

Heaven's Reach Ministries

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Mission Honduras

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WHAT A MONTH OF BLESSINGS!

February was a great month! I have been given the opportunity to provide care for a young man named Lenin & premature twins. Not to mention we had a team of 32 that Dean hiked the mountains with, we met with and interviewed a couple of people in the local hospital and got wonderful exact information on those that they care for, Dean has met with many about the Sustainable Healthy Living project that we are working on, and have confirmed with an engineer and a group from the states that we will be getting a fresh water well for the hospital/garden project in April!

Lenin is a 14 yr old young man who suffered from viral meningitis in December 2010. He was bedridden and lost use of his motor skill for a few weeks, but God is doing a miraculous work in him! He is



able to walk and talk now. He was having a lot of dizziness, balance issues, decreased motor use, a shuffle when he walked, and unable to change facial expressions or process information without a delay. I began to pray for him and to research what I could do to help him. To get physical and occupational therapy he would need to stay in the city (4.5hrs from here) and his parents could not afford to pay for it or spend the time there to get it done. I checked with some doctors that I know in the states and Dr. Livingston gave me some great suggestions and help. I am so thankful for his help and for all those that have been praying! Lenin started coming 3 times a week here and we worked with him for 2 hrs a day. He is doing so much better, but I have to admit it isn't because of anything I was doing; it is that God is doing a great healing in him! His walk is with a minimal shuffle now, his facial expressions have returned, his processing is improving as well as his motor skills. All way too fast to be a result of the PT/OT I was doing!

One night a few weeks ago we had a lady that makes baskets for Mercy International show up at the gate with another woman and two babies. She told us that the one lady was the grandmother to the

twins (a boy and a girl) and that the mother of the babies was very ill and was transported to the city hospital and they sent the babies home with the grandmother. They were requesting help with buying formula for them. Cindy and I took the babies to the local pediatrician the next am to find out that they were born at 32 weeks, the mother had eclampsia and HELLP (seizures, high blood pressure, and much more), and they weighed 2.8 lbs each. The doctor said she released them from the hospital because even though they were early and tiny they were otherwise healthy. There were many babies in the hospital that had RSV and contagious things so she was concerned they wouldn't be healthy for long if they stayed (for more info on the condition of the hospital see our website www.heavensreach.org where we have newsletter, photos, and videos.)

So we bought tons of bottles, formula, vitamins, etc for the babies and began the process (that will go on until the babies are 1yr old) of sterilizing bottles and putting purified water in them. We prepare the bottles all but the formula (because they don't have clean water and many babies here die that are on formula due to parasite, amoebas, bacteria and they don't have electricity to refrigerate premade formula.) They then take those bottles to the house and when it is feeding time add the formula. The next day they bring the dirty bottles and we exchange them for more sterile ones with clean water. We have also been taking the babies to the doctor twice a week to get them weighed. They have not gained much weight



but are up to 3.2lbs each. We have changed the

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amount of formula and added a vitamin that improves the appetite, so we are looking for improved results on Tuesday when we take them again! Their mother is home with them now and



doing amazingly well! God is so awesome! Again, thank you Dr. Livingston for your help and all of you for your prayers! I almost forgot to tell you what they named the babies: Cindy Melissa and Henry Adonai! So cool, this is the second twin baby girl named after Cindy and I!

We will be posting the hospital video and information on the website or you can contact us for more details! We will also be posting more info on the water well as they begin the work! Dean will be going to the mountains on Monday with another team and begin the process of growing coffee and a garden in Santa Maria to show the farmers there better more productive ways to grow their crops to provide more food for their families, healthier foods, and improve their ability to provide an income for their families.

Opportunities for Prayer and Giving:

- ❖ A second vehicle so that I have a way to get around when Dean is out of pocket and we are going in separate directions (approx \$10,000-it needs to be a 4x4 SUV)
- ❖ A home (we are currently living in Henry and Cindy's spare bedroom.) Ultimately we desire to build a house, however we are looking everywhere to rent a house until we have the money to build (currently every house we have looked at either isn't available until mid summer or has no indoor toilets/kitchens/electricity!)
- ❖ As we prepare this newsletter we have been given info on an abandoned 2 month old baby girl that is in the hospital with severe malnutrition and CMV (a disease passed from birth that needs a medication not available in Honduras that can cause blindness and deafness.) we are praying about what we can do for this baby and for Gods healing!
- ❖ We always ask for prayer for our children and family in the states! Justin 21 and Haley 19.



God Bless you all!

Dean and Melissa Lowman