

Hogar Alumni Program

Ibon was 9 months old when she was first brought to an Orphanage in Siguatepeque. She was taught English and heard many Bible stories which started developing her character early on. When she arrived at the Hogar at 13 years old, we knew immediately that she was a natural-born leader and saw in her a heart of service. Unfortunately at the age of 19 she became pregnant and had to leave the Hogar we then lost contact with her.

She admits that during her pregnancy she had a tough time. She had no job, no degree and was preparing for life as a single mother. Ibon remembered a story in the bible that gave her hope and would always refer to her unborn daughter as her "little Zoar." Zoar is the name of a small refuge city for Lot when Sodom and Gomorrah were being destroyed in Genesis. She promised her daughter Zoar that they would overcome these challenges. Her daughter's name is Alicia Zoar Zelaya.

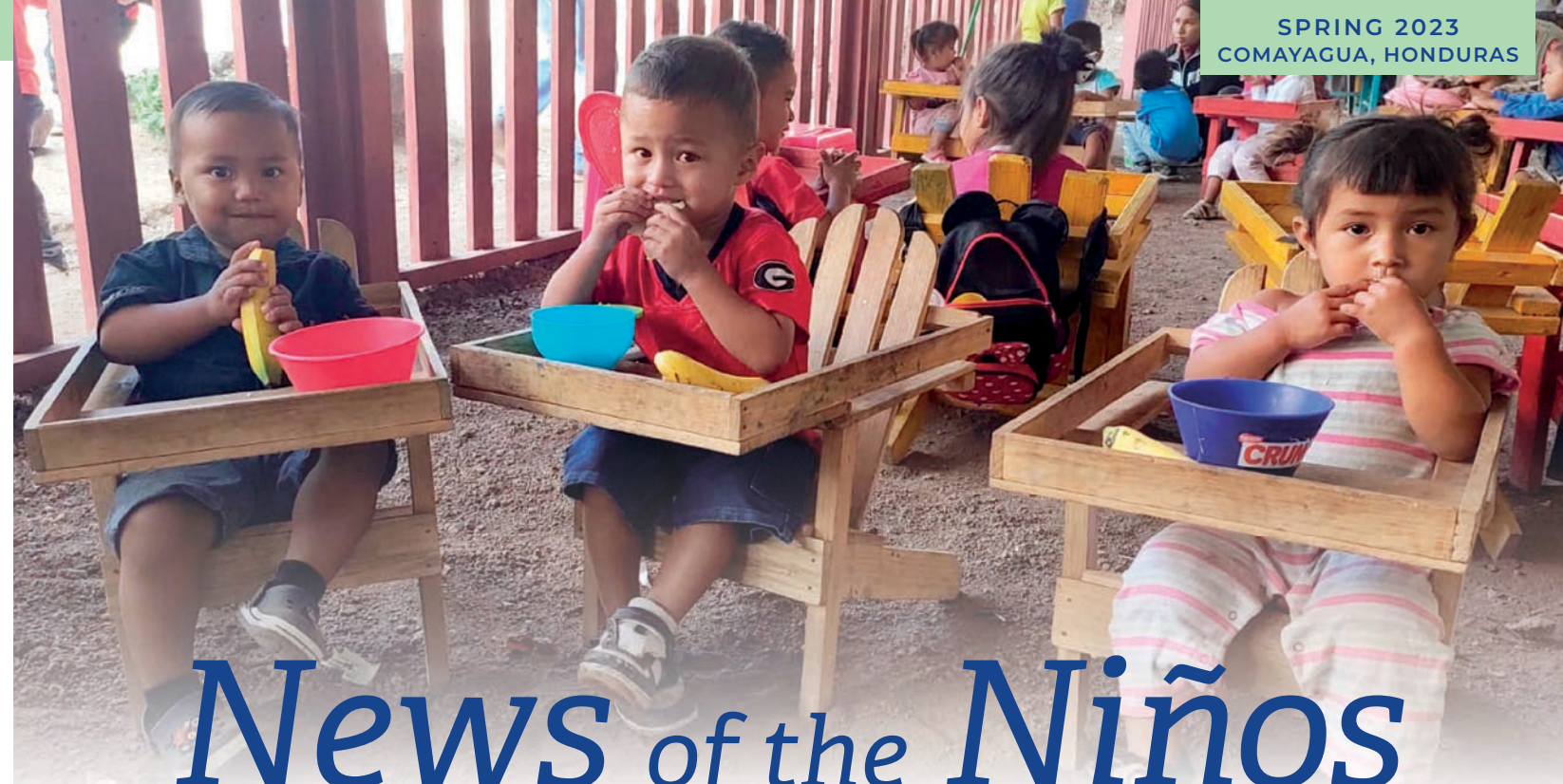
A little over a year ago, Ibon reached out and sent a picture of her grades from the University. We weren't even aware she was taking classes. On her own, she was putting herself through University and she wanted someone to know she was doing well. She wanted somebody to be proud of her. We certainly were and she is now one of the students in AGC's university program.

"AGC's presence has formed a large part of my life at the Hogar and continues to influence and support me today. Now I work for one of the most recognized and respected private institutions in Comayagua, teaching classes for pre-school and 1st grade. I travel to Tegucigalpa on the weekends for university. I am also taking night classes for a certificate in English Monday through Friday. It is not easy but it is the best way to provide for my family. The compensation will be much greater than the sacrifice that

I am experiencing. My motivation is my daughter, I want to be able to provide for all of her needs and see her grow in every aspect. I want to fulfill my promise to her before she was born that we will overcome.

God is everything to me. He has never left me wanting, NEVER. His mercy and love have always been in our favor. I have lived through difficult situations just like everyone else but I am sure that God has never abandoned me, He has been, is, and forever will be faithful. He is my refuge."

We love to see the ways that God is working in Ibon's life, sustaining her and giving her such drive to follow Him and provide for her family. We are so thankful that Ibon was willing to share her personal story, and thank you all for playing a part in influencing her life. ■



News of the Niños

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Trash Mountain

Our partners at Trash Mountain, formerly AFE, shared with us their excitement as the new school year begins.

"We thank God for the opportunity to start each week by taking the time to glorify the name of our creator with all our students during the devotional. God's faithfulness is great every day, and we see proof of this in the daily provision of food, breakfast and lunch, for our students, staff, and the mothers who come to the project.

Our desire to serve the 'Least of these' students and families of the municipal landfill in Tegucigalpa continues. Our desire for them to find hope in Christ and see His love lived out through teachers and staff continues. 167 students are receiving education and spiritual formation through the work that we are supporting with the teachers, many of whom have faithfully served for years. These teachers have a genuine fear and

reverence of God, a love for the population they serve, and a desire for them to know and love God."

These teachers are the people AGC wants to support as they represent Christ to the kids and their families. Mothers of the students have also expressed their gratitude to the team of teachers training and loving their kids. Many have stated that despite the need for nicer facilities, they appreciate the love and care that is so evident. On top of the 167 students enrolled, they also have a waitlist of families hoping to join. We are trusting the Lord to aid us in raising additional support to include more students. **Thank you for your continued support that has allowed us to fund these teachers and students.** ■

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

And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

Timothy Christian High School Mission Trip

All God's Children has a passion for bringing people on mission trips. We love to witness the significant Spiritual growth they experience as this further develops their desire to be used by God as His hands and feet. This is especially true when leading a group of High School students. Board members Bob VenHousen, Abby Huizenga, Al Heerema, and Pam DeBoer recently had the privilege of facilitating a trip of 26 Timothy Christian High School students along with a total of 7 adults.

This was the first large group AGC has led since Covid restricted travel. We have all helped lead many trips, but this was going to have a new untried itinerary, and the trepidation of stepping into something brand new was prevalent. AGC's portfolio of ministries has grown to 8 and we visited them all. These trips are always bathed in prayer and once again God orchestrated a trip that was truly transformational to all who participated.

On the visit with Point, we led a VBS based on Genesis 1:27 where we learn that we are all created in God's image. We broke up into small groups and went with guides to visit homes in the neighborhoods in which

Point operates. It was a very unique opportunity to be welcomed into these homes in some of the poorest neighborhoods in Honduras. Our groups had the



TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP *(continued)*

opportunity to pray with the families and brought "tubs of love" filled with household and food supplies. During these home visits, they were able to learn from these families about their daily lives. They even saw the crafts from the VBS proudly displayed in some of the homes.

It was also very impactful for everyone involved to visit the landfill with Trash Mountain. As we prayed for the food we were distributing, it was amazing to see these people praising and worshiping God even though they have absolutely nothing yet God's Spirit still fills them with joy and love. It was truly awesome to see God through these people, realizing how much we have and how we take things for granted.

Anyone who has attended one of our trips knows how impactful they are. Students who attended had heard from friends and family who had gone before them about their experiences and the joy that can be had from serving. It is hard to return to the United States the same. Here are the words of one of the students: "Since

the trip is over, I think I'm now more grateful, and that changed since before the trip. Seeing how these people have nothing, and yet they are so content and happy. I'm learning to be more grateful because I have more than enough and sometimes I complain about it." ■



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