

**Monthly Update from Trujillo, Honduras** (November 2009) by Mark and Brenda Young

You've probably heard by now that the Honduran elections have occurred without violence, and **hopefully the country will now resume its path toward peace**. A *nationalista* from the "blue party" won as president so as Pepe Lobo takes office in January we can expect a lot of changes after four years of power and influence from the liberal "red party". For the first time in a long time the mayor of Trujillo is also of the "blue party". Yefrin called the other night to tell us the results of the elections and said that the new mayor is a "friend of *Little Hands*" so that may **help us in getting some of the property issues worked out over the next few years**. Apparently, many people feared for their life so they didn't go to their birth city to vote. Anyway, it was a peaceful election and hopefully things will get back to normal.....if they know what that is now?

Brian and Sara Bilodeau and their four children have now returned to New Hampshire and are **experiencing some reverse culture shock as they readjust to life in the U.S.** Please continue to pray for them as Brian seeks work and they continue to evaluate their situation. When we were all together in Honduras in October the decision was made that a North American should always be at the Family Development Center when a mission team from the U.S. is scheduled to visit. Therefore, Brian will go twice to Trujillo to work with two of the mission groups and Mark will go the other two times with groups. Hopefully, they will have at least one chance to overlap their visits. You can always go to the regularly updated *LHBH* website at [www.littlehandsbighearts.net](http://www.littlehandsbighearts.net) to read more about mission groups and view pictures that are posted on the site.

We continue to work with Yefrin and Maybelline and the staff in Trujillo on evaluating our ministries in an effort to create some efficiencies and save money as a result. **Yefrin recently sent me profiles on two more children that need the help of *Little Hands, Big Hearts***. Their names are Heidi and Jairo. Heidi is four years old and has cancer, as well as a serious infirmity in her right eye. She has undergone chemo treatments and lost all of her hair. Every month her family must spend 1,000 *lempiras* to take her to San Pedro Sula for treatment. Jairo is a little 3 year old boy who has a birth defect that affects his spine. He also has hydrocephalus which causes his head to grow larger than normal. He has a standing appointment for therapeutic treatment at a children's rehab center in San Pedro Sula. However, his family is very poor and cannot afford to continue to make it to these treatments. **Our financial resources are stretched to the limits but we will work hard at helping these two precious little ones**. Their families have begged us to help them so we are doing the best we can at this time. We desperately need one or two families or churches in the U.S. to take on the needed monthly support to help them. If you can help, please send an email to [TrujilloHearts@yahoo.com](mailto:TrujilloHearts@yahoo.com). Even a \$25.00 monthly gift will help as we address their specific and unique needs.

Lastly as we turn the corner into December, we would ask that you **pray for the staff of *Little Hands, Big Hearts*** as they return to their homes and families during the tropical rainy season. Most of them will not be working during the rainy season so this is a difficult time for them. Pray for the *LHBH* Foundation board as it meets on December 4 in Seattle. Also, continue to pray for those Honduran brethren who serve on the board of our NGO (non-governmental organization) in Trujillo as they make plans for 2010 and beyond.

As we close, let us take time to **thank the hundreds of our friends, family, and supporters who have "made a difference" in the lives of disabled children in Honduras** by praying and supporting the needs of this ministry. May you and your family experience a memorable and blessed holiday season! Yours in Christian love, *Mark and Brenda*