

New Directors at the Granja

We are very pleased to welcome Jacobo and Melania Herrera as the new directors.

Jacobo and Melania are moving from their former work to helping raise up a large family of boys. We have heard it said in the past that sometimes a person wants to move from success to significance. They feel called by God to work in this capacity.

They have been fully introduced to the ministry by Elder and other board members and have slowly been getting acclimated to life at the Granja.

They demonstrate love, mercy and understanding at the same time capturing what needs to be done on a busy farm of boys.



11th Annual A.G.C. Open

Please consider joining us at 10:30am for the 11th annual AGC Open to benefit All God's Children on Friday Sept. 25, 2015

We will have a great day of golf at the beautiful Pine Meadows Golf Club in Mundelein, IL (www.pinemeadowgc.com). The event will include a four person scramble, box lunch and an awards reception following golf.

You can register at (www.golfdigest.com/planner.com/28285-11thAnnualAGCOpen)

Or by calling Michael Alch at 847-494-4284

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News of the Niños

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Comayagua, Honduras

Dear sponsors, fellow benefactors, and Board of Directors of AGC.

Hogar de Niños Nazareth respectfully salutes you and wishes you abundant blessings from God. By God's grace, we are doing very well at the Homes.

The girls who study at the Maranatha Bilingual School have been on holiday, and they will begin a new school year on 10th August. They were very happy to enjoy this short holiday, and so was Miguel Alberto.

The boys and girls spent one week off from university, because some students had shut down the facilities of the UNAH, where they attend, but everything is back to normal now, and they have returned to their lessons.

We have a new couple of Directors at the Farm, who took this position on June 24th; they say they are really happy with their work, and to be supporting the children in anything they need. Their names are Jacobo and Melania Herrera.

We celebrated our Anniversary on July 25th and 26th. On Saturday at 5 a.m. with all of the boys and girls we had prayers of thanksgiving for what God has done to help us. We then all had an exquisite breakfast. In the afternoon we had a mini Olympics in which the girls, boys, teachers, and a group of visitors of the Army took part. Later traditional fireworks were lit, and then a snack was shared.

At 3 p.m., the people from all the Homes assembled at the Girls' Home in Comayagua, where we followed a short itinerary in which the boys, girls, and teenagers took part with their singing, dancing and drama plays; next, we had dinner with soda and cake, and then the boys and girls enjoyed a small dance party. Everything was really nice.

All the boys and girls have been very healthy so far, in spite of the crisis currently undergone by the country with the Chikungunya epidemics; most of our employees had it, but our boys and girls did not. Christopher Antonio Banegas and Osmin Manuel Álvarez had hernia surgery at the School Hospital of Tegucigalpa, and Luis Fernando López was operated on for torsion of testicular epididymis. Jenny Cristina Sánchez and Juana María Mejía Reyes were operated on for synovial cysts.

Through the Franciscan Friars we managed to obtain a salary for a psychologist, who has been working with the boys, girls, and teenagers for 6 months, addressing all of the projects. With the help of the psychologist we hope that our beneficiaries will feel calmer and may receive psychological assistance.

We thank all the volunteers who have come to visit our Homes in different groups. It is highly beneficial for the boys, girls, and teenagers to be visited by their sponsors and friends. We also thank those who have provided our children with university grants, thus supporting them to study, either here in Honduras or in the United States.

We continue to thank our sponsors, benefactors, and AGC's Board of Directors for their unconditional support to the improvement of our children's future.

God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

Carmen, boys, girls and youths.

All God's Children

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"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me." Mark 9:37

God uses people to be His hands and feet. When God used somebody like that in my life, I called him an angel with skin on.

Allen Heerema

Angels With Skin On Them

I almost lost my life. Allergic to bee stings, I have had shots of adrenaline and steroid regimens over the years. This time was different. While working in the yard I felt the familiar stinging pain on my feet...then again, and again. I ran like a crazy man to get away from the bees that were now in my shirt. In the house I counted five stings and immediately hopped in the car for the ten minute ride to the hospital. I was honestly a bit embarrassed because I had no symptoms—what would I tell them when I got there? Everything was fine until it wasn't. I started to feel very strange (ok stranger than normal). I literally was hopping around and kind of shouting out to try and not pass out. Realizing that I was not going to make it, I called 911 and began explaining what was happening. As dizziness sank in I noticed a farm stand on the side of the road. I pulled over next to a pickup, got out of the car, and said, "I am in trouble and I need help." Before I could get out another word I fell to the ground and passed out.

A young woman in Honduras cared for 17 children...at 20 years of age. She had no place to live. There was often no indication from where the next meal would come. Feeding herself daily was a challenge, providing food for 17 children was nearly impossible. Then an 18th child was brought to her doorstep. Without hesitation Mommy Carmen took the child into her home. But where was she to turn for food?

The AGC logo on the front page is a globe made up of children with the hand of God covering the

globe and the cross carved into His palm. The logo is a picture of what Psalm 91:11 means to us. "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." Paul & Pam DeBoer came up with the concept after their nephew miraculously escaped death in a boating accident on Lake Michigan. It can continue to give us comfort knowing God watches over both His children in Honduras and His children all over the world. That comfort eludes us because of our sinful nature and brokenness. We need to continue to be in God's word and in His will to be reminded of this comfort. Sometimes He uses extraordinary methods to get our attention. Sometimes those miracles come from angels with skin on them.

We at AGC are always amazed at how God touches the hearts of so many people that want to help. I am starting to look at all of you who help as angels, sent by God to care for His children—the "Children of a King." These children have gotten this far through His providence and with service from angels with skin on them. Thank you.

Do you remember Doris's story? She was six years old when her father murdered her mother in front of her and her sisters. Somebody from their village hid them because their father was trying to murder them also. Do those villagers qualify as angels with skin, does the man named Norman that helped keep them together as a family and helped get them to the Hogar qualify? I know being reminded of this story renews my sense of comfort knowing God is watching over and caring for all of us.

Tatiana has been sponsored by Bob & Judy Venhousens family for many years. For years Tatiana was full of anger and bitterness, she would not allow the Venhousens to show her love, and would not display any in return. Tatiana's life was transformed when she accepted Christ as her savior. The anger and bitterness were gone and she thanks the Venhousens for their persistence by calling them mom and dad and even grandparents to her son. May God be praised. Tatiana has shared her testimony many times with our groups at evening devotions. She shocked all of us last time when she included an additional part of her story. Before entering Hogar, Tatiana and her siblings had been abandoned and living in the violent and dangerous streets of Tegucigalpa. It is not safe during the day, let alone at night. How could these kids survive? Tatiana shared with us that at night they would work their way over to the airport where a man would unlock a door and let them sleep inside. We were overwhelmed to know that God provided an angel with skin for Tatiana and her siblings, allowing them to be able to live transformed lives some twenty years later.

Mommy Carmen's angels in skin were Wayne & Char Merz and Brian Kampstra. When the kids were hungry they offered to provide food. Where shelter was needed they arranged to provide a home for the orphanage. When the children needed education they could begin to bridge that gap. In this way AGC, began back in 1989 through these angels with skin on them.

As for me, I came to while they were working on me in the ER. I was in anaphylactic shock, my blood pressure was 60/30, and they kept thinking their thermometers were broke because my temperature was so low. The doctors gave me adrenaline and did a great job restoring my body to normal. My daughter Traci tracked down the farmer that day. Evidently, he had managed to get me into his truck, drive through

some red lights, and get me to the ER. He told Traci that I was slumped over in the truck with my glasses hanging off my head. He felt me and wondered why I was so cold, he thought it was his air conditioner. He simply drove me to the hospital, put me in a wheelchair and said, "My friend needs help" before driving off.

While at the hospital I was letting AGC's board know what was happening and Paul & Pam sent me a text saying that they were crying and referenced Ps 91:11. It started to sink in at that time, this is pretty serious. At first this was just an adventure for me—I like crazy. But that night I woke up several times and relived the events of the day. I am now in full blown thank you Jesus mode. The doctor said that five more minutes and I wouldn't be writing this story today. God clearly still has a purpose for me. Gert and I are going to find my angel, he has a farm stand and drives a pickup truck. Praise God that so many of the kids at the Hogar have found theirs.

Allen Heerema

