learn more Honduran culture! They make a scarecrow dressed & shaped like a man, stuff him with fireworks & set him on fire to signify the burning of the old man & moving forward as a new man.



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We are now finishing our 4th month of Spanish school & will return to the mission house on Friday to spend a week with everyone!

We pray you & your families will have the best year ever!

Blessings!

Dean & Melissa