

Monthly Update from Trujillo, Honduras (February 2010) by Mark and Brenda Young

We were saddened to learn early in February as Yefrin and Maybelline returned to Trujillo that one **of our *Little Hands* children had died. Little Heidi, a four year old** who we had met for the first time last fall and had helped on just a couple occasions had passed away from complications from her cancer in January. You may remember Heidi was one of the four new children described in the last newsletter. We sought funds to support these new children and were successful in securing enough new support to provide assistance to them in 2010. In fact, when Yefrin returned home from Tegucigalpa and drove out to Heidi's home is when he found out about her death. Yefrin said that while the family is deeply sad, they are happy that she is in heaven with Jesus. This has given Yefrin the opportunity to study the Bible with her parents as they are not believers themselves. We ask you to **pray for Heidi's parents and for Yefrin and Maybelline as they reach out to this grieving family with the "good news" of Jesus Christ.** Even out of the death of this precious little one, God can bring good!

In last month's update we mentioned that we needed financial help in paying for the 600 pairs of crocs donated to *LHBH* by Healing Hands International. **God has opened the hearts of several people who sent contributions** and we now have this amount covered. We thank the following people for their generosity – Will & Marci D'Andrea, Cyle & Kelly Eldred, and John & Kathryn Sand. So far, *LH* has distributed about half of the crocs to needy children, church families, and children who attend the weekly neighborhood children's Bible Hour class held at the Family Development Center. Also, one of projects we do each year is distribute backpacks filled with school supplies to needy children who begin the new school year in February. Yefrin said that these filled backpacks were especially appreciated this year as many families have suffered greatly in the economic depression in Honduras. Also, very few people work during the tropical rainy season that covers November through January so they have no income during these months. We wish to **thank the dozens of people who contributed last fall to collecting and sending school supplies.** Those are now in the hands of hundreds of children in the Trujillo area. God bless your efforts!

We also wish to thank several people who made **contributions into the Ronaldo Scholarship Fund in memory of loved ones.** Those included Lynn & Carlee Hamm, Jerry & Carolyn Tucker, and Ben & Peggy White. The Ronaldo Scholarship Fund was created last year in memory of Ron Stump, an early advocate and supporter of the *Little Hands* mission. This Scholarship will be given periodically to help a Trujillo teenager finish high school who does not have enough financial resources. **If you wish to make a contribution in memory or honor of a loved one, you may send it to the "LHBH Foundation", 4001 Summitview Avenue, Suite #5-153, Yakima, WA 98908.**

Brenda and I had the pleasure of speaking recently at several churches about the *LHBH* mission. We appreciated those at the Cashmere and Wenatchee churches who heard about this vital mission to aid "special needs" children and especially for those who gave gifts in support. We are always willing to speak to individuals, groups, and churches about the mission. **If you know of a group that would like to learn about *LHBH*, please drop us a note via email at TrujilloHearts@yahoo.com.** In March we will be speaking at a Hispanic church in Beaverton, OR and two churches in Southern California in May. Praise God for opening new doors!

In closing, we ask that you **pray for the two groups planning on taking mission teams** to work at *LHBH* in March – the Abilene Christian University spring break campaigners and the Southwest Church mission team from Tigard, OR. They both are making return trips that will provide valuable assistance to work projects at the Family Development Center and in Trujillo.

In Christian service, *Mark and Brenda*