

News of the Niños

Dear Friends of AGC,

I send you grateful greetings from the children of Hogar de Nazareth and hope God is blessing you abundantly. It has been a busy time with much to celebrate and share with you.

We are well and very happy for the triumph of Juan Francisco and Cristina for their graduation from college. We congratulate them and we thank you for all the support they have been given. Special thanks to the Jones family and the Baker family with whom Juan and Cristina live in the United States. Juan Francisco came to the Hogar as an infant. It is very special to have watched him grow from a young boy and to now achieve this success.

In Honduras, we are excited that nine girls will write the university entrance exam. We know that a tenth girl has passed the exam and will begin university in the fall.

The adolescent girls and boys who study at Maranatha will soon be out of class. The students are having good results. They are very excited because they are going to finish their school year and will be on vacation the first week of June.

We have received many new children at the Hogar, the Granja and Buen Pastor. It is both a blessing and challenge to receive additional children. Each child requires special care and they need time to transition to their new home. At Buen Pastor, we received into our care a 13-year old mother and her infant. We have a great need in Honduras to provide a loving home where girls and boys can be safe from the perils of the streets and, sometimes, their own family.



13-year old girl (in pink) and her infant.



The restroom renovation project at Hogar de Nazareth

We are so thankful for the restroom renovation project that has begun at Hogar de Nazareth. These renovations will help to accommodate the additional children and make it easier for the other children to have access to updated restroom facilities. The first new bathroom and three showers are being added. A water tank will be placed to supply water to two restrooms on both floors. At the end of this project, we will continue to update the remaining dorm rooms.

Two of those in our care at Misericordia are waiting for operations. Maria Angela will have ear surgery at the Adventist Hospital. Digna Agrario is waiting to be assigned a date for an eye operation at ZOE, a place with much experience and specializes in Digna's surgery. Digna has cataracts in each eye.

At the Granja, the boys have been busy with the addition of 100 laying hens, readjusting the fish pond to raise fish, and an improved installation of pigs. Randy Wittig, Jacobo and the engineer Josue received special training to learn fattening standards and how to make the pigs more suitable for breeding.

We thank you very much for your prayers and unconditional support. Thank you for being attentive to our needs. God will reward you.

God bless you.

Carmen and the children



New College Sponsorship Program

In May, a Graduation Open House was held to recognize the academic achievements of the Honduran students who graduated from American colleges this year: Cristina and Juan Francisco. Almost 150 friends gathered at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church to wish the graduates success as they embark on their careers. These students lived in the homes of American families in the Chicagoland area. Cristina, one of the graduates, shared the importance of her host family and AGC in her speech that day:

"During these three years as a college student, I learned that success not only depends on your own effort but it also depends on the support that you get from your environment. I had a great experience because I had good professors, current technology, financial support, and — the most important aspect — a supportive family who loved me and took care of me."

— Cristina

For several years, AGC has been providing financial support to college students, with the help of special donations. In Honduras, we have townhomes in Tegucigalpa for the young men and women who are enrolled in the university. Due to the success thus far, we have established a specific fund to direct designated donations and sponsorship and free up funds to be used for the care and keeping of the children at the homes supported by AGC.

All God's Children Honduras added a NEW College Sponsorship Program to provide financial support for Honduran orphans, cared for by AGC, who have excelled in academics and have been accepted to colleges in Honduras and the United States.

A generous donor has offered a **\$10,000 Matching Gift for the New College Sponsorship Program**. This means that your gift will be doubled until the end of July! We invite you to give your best gift towards the College Sponsorship Program and/or to give a monthly college sponsorship gift. You may send a check (note: College Sponsorship on the memo line) or visit our website: www.allgodschildrenhonduras.org/donate



SAVE THE DATE: 13th Annual AGC Open

The 13th Annual AGC Open, a charity golf outing for All God's Children Honduras will be held Friday September 22nd at 10AM at Pine Meadow Golf Club in Mundelein, IL. Visit allgodschildren.org/golf to register today!

Swing Kids

The older boys from the Granja (the farm) have used new skills to meet the needs of and bring joy to the other children. Jimmy has been the project leader with the help of Jonathan and Allan (pictured). Together, the young men designed three new swing sets, then discussed their plans with Randy Wittig. Then, part by part, the first two swing sets were built almost completely out of scrap materials that had been left over from different past projects. They are almost done building the third set.

The first set was made for the boys at the Granja. The second set went to Buen Pastor with one swing for the mothers and the other for the little kids. After each build, the team gathered to discuss what went well, what could be done better and what has been learned. The learning curve has been great and the boys have loved the experience. The only serious problem are the lines as the kids wait for their turn to use the swings....



Computer Delivery

The children at Hogar de Nazareth were ecstatic to receive 20 Dell notebook computers. This winter, a Serve Team traveling to Honduras could scarcely contain their excitement as they each carried a laptop in their luggage. The computers were a donated by Serve Team member Douglas Colber's employer, The Mintel Group based in Chicago, Illinois. The computers have been a beneficial addition to supplement the children's school program and enhance their computer skills. The smiles on the children's faces confirm that this was a win!



SAVE THE DATE: Annual Benefit

The AGC Annual Benefit dinner will held on October 12, 2017 at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 Brush Hill Rd, Elmhurst, IL. More details to follow!

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