

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

Let us first say that **our recent medical brigade to Honduras was a huge success**. We thank our daughter, Dr. Amber Figueroa and her husband Josh, for going with us. Also, we are grateful that God finally answered our plea for a nurse by touching the heart of Joyce Hargrove, RN, from Cashmere, WA. Joyce has sent her adult children all over the world in mission outposts, but this was her first experience. She was wonderful, both as a nurse and a first-time Honduras traveler. All of those present in the group expected to see more political demonstrations, but we saw not a one – thank you Lord! In fact, our traveling was very safe and we incurred no police or military actions. We would urge other groups to continue their plans to do mission work in Honduras. The people of Honduras deserve to experience the unconditional love of Christian people from everywhere. We also thank our other first-time travelers in David Dalton and Heather Manka from Yakima, WA and Fred Cohrs from Seattle. It was a wonderful “all star” group that the Lord brought together. We **treated more than 250 patients in the 3 days of clinics in different barrios**. We have four groups scheduled to go in 2010 so if you’d like to join us, please email us right away so we can begin planning.

We want to use this opportunity to **thank Brian and Sara Bilodeau and their four children – Jonathan, Rachel, Faith, and Andrew for giving up two years of their lives to come serve the Lord** in Honduras by working with the *LHBH* mission. They have done wonderful work and touched the lives of so many people for the Lord. Truly, they have been “the hands and feet of Jesus” to those in need in the Trujillo area. We appreciate their soft hearts and their willingness to give their best to the Lord. We wish them all the best as they return to New Hampshire next month to resume their “normal” lives - if that is possible after living in Honduras. Now, we are looking for other single people, married couples, or families willing to give up one to two years to move to Honduras and live at the Family Development Center to serve the Lord. We especially **would like to have someone in the healthcare field, such as a nurse, physical therapist, or dietitian**.

We wish to thank all those in the Central Washington area who supported the recent Third Annual Honduras Luncheon and Auction held at the Summit View Church. Brenda and the HOST group made Honduran chicken soup and *tres leches* cake for 120 people. The lunch was delicious and the **auction netted nearly \$1,000 in proceeds to help the LHBH mission**. The money will be used to help four children that have needs beyond our budgetary limits. We also hope to use about half the money to purchase a new desktop computer next year for the office in Trujillo. If you have access to a new PC at a fair price, please let Mark know ASAP. Dozens of people enjoyed themselves at the auction and most went home with a part of Honduras, whether it was a beautiful mounted butterfly, a gorgeous colorful blanket, some delicious vanilla, or a bag of mountain grown coffee. Thanks to all who shared in this wonderful benefit event. **If your church or group would like to have a fund raising event to benefit Little Hands, Big Hearts, please let us know**.

A recent report from Yefrin told us that now all of the **parents of the 14 children presently served by LHBH have signed agreements** that stipulate what *LH* will do to assist their children and what the parents are responsible for in raising their children. We thank Yefrin and Maybelline for meeting with each set of parents and explaining the need for such an

agreement. Yefrin is preparing a report to submit to us which will become part of our new 10-year plan that will guide this ministry from 2010 to 2020. **Yefrin and Emilson Paz, president of the *Fundacion de Manos Chicas*, our NGO, will present this report to the Honduran government as our “plan for the future”.**

In closing, let us thank all of our faithful ministry partners for their prayers and support. We are losing a couple of these donors in 2010 and are **looking for three or four new donors to take on monthly support of \$20, \$50, or whatever you can give.** The *Little Hands* children need your financial support. We need to raise another \$175 each month in 2010. **Has God blessed you so that YOU can bless others???**

Thanks for your prayers and financial support,

Mark and Brenda