

Monthly Update from Trujillo, Honduras for March 2011 by Mark and Brenda Young

The *Little Hands* mission opened up in mid-February after being closed for the last 2½ months during the tropical rainy season. It is always a chore opening the Family Development Center facility and making the first visits to our *Little Hands* families to see how they “survived” the rainy season. We do mean survive, because that is all that some of them do for several months is live in the shelter of their mud huts with thatched roofs and dirt floors as the torrential rains and pounding winds beat down on them. On these first visits we are often surprised at the resiliency that these people have to make it through this difficult season. **Praise God for their strength and the hope they place in Him!**

We received this first report on the visits Maybelline and Roxana made to our families. We have lifted some of the observations to share here with you. Keep in mind, Maybelline is writing these comments in English to us, and English is not her first language, but she does very well.

All these days we have been working very hard to get everything ready for the ACU group, I would also mention that we went to visit families:

1. Erika is growing a lot, and Maryi is in prekindergarten, Ledis is in fifth grade.
2. José Ricardo is very happy with his new baby brother named Salomon, and also he wants to go to school. Roxana always be relying on their knowledge.
3. Saydi always cheerful and positive she is also in school in first grade.
4. Daniel is very healthy, and happy just to see us, all his brothers and sisters already in school, Domingo and Maria are fine.
5. Jenny is very excited to study, just that we are worry since she began classes at a private school, and her level of learning is not appropriate for the level of education that she is right now. Her level of learning is a third grader. Roxana and I see that she really wants to study but her condition with her eyes do not allow her to get where she wants to achieve. She comes to do homework with my cousin Paola and I think she is going to be a good help for Jenny as they are classmates.
6. Jonny and his brothers are happy to start classes with their new backpacks. He went to his appointment in SPS and the Doctor told Filomena, he needs to eat a lot of vegetables and fruits. He has another appointment in June.
7. Larissa is going to second grade and her mom cut her hair last year because she had so many lice, but she is happy to return to preschool with Roxana.
8. Isabel is happy to return to classes at Manos Chicas, Corazones Grandes.
9. Geymi had a little fever last week her mother said it is because her teeth are growing.
10. Reybin is growing and we saw him very happy to see us. Darwin is in a public school as MCCG does not have the funds to pay for his: transportation, uniform, shoes and all. I do not like the attitude of this child he is always asking for things without humility, and he never says please or thank you. Pray much for this family so God gets to mold their characters.
11. Justin went to LaCeiba with his mother Keylin, she got a job there. But she wants MCCG to help her with Justin's surgery.
12. Ruth continues to grow and she is very intelligent, her mother is helping her in all her tasks.
13. Samuel is very nice this time when went to see him, he gave us lots of kisses and hugs, all his brothers are doing well thank God.
14. Susana is fine, ready to begin classes in MCCG
15. Elton wants to come to study and learn at MCCG and he is happy to see Roxana.

We are so pleased with this report on so many of the *LH* children. At the present time Maybelline is under much pressure because Yefrin, her husband and the director of MCCG (*Little Hands, Big Hearts* in Spanish), has returned to take classes at the University. He works at MCCG just 2½ days each week so much of the responsibility of running the mission falls on Maybelline. She is doing a wonderful job but please keep her in your prayers while Yefrin is in classes the next four quarters of school. We are so blessed to have a fine Christian couple like Yefrin and Maybelline take the reins of the *Little Hands* ministry. They have a deep passion for hurting children and their families. Pray that they do not get discouraged during this stressful time. We have urged Yefrin to finish his University studies over the next two years as we know it only gets more difficult as the years go by. He is enrolled in a legal studies program that will help him as he administers the *Little Hands* mission. May the Lord continue to watch over and bless the Rodriguez family!

In His love, Mark and Brenda

P.S. Pray for the group of ACU students as they serve and work in Trujillo, March 12-19.