

## Monthly Update (January, 2011) from Trujillo, Honduras by Mark and Brenda Young

As we enter the New Year it provides us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the past and share plans for the future. Certainly **2010 has been a banner year for the *Little Hands, Big Hearts* ministry**. God has richly blessed this mission in so many ways. We'd like to share some of those blessings with you and then let you know about some of the exciting plans for 2011.

Reflecting on the Lord's blessings in 2010:

- Six new children were helped by the ministry giving us the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with them and their families;
- Over 80 backpacks were filled with school supplies and given to needy children;
- Donations for one school uniform per child enabled many siblings of our *Little Hands* children to attend school who otherwise would not have been allowed this opportunity;
- More than 7,000 chewable multiple vitamins were provided to children improving their general health and enabling their immune systems to grow stronger;
- Yefrin studied the Bible with 5 families as they struggled with spiritual questions;
- The long-awaited safety wall around 3 of the 4 buildings at the Family Development Center was completed with the addition of the final double-wide gate;
- Generous response from our donors enabled a busload of Trujillo teens to attend the annual Christian Youth Forum at the Baxter Bible Institute, strengthening our Trujillo youth group;
- Mayra continued to prepare good food for hundreds of visitors as she warmly greeted them.
- Several *LH* families received the blessings of improved housing thanks to short-term mission teams who came to express their "love in action";
- Antonio, a new Christian himself, willingly shared his love for the Lord as he kept the grounds and facilities at the FDC in good shape;
- The Ladies Sewing Class with its new teacher, Astrid, expanded offerings by teaching women how to make jewelry and crafts that they in turn sell to support their families;
- Roxana, Ruth, and Erika taught 14 children in the developmental preschool and made regular home visits to many more who could not attend due to distance or fragile immune systems;
- A protective railing was completed on the preschool porch allowing the children a safe and secure place to run and play;
- Thanks to generous donors a new computer was installed in the *LH* office enabling Maybelline to keep better care plans, handle finances, and provide photos;
- The Honduran NGO, *Fundación Manos Chicas*, continued to mature and conducted its first event in the community of Trujillo raising over \$500 in support of *LH* disabled children;
- Thanks to visiting mission teams several of our buildings and the front wall got new coats of paint to increase their longevity; and
- Over 110 different children were taught about Jesus in the weekly Children's Bible Hour.

Now, let us share some of the **exciting plans for 2011** and beyond:

- Three *Little Hands* children are scheduled to receive life-changing surgeries;
- Yefrin will return to the University to finish his degree in legal studies while overseeing *LHBH*
- Demonstration raised-bed gardens will be built on the *LH* property to give families opportunities to learn the benefits of having a raised-bed garden at their homes;
- 3 mission teams are making plans to work with *LHBH* in March, July and October;
- The new 10-Year Plan will begin to guide the growth and development of the mission;
- Donations received to buy an urgently needed new stove and refrigerator in the kitchen;

**Thank you for extending your love, prayers and support to the Lord's work at *LHBH*!** We appreciate your partnership and need your continued support in 2011. May God bless you!

*Mark and Brenda*