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Hogar Alumni Program

The University and High School program for Hogar Alumni has been exciting to be a part of the past several years. We have regular Zoom meetings with all the students and receive weekly reports from each student. Glenda, Jenny Christina, Carlos Doblado and Vivian have all recently graduated from University and Elba from High School.



Twelve Hogar Alum are still currently in the program. We are excited about some changes that we are implementing to the alumni program as we begin partnering with "Transition Honduras."

This organization specializes in the transition from institutional care to independent living. We have been meeting with them for the past year and found them to be very professional and caring. Their years of experience have been very beneficial. They have psychologists and social workers

on staff that interview each student several times and observe them on a retreat with students from other orphanages. After this lengthy process, they recently chose four of our students to be included. These four students are Johana, Roberto Sosa, Jackson, and Ibon. They will consider taking more this June.

Each student attending university will be required to find a job or an internship while they are in school unless they are studying one of the more demanding majors such as architecture or nursing. Our hope is that the students will not only be working on academic life but also learning how to become independent and manage money.



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ALL GOD'S CHILDREN (AGC) IS A MINISTRY OF COMPASSION TO THE ORPHANED AND DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN IN HONDURAS

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14

Point Honduras Backpack Giveaway

The Lord recently opened the door for the AGC Board to travel to Honduras. The catalyst for the timing of the trip was to attend Point Honduras biannual backpack giveaway. We were overjoyed to experience 750 children receiving the gifts you made possible.

It is such a meaningful giveaway to the community. There are 1.1 million kids aged 3-17 in Honduras that are not attending school because they lack the supplies to do so. That is pretty bleak, and the chances of them continuing in poverty are pretty high. There are many obstacles to breaking this cycle of poverty. However, Point Honduras exists to break these cycles starting by giving away 750 backpacks. Each backpack had a name on it and each one was filled with clothes and shoes to fit that child along with a year's worth of needed school supplies. Watching these children open up these backpacks was truly a treat, they were all full of excitement.

Later on that day we received a letter from one of the mothers stating: "Perhaps for many people what

the children received today is just a little bit of help. But for my home, for my family, this is not just a backpack. It is such a blessing. Thank you for making a difference amongst our children. There is joy when you see the faces of the children with the backpack that most cannot afford. A thousand thanks to everyone we know by name, and to those we don't know but who are always willing to help. Thank you for everything. **May God bless you and may He continue to give you the will to help others. Thank you".**

You can see this mother's note is packed with gratitude. It moves us to know the heart of this mother to provide for her child and knowing the restrictions she has due to poverty. Mothers in every part of the world want what's best for their children.

It never ceases to amaze us that God allows us the honor to serve alongside Him providing to these Image Bearers. We are blessed to be able to witness His good works. We pray that we do not take this lightly and that we may represent Him well.



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Dear Friends and Supporters of AGC,

My prayers often include acknowledgement that God is all knowing. He is the all powerful creator of the universe, and ever present. Yes, God is still on the throne. It is exhilarating to see how God orchestrates things in our lives and His ministries. We are in awe of the symphony of Christian organizations He has brought together to begin Micro-lending Comayagua. In an effort to help build a network of employers willing to give Hogar alumni an opportunity for employment, my son-in-law Justin Hoogendoorn has been working with Partners Worldwide, Vision Fund (World Vision), and a local evangelical church to do just that. Its been two and a half years of planning during the pandemic but we are now raising \$100,000 for the initial rounds of loans. We are excited to see how God will provide for this new venture.

- Al Heerema

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"Transition" helps them each step of the way as they learn how to interview, get a job, and find an apartment which in turn helps them to learn to be more independent and gain self-confidence. We will continue to support these students as they go through the program and we have been really encouraged by their progress thus far.

This program is only for youth from children's homes. They believe that each child growing up in a children's home deserves to receive help and support in their transition back into society. This step is frightening for so many, as they often don't have a network to catch them and help them start an independent life. This program aims to prepare and train the youth who have left their homes. They also run workshops and camps where they teach life formation skills that give them a better chance to become self-reliant, independent, productive citizens.



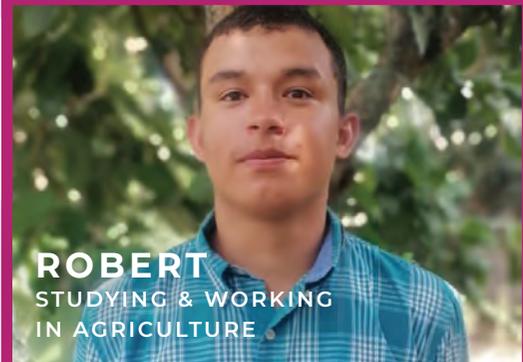
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