

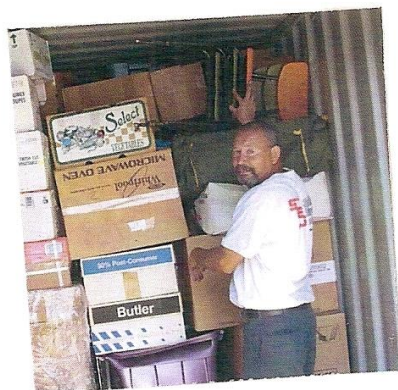
## Quarterly Report from *Little Hands, Big Hearts* Fall 2009



You don't hear us talk much about the **developmental preschool at the Family Development Center** in Trujillo, but it is one of our most effective ministries as we share the love of Jesus with "special needs" children. The preschool was started by Brenda to teach developmentally delayed children some basic life skills. If a child is handicapped even the simplest tasks like cutting a piece of construction paper or picking up a crayon can be a challenge. Our **wonderful preschool teacher Roxana**, assisted by others including Erika (a former *LH* teenager, now a mother herself) and Ruth (a special ed teacher now retired and living in Trujillo), demonstrates her love for children as she compassionately assists each student in learning to do simple tasks. The children learn a love for singing, playing, and listening to Bible stories. This year on her own time Roxana, assisted financially by *LHBH*, has **begun a 3-year university training program in special education**. She is supported

in this educational effort by the caring brethren at the Fellowship Church in Seattle, WA. (Read related story in last paragraph about a need at the preschool.)

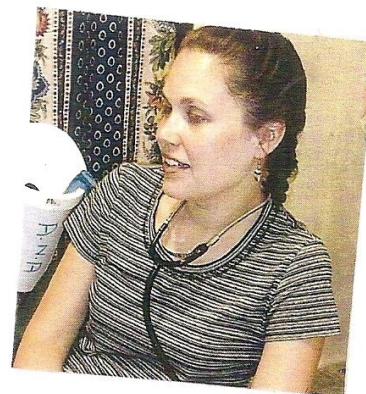
Over the years you've heard many stories about **little Johnny and his loving mother, Filomena**. You know he was born with two holes in his heart and was very near death. Filomena brought him as a weak, sickly little guy at 14 months of age. She begged us to help him, the youngest of 8 children all of whom were malnourished. He had horrible upper respiratory problems due to living in damp and smoky conditions, as well as being very weak from malnutrition. The doctor said he would die before he was 2 years old if he didn't get out of those environmental conditions. *LH* sprung into action and with the help of three different mission teams from Tennessee, New Hampshire, and Oregon a new **home was built on his mother's property that has a cement floor** instead of mud and a tin roof instead of palm fronds. In addition, his mother was taught to cook outside the house in a makeshift "kitchen". Over the last 7 years his family has been assisted by *LHBH* in a number of "transformational" ways with garden seeds, beans and rice, medicine, vitamins, an outhouse, and for the first time running water at a newly-constructed *pila* (water cistern). **This family represents the epitome of *LHBH* work – help someone a little bit so they can help themselves a lot.** Today Johnny is a healthy 8 year-old who goes to school and works in the garden with his mother. His family bakes bread in a mud oven Filomena built herself and grows vegetables to sell to neighbors. **They have transformed themselves from dependency to self-sufficiency.** Much of this is due to the support and visits of Wendy Goodyear and the youth group from the Southwest Church in Tigard, OR who have supported this family over the years. Praise God for this fine example!



We are often asked "how can I help"? We usually respond by telling a few stories like the one about Johnny above. But, now we have an **urgent and almost desperate need to get a container full of mission supplies from the U.S. to Honduras**. We are making arrangements to ship the 20' container from Gulfport, MS to Puerto Castilla, just 9 miles from the Family Development Center. We need your help in getting the preschool supplies, sewing fabric and notions, kitchenware, maintenance supplies and equipment, and automotive tools to Trujillo. We thank Alvin and Carolyn Hawes of Alta Loma, CA for purchasing this container and Tommy and Mary Alice Reed for allowing us to store it in their yard in Montclair, CA, but now is the time to **MOVE IT!** We need a church or a family to take on this challenge to **raise the \$2,200** to truck it from CA to MS, ship it to Honduras, and underwrite the shipping and custom fees. Can you help? Please contact Mark right away at [TrujilloHearts@yahoo.com](mailto:TrujilloHearts@yahoo.com).

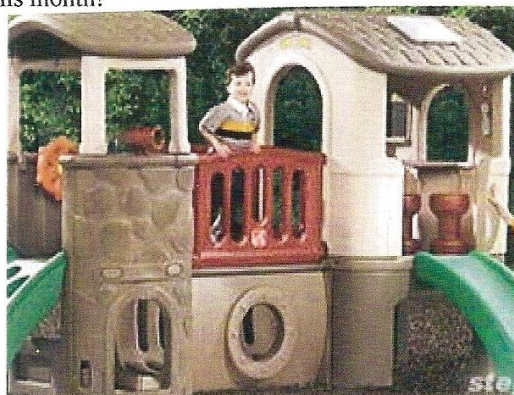
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For years we have sought a U.S.-trained nurse to come live in Honduras and work with the *Little Hands* mission's health and nutrition ministry. This ministry is an effective service area where we provide medicine, bandage wounds, counsel pregnant women, assist breast-feeding mothers, and teach some basic health care skills like brushing teeth, mosquito control, caring for simple insect bites, and providing multiple vitamins. To date, we have not found a nurse willing to commit to a one or two-year "mission" opportunity so we are stepping up our recruitment. At the Medical Missions Seminar in Dallas which was hosted by the International Health Care Foundation we "planted the seed" with several potential young nurses. Now we would like to ask you to join us as we pray that the "seeds" planted in those young hearts will be nurtured by the Lord and "fruit" will come from them. Perhaps you are a nurse or know of a nurse who has a willing heart to come and live on the mission field to "make a daily difference" in the lives of underserved people. Thanks to Sara (*right*) for helping with this need. **We believe God has just the right person out there.** We are trying to be patient as we "wait upon the Lord" to deliver a nurse.



Four "special needs" children have recently been brought to *LHBH*. As was explained in the last newsletter, we try to help these children and their families on short-term immediate needs but **do not have the funds to establish a long-term care plan** for them due to our limited budget. Brian Bilodeau told Larissa's story in the summer newsletter (go to [www.littlehandsbighearts.net](http://www.littlehandsbighearts.net)). We have three others -- Justin, Maria Selena, Heidi that we want to help but don't have sufficient funds. We need more *ministry partners*, people committed to monthly support of \$20 or more, so that we can commit our time and resources to these children and their special healthcare needs. Justin has a cleft palate that needs repairing. Maria Selena (*left*) has a hole in her heart that makes her weak. Heidi has 4 cancerous tumors in her head that need to be treated. If we can find just **five individuals who will give at least \$20 a month** then we can help these children get the help needed and be shown the love of Jesus by our care. Can you help? Call 509-480-1993 right away and Mark can help you set up a plan. You will make a difference starting this month!

Lastly, we have just enough room and barely enough time to **purchase the children's play equipment (*right*)**. This Clubhouse Climber ([www.step2.com/product.cfm?product\\_id=1309](http://www.step2.com/product.cfm?product_id=1309)) is on sale now for \$599 with **FREE shipping** in three cartons. Our children, particularly those little ones in the preschool, need something safe and durable to play on. We have just enough room left in the shipping container in CA for these three cartons but we need a Sunday school class or group to organize a fund-raising event to raise the needed \$600. If we **buy it before October 31** then it will be delivered to California in time to be loaded into the container bound for Honduras. Once set up at the preschool, photos will be sent to you so that you can see how much the children enjoy playing on it. Can you organize a spaghetti feed, a car wash, a yard sale, or an art show? We are dependent on you, our readers and supporters, to help us **make this possible for our children** to climb and play on this piece of equipment.



In closing, thanks for your continued prayers and support as we move into 2010, we are devoting this year to assessing each ministry and constructing another 10-year mission plan that will guide *LHBH* from 2011 to 2020. Finally, if you wish to **take a group or be a part of an "all-star" mission team** going to Honduras next year, be in touch with us as soon as possible. Thanks and may God bless you!

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