Amor, Fe y Esperanza
(Love, Faith & Hope)

For many years we have been partnering with Amor, Fe y Esperanza (AFE) a school in Tegucigalpa Honduras. AFE, which means “Love, Faith and Hope,” is an organization that serves some of the poorest citizens of Honduras who reside in the landfill. It is hard to comprehend, but the landfill is their home and livelihood. By pilfering through the garbage, they pick out food and recyclables which they can then sell for roughly 2 dollars a day.

One day, 19 years ago, because of the prayers of a 5-year-old, a Honduran family began to serve these citizens. Since the children would help their families, the school had to actually pay the parents to have their children attend classes. Over the years they were forced to stop teaching classes in the landfill, because it wasn’t good publicity for the government of Honduras.

By God’s grace, they were able to build a school down the road from the landfill, where they continue to educate over 200 children. The leaders of AFE are determined to increase that number until there is not a single child in the landfill who is not educated. Their school goes from kindergarten through high school, and they even have a nursery that provides meals and baths.

AFE recently had to change its focus, as COVID-19 has temporarily suspended the school. Honduras has implemented a total curfew of the country, as well as a shutdown of all non-essential movement. Unfortunately, we know that in times like these the poorest of the poor often get hit the hardest. Garbage services, besides medical waste, have been deemed non-essential meaning that the families who have made their living off of the trash no longer have a source of income or food. The families in nearby neighborhoods are also heavily impacted by the lack of work and lack of resources to purchase food.

AFE decided to request special permission to break the total curfew so that they would be able to deliver food to these starving families.

With many prayers and God’s provision, they did receive permission from the government to do this. We are moved to see that God is working through AFE during this time of crisis to care for these families. True to the name of the organization Love Faith and Hope, they continue to provide these three things in the name of God to some of the most vulnerable people in Honduras.
Dear Friends and Supporters of AGC,

God has been faithful to AGC and Mama Carmen for the past thirty years. Hebrews 13:8 tells us:

"God is the same yesterday and today and forever."

As you know from our letter to you in March, the AGC Board has made the decision that we could no longer financially support Association Hogar Nazareth, given some of the operating and compliance issues that have come to light. Our hearts are broken and our lives aren’t the same during this time of separation.

We take comfort knowing that God continues to be faithful and we have hope and trust that He will restore the brokenness that we are currently dealing with.

Brokenness and injustice seem to have the upper hand in the world. We often feel angry and discouraged as we see what goes on. We, like Habakkuk, complain vigorously with God about the situation. God’s answer to Habakkuk is the same answer He gives us, “Be patient! I will work out my plans in My perfect timing.” It isn’t easy for us to be patient, but it helps us to remember that God hates this separation more than we do. God told Habakkuk, “Wait for it.”

To trust God fully means to trust Him even when we don’t understand why events occur as they do. We are doing everything we can do to help restore the separation and brokenness between AGC and Mama Carmen. We covet your prayers as we work to that end.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Al Heerema

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An Update from Nelly

Dear Friends,

God bless you in this time of tribulation where all of us without exception depend on the mercy and divine providence of God. It’s difficult times like this where we can lift our gaze to heaven and cry out for mercy.

I praise God because by believing in him and following him, this is what allows me to look upon the future with hope because He is my savior and my God in whom I trust.

I would like, with much joy, to share with you the positive changes that I am experiencing since the surgery. It is really wonderful what the implanted mechanism is doing in my body, but what’s more surprising is to have a group of brothers and sisters in Christ uniting together so that I can have this apparatus. Thank You. Thank You So Much.

After three months my urinary system has improved to 90% normal. Now I don’t have emergencies, I don’t have incontinence during the night, and the urinary retention that was 66% before the surgery is now only 30% and I’m delighted that I no longer have to use pampers.

My life has changed extraordinarily and I give thanks to God for the way he used All God’s Children to help me. Truthfully, thank you so much.

Thank you for the funds for the new well, at this moment it is not functioning fully. Because the government has shut down the entire country we are not able to travel to Tegucigalpa to purchase the necessary parts. The government does not permit anyone to travel from one city to another.

We are only hoping that things will soon become normal so that we can continue with the project. We trust God that this will happen soon.

The children are not able to attend school, but they continue to receive their classes via the internet and they are doing their homework and activities in their homes. They are happy to see their teachers and their companions even though it is on a screen.

We are trying to help the children and their families with food, because there is a lot of hunger among the poorest and many of the children and families we serve are poor.

Even so, we have a lot of joy, peace, and excitement that this will pass and on that day the whole world will give thanks to the Lord.

May the Lord protect you all. You are all always in my prayers. I am encouraged because Jesus is alive.

My affections and gratitude forever. We will soon hug again.

With Eternal love,

Nelly Zelaya
Helping Hogar Alumni

As we continue to pursue God’s charge for us to love the orphaned and disadvantaged children in Honduras, we realize that amid a countrywide shut down many needs have increased. As many of you know, Honduras is the second poorest country in the western hemisphere. There already were many needs in the country for jobs and wages. The Covid-19 pandemic has caused the government of Honduras to close down the majority of their economic activities, they are not even allowed to leave their homes.

All God’s Children has been able to provide for 80 children who have graduated from the orphanage and their families. They are among the many in Honduras living paycheck to paycheck. Now with the country shut down, those paychecks have stopped and they aren’t able to provide for themselves or their families. God has led us to step forward to fulfill the charge given to us by Him to help provide food and other necessities. Angel has been instrumental in finding those in need and going to warehouses to purchase food in bulk. While Juan Francisco, who needed to receive special permission from the police to go out, has been delivering the food to those in need. By the Grace of God, we have been able to provide food for many desperate families. May the Lord be praised.

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