

Heaven's Reach Ministries

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Showing, Teaching and Releasing God's Love to the World

Washing Feet

Prayer Request

Please pray with us for :

- Our children and families in the states.
- For a house to rent for now and our plans to build a house.
- Funds for a 2nd vehicle. We need a separate vehicles, a 4x4 SUV that will allow me to not only get around but transport people and things as needed.
- Provision of updated medical equipment for the local hospital. We can get 250,000 for \$14,000. It is the only public hospital here in this area and serves 150,000 + people. It is in terrible condition & they literally have to send families to buy the supplies need for care or they can't give the care.
- The water well to supply clean water to the hospital & irrigate the garden project behind the hospital. The quotes we are receiving are above the funds that are available at this time.
- Dean will be teaching classes at for the Honduran Missionary Staff/Interns here. Please pray for guidance & for the Holy Spirit to lead.
- Lenin is a 14 yr old boy that had viral encephalitis in December that was bedridden. He has made much improvement but is in need of physical and occupational therapy.

Wow, can't believe we have been back for 2 weeks already! I immediately began to organized the pharmacy and get it ready for medical clinics. It was a 2 day job to sort through expiration dates and to organize by drug, use, and to make it portable for the clinics. It isn't where I want it yet, but it is 90% improved!



A few days after we arrived Henry, Cindy, Mal-lory and our first team of the year arrived. The team consisted of 2 women and an intern that would be staying with us for about 3 months. I just want to tell you though, there is power where 2 or more are gathered in Jesus Name! We had a wonderful time with the team and were so blessed to give the basket ladies a spa day. I'm not sure I've talked about the basket ladies before so I'll give you some background information.

One of the things that Mercy International (whom we work/live with here in Honduras) does is provide jobs for single mothers. These women have anywhere from 2 to 9 children and have basically had to prostitute themselves out to provide food for their children. I have personally seen some eating salt so that their children could have a tortilla a day to eat. The program allows the women to work and provide for their families as well as teaches them biblical principles.



The women here as a whole are not treated with worth, respect, or importance. In the states we teach our baby girls that they are princesses and can do and be anything they desire, that just isn't so here. The girls start working at 8 or 9 years old to

help the family and most are sexually and physically abused starting as children. When you ask a young woman or young man here what they want to be when they grow up they don't know because they have never been allowed to dream or envision anything.

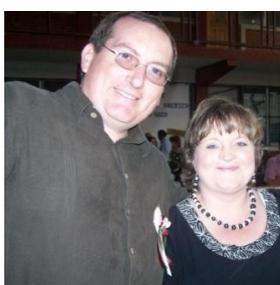
We try often to instill hope and dreams in the students of the Hope & A Future (a Mercy International program), but to be truthful there isn't much done for the ladies of the community outside of helping their children & providing them with work. This team desired to bless the women and make them feel special. There are 9 women at present and we pray that more provision and work will be given to help others, but for now we have the 9 women and we did our best to make them feel pampered and special. We did manicures and pedicures for them all and gave them coffee, cake, & ice cream. The team also brought them each a gift bag filled with gifts. It was such a blessing to be apart. The ladies had a wonderful time and one of them said in 40 years no one has touched my feet. It was so humbling.



When the team left I got to spend a day with my small group girls before they headed off to college. I love them just as if they were my own and am so proud they are a part of my life. I brought them all back some small gifts for Christmas, we ate cake & ice cream and then played games all afternoon. It is great to be back!

Dean has been meeting with people all over about the garden, water well, Heifer International & hospital projects. He has been trying to find us an apartment (we are living in Henry & Cindy's spare bedroom.) He also attended a pastors conference in the Opalaca Mountains.

We pray this newsletter finds you all doing well & we look forward to updating you about the things God is doing and allowing us to be a part in this year in Yamaranguila, Intibucá, Honduras!



God bless you all!

Dean & Melissa Lowman

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