

Deuteronomy 7; 9 “Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is a faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.”



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Greetings from the BHM Family!

Praise God

We serve a Faithful God ! Because of Jeffrey's recent health issues many folks were skeptical when we left for Honduras – but just as the Lord cared for the children of Israel, He faithfully saw us through another season of service in Honduras. Since we have returned Jeffrey has had several Dr. Appointments and he is doing extremely well. PTL

Our Welcome back to Honduras was something I can only describe as Awesome. The heartfelt wishes and hugs and the endless amounts of prayers was such a humbling experience. The incredible amount of prayers that went up on our behalf was truly amazing and really touched our hearts. We heard over and over “ Un Milagro “ which in Spanish means Miracle, and it truly is and was a Miracle to be back in the country we love so dearly.

This has been a year of many changes in our school. We now have 235 children enrolled - more than we have ever had before. Classrooms are “full house “ and it was so difficult to turn away the 60 + that we just could not fit into our school. Thankfully we had a few Canadians on hand to whip up a few more desks just in time for school to start. Another major change we had this year was going to a full day of school. We now run from 8am to 3pm . This government decision has dictated a learning curve for all of us. It demanded changes in staffing and the overall operation of the school. The cooler morning hours are certainly a better learning time. Another government mandate was the implementation of computers and English. God's timing was evident once again as Mission To Many (Canadian Ministry that works with us) donated 15 computers for classroom use without the knowledge of the gov'ts decision. God at Work ! We are blessed again to have a great staff

This year we were blessed with 2 groups that fit a whole lot of work into the short a time . We completed 2 houses (in 2 Weeks) and a bedroom addition and playground, new roofs and various building projects in the month that we had Canadians with us. The playground was built in the same school area, El Burgess, that we had given desks and blackboards to 2 years ago. They are one of the poorest villages in the area and are so grateful for the help. The playground was such a welcome addition to their school. It is now doubling as a play area /kindergarten class under the roof at the picnic table that we also made for them. This year we also gave out many, many pounds of food throughout our stay along with the Christmas hampers.



Groups Members for 2015

John & Vicki Thiessen

Myron & Valerie Becker

Vic & Chris Bergen

Sharren Carlson

John Dale

Cody Connell

Chuck & Holly Armstrong

Darren & Katherine Ukrainetz

Pauline Mensch

Teryn Thomas

Ed Weibe

Bamboo Lady

Before we started on the playground at the public school in El Burgess, Jeff & Julian met with the village leaders to discuss the project. We wanted community involvement, so we asked if they would bring us 40 lengths of Bamboo from along the nearby river. They would use this for 2 ladders to climb on and off the playground structure. The first morning we were there to work a small lady came walking in to the work site carrying a 25 foot length of bamboo on her shoulder. She placed it on the ground beside us and watched us work for a few minutes. She told Jeff a bit of her story of having 7 children, 4 of which were in this school, and she saw the importance of having a play area for her children. She asked if Jeff would come and see where she lived. He saw a house about 16 x 16 built with scrap material & dirt floor, 9 people sleep in it. Her husband is a very small farmer. After getting to know them we were able to give them school supplies, used tin for their outside kitchen and food from time to time.

It is exciting to be able to help families and communities who really want to help themselves and just do not have the means, because they are the poorest of the poor.



Playground in El Burgess



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Sonia's Story

Many of you may have heard us talk about Sonia but I would like to share this one story with everyone as it touched so many hearts. The mother to this little girl showed up at the worksite when Jeffrey was helping build the playground in a neighboring village of El Burgess . She approached Jeffrey with her head low and asked if he ever helped children that were deaf. His response was quick to say ,“Can I meet her ?” So off he went to meet this precious little girl. She was very shy but Jeffrey instantly made a connection to her. He told the mother that he would see what we could do and that the mother should bring her to school in the morning and we would talk some more.

In Honduras if you have any disability your chances of making any progress are slim to none so Jeffrey talked with all of us about what we thought we could do .She is 7 and the public schools do not want to include her. We met Sonia and soon realized that this beautiful little girl was so open to learning and had a smile that could melt your heart. We enrolled her in Kindergarden and one of the ladies worked with her daily and we soon realized she had such huge potential. God soon led us to a suitable teacher and we hired her to tutor Sonia for a couple of hours per day and that has opened up her world so much. This has changed her family and the hope they have for her to grow. One day when Jeff took Sonia and her mother home, Sonia ran to the back of her house and presented Jeff with a live chicken. He asked the father about this and was told she wanted to give this to you as a gift. She handed it to Jeffrey and skipped away. What an amazing story of love and giving. Sharing what little they have with us that have so much.



Sonia & Her teacher.

We need more sponsors.

Please tell your friends.

BHM has had requests for newsletters by email. We will work toward this in the future so if you would like to receive this by email please let me know. Thankyou

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The Lord wiling Ester will be returning to Toronto this fall for more medical attention on her facial issues and some dental work. Praise God for our willing helpers Iain and Anna & Janis & David.

Thank you to all who came and gave of their time and all who sent monies to make all these projects happen.



Saying Goodbye;

This past year we said goodbye to a very special friend and helper for Brighter Horizons Ministries. Barry was a huge part of the work we did in Honduras . His many projects can be seen in many areas around Honduras . He is sadly missed here and abroad.

See you later dear friend.

