

Fresh Start – 2017 School Begins in Puerto Lempira



Unlike in the U.S., the school year begins the 2nd week of February in Honduras. We have high hopes for all the students, because we have noticed overall improvements in grades with each passing year.

The 5th year of the "Mercy and Grace" Child Development Center also began. This ministry operates within the living room of the orphanage under the leadership and guidance of Linda Collins for 3, 4 and 5 year olds.

A Day to Remember

The memory of her laughter filled our hearts and children's chatter and songs filled the air as flowers were arranged and ladies, both young and old, baked her favorite cake. Our home was filled with joy as we readied to remember. The previous evenings were spent remembering the losses we have so deeply felt. There were dreams of lost parents, stories that had yet been voiced, songs, hugs, and a few tears. These sentiments were shyly shared under the shade of our mango tree. Mama Tara was truly an incredible woman of God with unmatched strength of character. Thank you for helping, as that love and servant hood lives on in la Moskitia. May His fame spread to the ends of the earth. By Linda Collins



"Salvation Dolls"

The ladies of Clear Creek Baptist Church from Mint Hill, N.C. are spreading the love of Jesus to children through out the world. Their ministry of 10 women have hand made over 2,000 "Salvation Dolls", sending them out to children living in villages in El Salvador, Mexico, Japan, West Virginia and now Puerto Lempira, Honduras. Their gift of 200 Salvation Dolls will be a blessing to each child and family of salvation and the love of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your love and ministries to the Mama Tara family.



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Many Reasons for Giving Thanks!



Nineteen boxes of donated goods are on their way to Mama Tara Orphanage with the help of Teresa and Reimund Brettschneider. Their company, **CST Systems, Inc. in Marietta, Georgia** does a lot of international shipping, so they graciously offered to take care of shipping these boxes for us. This couple is a part of a Life Group of Living Hope Lutheran Church and they are already planning to be joining the mission team who will be visiting the orphanage in June. We are rejoicing and thanking the Lord for people like the Brettschneders!



Brand New Columns

After seeing pictures and the condition of the columns to the back porch at Mama Tara's, Rickie Moore and his partner Ronnie Hussey offered a generous donation of 6 galvanized post to replace the rusted old ones. This has come at God's perfect timing; a well needed repair to the home, and also for the safety of the children. Thank you Rickie and Ronnie, may God continue to bless you and your business, *Asheboro Machine shop* in Asheboro, N.C.

More Blessings to Acknowledge!!

- Fundraiser in February - Dinner and Silent Auction put on by Living Hope Lutheran Church of Kennesaw, Ga. – raised \$5,428
- Fundraiser in March-Spreading pine straw in gardens – orchestrated by Living Hope Lutheran Church of Kennesaw, Ga. – raised \$4438.50
- With the help of a sizeable donation from the "Honduras Mission Fund" of the Neuse Baptist Assoc. of Kinston, N.C., we were able to use a portion of it for the cost of shipping the new columns. Our thanks to Jim & Linda Futrell, Pamela Parrott, Jan Rouse, Trent Miller, for your donation and for your concern for the safety of those who live at the orphanage!

Unexpected Visit to La Ceiba

What started out as a painful experience for Luhan from Mama Tara Orphanage is turning out to be an adventure for her. Recently she fell out of a mango tree and injured her arm. Linda assumed it was a dislocated shoulder and wanted to get an x-ray at the local hospital, but there were no x-ray machines there. They had no other recourse but to fly to La Ceiba where the hospitals are better equipped and they could determine the source of Luhan's pain.



The x-rays showed that she had a hairline fracture to the arm and would have to wear a special brace. Thankfully, Luhan's pain had lessened and she has actually been enjoying her time in La Ceiba. Despite the adverse circumstances, it has turned into a fun little journey for a very inquisitive almost 9 year old girl.



Sponsors Needed

We have expanded our sponsorship program to include children of the people on staff at Mama Tara Orphanage. We have a number of young children who would love to have a Madrina or Padrino.

Others sponsorships available are:
Food, Student Transportation, and Medical

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



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