



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Dear Supporters,

Each year, I am continually humbled by God's unfailing love and faithfulness toward All God's Children. What we think are insurmountable obstacles, God, time and time again, shows us that He is greater than our greatest challenges. In 2016, with the prayer, support, and in some cases, the physical labor of our ministry partners, like you, we overcame great challenges.



New CasAyuda Chapel with pews built by the boys at the Granja

Challenges that include a water problem that was successfully resolved by the concerted efforts of two serve teams; the ability to access running water 24 hours a day was restored to the young children and the young women at Hogar Nazareth and the special needs women and children at Casa Misericordia. The challenge for a safe and dignified place of worship for the physically and mentally impaired children and their families was met when a special team from the Band of Brothers built a beautiful chapel at Nelly's CasAyuda. God was faithful to provide.

All God's Children was formed almost 25 years ago after observing the needs of the children under Mami Carmen's care. We wanted to help meet their basic

needs of food, water, clothing, and shelter. As the ministry grew, so did the number of children we served and the nature of their needs. Soon, education, job training, transportation, security, and medical care became vital needs we sought to meet.

Reliable and comprehensive medical care in Honduras is scarce. Far too often, children born with deformities are relegated to begging on the streets and can face extreme cases of physical, emotional and even sexual abuse. Luz, a resident of Casa Misericordia, is a walking testament to God's faithfulness to meet medical needs.

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*“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this:  
to look after orphans and widows in their distress...” JAMES 1:27*

As an infant, Luz was severely malnourished and neglected, which greatly affected her physical and cognitive development. Her legs were frozen at 45 degree angles. When she came to us as a little girl, her bright spirit captured our hearts. Unable to walk, the other children living in the home took turns carrying Luz and tending to her basic needs. All God’s Children was able to pay for multiple surgeries to break and repair Luz’ legs. After months of painful physical therapy, a determined Luz was finally able to walk for the first time. Soon, she was even able to enjoy her first dance!



**Left:** Luz after surgery with leg casts    **Top Center:** Walking with braces  
**Bottom Center:** First dance!    **Right:** Luz, fall 2016

Today, at 22 years of age, Luz is a tiny bundle of brightness and joy that enchants with her smile, determined spirit and excitement for a walking companion. Sometimes, Luz even uses her beautiful singing voice to treat us to a song. God is faithful.

There are not many causes in the Bible that God calls us out to do specifically as in James 1:27 when He calls us to *“look after orphans and widows in their distress...”* Your year-end gift to All God’s Children enables you to partner with us as we continue our work meeting the basic and vital needs of the over 300 orphans, unwed mothers and their children, and those with special needs in Honduras. Today, I ask you to prayerfully consider what God would have you give.

Thank you for your faithfulness in 2016.

*Allen Heerema*

Allen Heerema with Nelly, Arvil, Carmen and the All God’s Children Board