

**Monthly Update on Little Hands, Big Hearts** by Mark and Brenda Young (July 2010)

It's been a couple months since we have written, but the Lord continues to work daily in the hearts and lives of those who are a part of this working ministry in Honduras. We hope you enjoy reading this update and will commit to **continuing to pray and support this mission outreach to be "the hands and feet of Jesus" in Trujillo**. I (Brenda) have just returned from a two-week trip to serve at the *LHBH* mission, so let me share some of the highlights of that trip.

We had a small but mighty group of servants on this trip – Jan (a nurse), Gary (a retired mechanical engineer), Emily (a Harding student), Annina (a recent Lipscomb grad), and Jessica (a friend touring Central America). God brought each of these individuals with different perspectives on life to work with the *Little Hands, Big Hearts* mission. **It was just amazing how we bonded and worked as One for Him**. Oh, we had our challenges like van breakdowns, our share of heat sickness, and electrical outages but we persevered through all of them to serve the Lord. By the way, if you want to be a part of the final group going to *LHBH* in 2010, you can email Kelly and Cyle Eldred at [dreamwood2@msn.com](mailto:dreamwood2@msn.com) as organizers of this trip from September 30 to October 12. There are a few spots still open if you are up for a life-enriching experience. **How will we ever "walk on water" unless we step safely "out of the boat?" Let your faith guide you on this spiritual adventure.**

Back to our little group, we had a wonderful experience though certainly challenging at times. Three things stand out in my mind about our time in Honduras. First, even amidst the challenges, **we felt the hand of God protecting us and providing options for us**. When our van broke down on the roadside, for the second time before we ever got to Trujillo, the Lord sent a Mennonite farmer to our rescue. He was a wonderful Good Samaritan who towed the van to his farm. We called Yefrin and he drove from Trujillo to pick us up. We left the rental van there. Second, our visits with the families served by *Little Hands* were a wonderful reminder to each of us of the blessings in life that we take for granted here in the U.S. **We saw many new families suffering in extreme poverty with hungry children who accepted the beans and rice we delivered with thankfulness**. They were a reminder just how much a "cup of water" can be when delivered in the name of Jesus. It made us think about how freely we buy that hamburger, espresso, or movie ticket without recognizing the good it could do in a poor country like Honduras. Third, we arrived 4 hours later than planned hot and hungry but joined with our brothers and sisters in Christ who were in a weekend evangelistic campaign for Christ held at the local Christian School. **Hundreds of Hondurans gathered in the hot, humid school activity center to praise God and learn more about the promises of Jesus**. Our worship the next day was filled with beautiful (and loud) songs of praise and lessons inviting friends and neighbors to experience the joys of Jesus. During the week we met with the youth group, worshiped at the mission church outside of town, and experienced a wonderful Friday evening of praise and prayer. We spent both Sunday afternoons with Christian families in their homes learning how they live and enjoy life. Despite van problems, **we all left feeling blessed to have had the opportunities to see and to serve and returned back to our homes with different perspectives**.

Let's give a quick update on some of the *Little Hands* children – **Justin**, the toddler is awaiting cleft palate surgery by the Operation Smile team; **Reybin**, just released from the hospital needs prayers for his ongoing health; **Vanessa and Rosita** seemed much improved; **Edy**, now called Marian, seemed skinnier but wasn't sick and still enjoys going to the preschool; **Jenny** starts weekend high school classes this month as she awaits news about surgery on the tumor on her optic nerve; **Larissa** seems to benefit greatly from the developmental preschool; and **Isabel** needs further assessment for her twitching "cloudy" eyes. Pray for all of these children and others who need help. Over and over you see the effects of malnutrition that leaves the children with permanent damage. **Please join us as we seek wisdom from God on how best to serve these little ones**. May God be glorified in all things!

Thanks for your partnership and your prayers!

In Christian love,

*Mark and Brenda*