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OSMAN HOPE LAUNCHES SCHOLARSHIP

Did you know studies indicate that investments in developing countries that improve the nourishment and education received by children yield the highest benefit to the recipient? To expand the support that we provide the children of Osman Hope, we are excited to tell you about the Osman Hope Scholarship Program that we are developing. In Honduras, public education is not free. Parents not only



These young ladies are attending a Private Technological School in Santa Cruz.

must pay enrollment and year-end exam fees, but also for textbooks, teaching materials, equipment used in the schools and even building maintenance. These costs, plus personal expenses, such as uniforms, shoes, pencils, notebooks and backpacks make it impossible for parents of limited means to put their children through middle and high

school. The goal of the Osman Hope Scholarship Program is to provide the children the means to continue their education onto middle and high school.

The first kids from our shelters will be eligible in February 2007. Our current plans call for the rollout of the program details by the middle of 2006. We hope you will support this exciting and worthwhile endeavor. Please go to our website at www.osmanhope.org for more information.

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SHELTER UPDATES

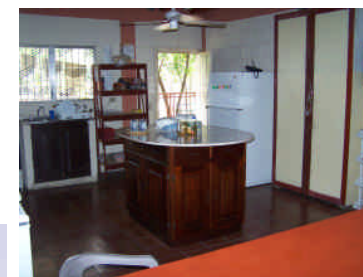
We wish that all of you had the opportunity to visit the shelters and to see the impact that they have on the children who attend them. There are 53 healthy, energetic and happy children between the two shelters and we have asked the shelters to add seven more children.

The San Pedro Sula shelter now has 22 children. We are ready to add three more. The shelter can handle at least 35 children. We will add more as we get the funding to do so.

At the first of the year, we provided funds for the San Pedro Sula Shelter to put



The San Pedro Sula Shelter with its freshly painted walls.



The remodeled kitchen in San Pedro Sula

some finishing touches on the shelter. They have done a fantastic job of painting the walls, upgrading the kitchen, purchasing new beds and cleaning up the outside recreation area. The shelter has also started a garden to give the children the experience of growing their own food. We only have one more project for this shelter which is to add a boys and girls bathroom and shower. Hopefully we can complete them this year.

In the Santa Cruz Shelter, the 31 children are as vibrant as ever.

We are prepared to add four more children to bring the total to 35. This shelter has the capacity for fifty children. It is always a great sight to stop by the shelter and see all of the children eating a nourishing lunch time meal.

At the end of the year, we plan to paint the roof and do a few other maintenance items to keep the shelter in excellent condition.

Finally, we have selected a location for our third shelter and are working on the funding to build and operate it.



Ramon Arpio is surrounded by the children from the Santa Cruz Shelter.

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Special points of interest:

- Annual Wine Tasting Fund Raiser at Oak Point Country Club in Brighton, MI on November 2, 2006. We are currently looking for donations for the silent auction. Contact Cyndy at cammelwicz@msn.com or Kate at wardappl@provide.net
- Annual Golf Outing—May 2007
- Winter Habitat Build Trip in Honduras. Check out our website at www.osmanhope.org

HABITAT BUILD TRIP—MARCH 2006 BY CHRISTI COADY

A beautiful place indeed, with lush landscapes in the country and bustling energies swirling in its cities, yet struggling daily with stark poverty and great need, Honduras is full of contradictions. During my second visit this past March, I again experienced the strong pull of the magnificent green vistas and the charm of a much simpler life. I also felt heartache in knowing I could not erase the hardships faced by parents who simply want a better life for their children, and perhaps a bit of shame for my sometimes silly irritations at home (i.e. I've run out of "good" creamer for my coffee and must run out to the corner store).

I could however, help in a small way through the Habitat Global Village Program. I enjoy working with the families as we build their homes. I experience the joy of a new future through their eyes and this year, had a wonderful time trading numbers lessons with the local children. We counted shovelfuls of sand (which we then used for mixing cement) in English, they counted in Spanish and we all learned something new! That was a wonderful time I shall never forget.

Of course that wasn't all the "counting" we did....additional counting followed at the Shelters where we spent time with the children sharing lunch, playing games, and trading wide smiles, and lots of laughter. The happiness of every single child was evident and their open hugs for all of us never failed to take my breath away.

I cannot imagine a better way to spend time and plan to return year after year to make these small contributions, and selfishly take away a fuller, warmer and happier heart to get me through the next year of my own minor irritations. I dearly love sharing the joy of erasing boundaries!!!



Kyle, Briane, Jeanette and Tony shovel sand into the Habitat house for the floor.

JOHNNY FERNANDO HERNANDEZ BY IRIS RIVERS



This is the story of Johnny Fernando Hernandez (5) and his sister Cinthia (3), two of our children in the care of the Osman Hope shelter in San Pedro Sula. Their mother Carmen gave birth two months ago to her fourth child. Johnny's father is in jail for a crime committed two years ago. This situation has produced a broken family whose head is a mother without an academic background.

Everything has been tragic for this family. With a big belly and living in a neighborhood that has an irregular terrain, this mother has had to walk long distances looking for temporary jobs mostly related to the washing of clothes for others. Meanwhile her children stayed home alone. The world of extreme poverty is violence. Everybody lacks the self-confidence and they fight inch by inch for the right to survive. This violence reaches mostly the most vulnerable: the children. Johnny and his sisters has been mistreated by other neighbors during the long absences of their mother in her continued search for money to

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MIRIAM PEREZ



The cooking area for her home.

On our May visit to review the shelters, we had the opportunity to visit the home of Miriam Perez. Miriam has been in the shelter since June of 2005 and is a very happy and healthy eight year old. Miriam lives about two miles from the shelter. However, it is a grueling walk, traversing through a rain drenched muddy path to one of the highest points in the area. In the 95 degree heat and humidity, we were soaked by the time we reached her home.

Miriam lives with her mother Rosala. Rosala had a job working as a cleaning lady for the government office in town. Unfortunately she lost that job when the new mayor was elected this past year. Like many people in the area, she is constantly looking for work and will perform day labor jobs when they are

available.

Miriam's home consisted of two rooms, both approximately 80 square feet (about the size of a small walk-in closet). One room was used for cooking and eating and had two chickens teathered to a stick in the wall. The other room was used for sleeping. The walls of the house were made of large sticks that were intertwined and then covered with mud. It was a never ending process to keep the walls "mudded" to protect them from the elements. The floor was also dirt and since it had just rained was wet. The roof was made of tin panels supported by long sticks that ran from the tops of the walls. On one side of the house, there was a three foot "gutter" that caught the rain water, allowing it to accumulate in a five gallon bucket. This was their source of drinking, cleaning and cooking water.

It is for children like Miriam that Osman Hope exists. Osman Hope is the one chance Miriam has to break the circle of poverty for her.

JOHNNY FERNANDO HERNANDEZ (CONT.)

feed them.

I met Johnny on the street, when he was hiding behind a tree, because a man was looking for him (belt in hand) to hurt him. I asked Johnny if the man was his father, and he answered that he didn't know him. The man was new in the neighborhood and that he wanted was to take a bucket of water from Johnny's house. At this point Johnny was "man of the house", mommy was working and his sisters were just "women", he had to defend what was his. I decided to take Johnny to the Shelter. The man was insulted but he didn't dare to attack us.

Later that day I went to talk to the mother. She agreed to allow Johnny and little Cinthia to attend the Shelter. Life's been better for them since that day Johnny is learning to read and write and Cinthia is developing her fine and gross motors. Johnny is still the man of the house, but as he says: "NOW I'M PREPARED TO FIGHT FOR MOM AND MY SISTERS, 'CAUSE I AM STRONGER AND OF COURSE I'M SMARTER THAN THE OTHER GUYS BECAUSE I AM LEARNING TO WRITE AND READ. BESIDES