



News of the Niños

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Less of Me, More of Him

In February 2019, the Circle of Sisters held a groundbreaking retreat for the girls at the Hogar, Buen Pastor, and Casa Misericordia. For the first time, Mami Carmen gave permission for the girls to attend the three-day, two-night camp. Each day consisted of an all-encompassing theme incorporating decorations, music, food, games, and discussion designed to draw the girls into a deeper relationship with our Heavenly Father. After many months of dedicated planning by the leadership team, they embarked on the camp, located about one hour from Comayagua.

The Circle of Sisters were happy for the opportunity to work with a Latin American Young Life team. This team provided the key talks and helped lead discussions. The fact that they were young, dynamic committed Latin women of faith, speaking to the realities of life was a crucial factor for connecting with the girls. The assistance from the Young Life group enabled even the Casa Misericordia ladies to take part for one day. The young mothers of Buen Pastor were able to focus and to enjoy the retreat while their children were lovingly cared for by the grandmothers in the Circle of Sisters group.

The retreat was introduced as "Dora la Exploradora," translated as: Dora the Explorer.

Each and every action and activity was purposeful and intentional to draw the girls into a better relationship with God.

The women from the Circle of Sisters modeled what dependence on God looks like, and they worked to disciple the girls through activities and breakout sessions.

Day 1: Birthday Celebration theme focused on life purpose. **Why were you created in the image of God?** This day included familiar birthday celebration items including a birthday cake, piñata, and traditional Honduran birthday party games. The Circle of Sisters created trust and intimacy by making themselves vulnerable early on, allowing the girls to decorate their faces as birthday cakes. The girls loved the game and began to develop trust in the ladies.

"Explorer Camp was designed to explore the heart of each camper."

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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

Do a Lot with a Latte

Earlier this year, Honduran government workers plucked 15-year old Rita and her younger brothers from the streets of Comayagua. At the time Rita was dressed as a boy to protect herself from being molested. She was the sole provider for her brothers and herself. Safe at the Hogar, this young woman has shown resilience. She is now one of the hardest, most diligent workers in Panederia Nazareth, the Hogar's bakery.

Rita was excited and apprehensive to experience the weekend camp hosted by the Circle of Sisters Serve Team. It was clear to Sue Anker that Rita wanted to engage, not just stand in the back, looking at the dirt floor. Sue stood in the back next to Rita to provide her with emotional support and to encourage her to participate. Rita began to brighten each time Sue spent time with her. **It wasn't long before Rita and Sue were inseparable.**

At home in Michigan, Sue regularly frequented her neighborhood coffee shop for a latte. Sue jokingly asked Al to please pick up a latte for her. Al joked that **Sue could give up her lattes to sponsor a child of the Hogar.** When in Honduras, taking Al's joke to heart, and through an interpreter, Sue asked Rita if it would be okay to

become her sponsor, her Madrina. Rita was ecstatic and so was Sue.

Today, Sue prominently displays this photo and the annual photo she received as a sponsor. Sue has already sent a letter to Rita and looks forward to Circle of Sisters Serve Trip in 2020 to see Rita again. All of us at All God's Children are overjoyed when we see the Spirit work through people like Sue to support and build up the children in Honduras. ■



Would you like to join sponsors, like Sue, in brightening a child's life by becoming a monthly sponsor to a child of the Hogar?

Contributing to their Home Life

Caring for children with special needs takes a dedicated teacher who is resilient and resourceful but has a heart and vision for the children. Alba Luz (Albita), one of the original girls that Mami Carmen walked away from the Convent for, has such a heart for her younger brothers and sisters. Albita understands the opportunity that she has to form these children and she is striving to **prepare them with skills and knowledge to become impactful members of God's kingdom.**

Albita's vision moving forward is to provide her special needs children with opportunities to learn in new ways and, in some cases, to learn skills to contribute to their living environment.

This goal remains true throughout the locations All God's Children supports. For those living at Misericordia, the addition of container gardens for growing herbs, cilantro, and peppers for their meals, would enable the

ladies to learn new gardening skills while making a tangible contribution to their home.

At the Granja, the staff is hoping to build more chicken coops so that Albita's students may become engaged in the responsibility of caring for chickens and collecting the eggs. You can become part of this vision of preparing these children with tangible skills in their homes by helping to provide the resources needed to complete the projects. ■



"Albita's classroom is set up better than many of the U.S. classrooms for special needs students."

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Summer 2019

Dear Friends and Supporters of AGC,

God has continually blessed AGC and has been faithful in providing wisdom and guidance through the tremendous growth and inevitable changes we have experienced.

We learn from reading Acts that even when God blessed the early church with extraordinary success and growth, issues arose that needed attention. The early church of Acts needed people like Stephen to address their needs—people who were controlled by the Spirit, Faith, Wisdom, and Power.

I thank God for the AGC Board and Hogar Staff that has for years faced, and continues to face, each decision led by the Spirit, Faith, Wisdom and Power from above. We also want to thank you for your continual generosity and devotion that encourages and inspires us at All God's Children.

Please continue to pray for the children, Hogar staff and the AGC Board. It is a privilege to partner with you in this work.

- Al Heerema

AGC 15th Annual Golf Open

Join us in making this the biggest, best golf open in our history!

Gather your friends to create a foursome and make a day of it to benefit the children of Honduras that AGC has supported for almost 30 years.

The event will include a four-person scramble, box lunch, and an awards ceremony with prizes (past prizes included a 3-year lease for a Cadillac XT5, set of TaylorMade Irons, and more).

Thanks to our sponsors 100% of the proceeds benefit AGC. Event sponsorship opportunities still available.

For Golf, Volunteer, & Sponsorship Options, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/AGCGolf2019> or call Michael Alch at 847-494-4284.



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Day 2: Christmas was a favorite. While learning **Why was Jesus born? Why were you born?** the girls were taught that God had a plan for the life of Jesus and God has a plan and purpose for each of their lives. The girls were guided on how to begin to seek God's will for their lives. The Christmas wrapping paper game had some girls being decorated as Christmas trees in colorful paper with ornaments.

Day 3: Honduran Independence Day celebration. Similar to our 4th of July, the teaching paralleled the **independence we have in Christ.**

The young women were asked:

How does Christ free us from our sin?

The Honduran flag was flown high as the girls learned of the freedom we have in Jesus. Each activity built on the previous day's activities, drawing the young women into a deeper understanding of the love of their Heavenly Father.



In a testament to the group's faith in God consistently modeled by All God's Children, the Circle of Sisters said "Yes" to doing the camp before a clear plan for the camp had been made. Similar to the story of Joshua, God provided once they stepped out in faith. A partnership was formed with the Latin American Young Life group who were able to help create a robust program that was engaging and informing for the girls. This partnership proved fruitful and was able to provide: Spanish speakers, musicians, games

and activities that appealed to the young women.

A retreat of this extent was the result of over a year of work and prayer by a group of women wanting to be obedient and sensitive to all that they could and should do in the Lord. This was a maximum effort (what is all that the good Lord would have us do), 100% intentional, seeking to give themselves completely to the task at hand but at the same time seeking from the Lord what He alone could accomplish. The results were evident as each member of the group had become a co-participant in what God was doing.

It wasn't only the young women that were touched, some of the Tia's were so moved that they began to share their own testimonies. They contributed to the development of the girls' faith, by revealing that they themselves could not live their lives without total dependence on Jesus Christ.

The young women and Tia's were exhausted and overjoyed from the activities and meetings. The mission of the camp was met as the young women and Tia's experienced the love of the Father through each of the women at the retreat. Their knowledge of a loving and purposeful Heavenly Father that seeks relationship with them, was developed. At the end of the camp, many of the girls found great value in the retreat and desire to have a more personal relationship with God. To God be the glory. ■

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