

A medical Journey - Part I

Saturday, September 15th was to be the first of many new experiences for 2 small boys from Puerto Lempira. Neither Samuel nor Jose Antonio had ever flown in a plane before nor had they ever left their home town. Even though their trip was for medical purposes, they were heading on an adventure that they'll not soon forget and it was all made possible by the donations of many good people who love children and want to see them get the medical attention needed.



Samuel is all smiles as he holds his first plane ticket. His doctor's appointment in San Pedro Sula was for a consultation and some x-rays to discuss plans for correcting his hip dysplasia.



Jose's procedure involved repairing damage caused by years of ear infections with the intention of preventing future hearing loss. All went well and he was such a good patient!



So many happenings in one week for these two to absorb, as they wait to board the plane to return home. Thank you to all who made this trip possible for our boys by your generous donations!

A Medical Journey - Part II "Liz Joins the trip

Liz's eye was scratched with a sharp object and needed immediate medical attention. The doctor in Puerto Lempira feared that the damage to her eye would be permanent if she didn't go to a hospital in the interior of Honduras. She was immediately flown to La Ceiba to join Linda Collins, Jose and Samuel in less than 2 days of the incident.

Sweet little Liz had no idea that she, too, was going to be able to fly in a plane and see parts of her country that many in Puerto Lempira never see. Soon after she arrived, she visited the doctor and received the treatment needed to begin the process of healing. A prescription medicine would have to be applied to her eye for a couple of weeks.

At this time, she is doing well and the prognosis is good. She will have to return in 6 months for a check up. Our prayer is that the damage is not permanent and that her vision will not be impaired in any way. We serve a God who heals! God bless all who gave on Liz's behalf.



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Local School Fair



The public school behind Mama Tara's recently put on a fair. The theme of the fair was "Rescue Our Culture". Like all fairs, there were booths, games, music, food and dances. Everything revolved around the culture of the Miskito people and the various people groups that have greatly influenced them.

Our booth was dedicated to Mama Tara, who at one time was the governor of the area. There were 3 themes to this booth: "Feed the People", "Tell them about Jesus", and "Education".

Food: They served Mama Tara's signature beans and coconut rice, fried fish and yucca, because she loved to cook and feed people.

Spiritual: They passed out religious tracts, because Mama Tara liked telling people about the Lord and showing the love of Christ to the community.

Education: They auctioned off a school bag with school supplies, because education was of the utmost importance to Mama Tara.

All proceeds raised that day went as a donation to the public school.

Everyone took great pride in participating in this community cultural event and truly enjoyed themselves!



Annual Walk of Remembrance

So many friends and loved one have made their passage from life to death and naturally we all want to find ways to honor their lives. In Puerto Lempira, people have found a creative way to do just that. Every year in the fall, many folks walk through the town, carrying colorful signs bearing the names of those dearly departed souls who are missed by so many. As they walk together, they compare stories and share memories of those who are no longer with us. It is a beautiful way for the community to come together and share their hearts and remember the people who have brought meaning to their lives.

Graduating Class of "Mercy and Grace" Preschool



We celebrated Mercy&Grace's sixth graduation, November 21st. This year's promotion was in honor of Dr. Marianne Serkland, a fellow missionary in Puerto Lempira who has selflessly supported the preschool each year. Our theme was 'Our Favorite Stories.' Each of our three preschool classes selected a story and presented it in a drama. PreKinder (3s) presented The Little Red Hen, Kinder (4s) chose The Three Little Pigs, and Preparatoria (5s) presented Are You My Mother. Each child was presented with a diploma, a picture, and a backpack donated by friends of Teresa B. The backpacks contained materials to practice the preschoolers' skills over their winter break. We also presented our three volunteers with gifts for their many hours of help. Thank you for your support of early learning at Mama Tara! If you'd like more information about how you can help Mercy&Grace please private message Linda Collins on Facebook.

Sponsors Needed

We have expanded our sponsorship program to include the following:

- Food Sponsor
- Transportation Sponsor
- Medical Sponsor
- Feeding Program
- Maintenance Sponsor

If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Cathy Cantelli (cjcantelli@hotmail.com) www.mamatara.org



"Safety First"

Life at Mama Tara's just got a lot safer. It was a long time in coming, but the children's home has 5 new fire extinguishers, purchased from Brooks Equipment Co. of Charlotte, N.C. We are now better prepared for a fire related emergency, but pray we never need to use them!

