

# Heaven's Reach Ministries

News Letter January 2008

Mission Honduras

Showing, Teaching, and Releasing Gods

## WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?

The past week God has revealed to me more than ever why we are here. We knew from the beginning that God brought us here to train under Henry and Cindy Lowman (Mercy International) and to be armor bearers to them. We also knew that we had a passion for the hospital, education, and people here, but we had no idea of the generational curses and strongholds that plague this country.

The longer we are here and the more information we obtain about not just the living conditions of the people here and the healthcare, but of the family structure, educational status, poverty, adultery, rape, single parent homes, alcohol abuse, etc. I am amazed. We are finding out more and more that we are here to be role models of Godly men and women, mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, prayer warriors, and encouragers, as well as the above reasons.

Henry and Cindy have been in Honduras for fifteen years and have so many different ministries going on here that I cannot even begin to tell you all of them, but one in particular has captured my heart and burdened my soul in ways I never knew possible. Honduras and most Central American Countries require families to pay for their children to continue their education after the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Since most families are barely able to feed their children they cannot further their education. Cindy started a program to sponsor local Honduran children to attend school past the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She started with one that led to three that is now over 60, with six in college now. The program is Hope and a Future.



Cindy and Henry get requests on a daily basis for them to sponsor a child. They meet with churches and individuals to acquire the funds to sponsor for students to provide funds for school costs, room and board, transportation, supplies, uniforms, and whatever needed to send a child to school. The needs differ depending on where the child is from, how far the school is, and what school is best to meet their needs.

So if they have so many programs and so many needs why is this program so important? Well let me give you a little history on these children. Out of the 60 students that are sponsored 12 of them have fathers that live in the home. Out of the female students we are finding out on a daily basis that most if not all have been raped at some point. They are living in mud homes with no electricity, no running water, and their diet consists of corn tortillas and if they are lucky red beans. The fathers tend to have at least one or more families and play no active role in their lives; their mothers are raising 4-6 kids and doing what they can to keep the kids fed. The men are taught that they do not have to take responsibility for their families. The more children they have the more manly they are. There are very few job opportunities available in the surrounding villages so they grow what they eat and/or make baskets and other items to sell. There are various reasons for this, it tends to trace back to when the Spaniards conquered the Hondurans years ago. In Honduras the Lynca Indians are the biggest people group in Honduras and yet the poorest. The Palestinians are the smallest people group in Honduras and yet hold 90% of the political offices have 75% of the wealth in Honduras. Lack of education of the Lynca Indians and local village people here contributes to this. The children feel unimportant and unloved. They do not know now to hope and dream.

This program not only enables children to obtain a high school and/or college education it empowers them to take charge their lives and to change their future. The students are required to attend weekly youth services and small groups, thus allowing us to not only show God's love by improving their education and ability to provide for their families as adults, but also by teaching them God's word and how He loves them individually. Hope and a Future teaches them they are important, they do matter, how to be Godly men and women for Christ, how to hope and dream, how they can make a difference in their country, and how they can change and break the strongholds and generational curses that control their world by experiencing Christ, serving God, getting an education, and taking an active role in their community.



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*God bless you all,*

*Dean, Melissa, and Haley*



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Honduras is full of opportunities to show Gods love:

- **La Esperanza Hospital:**

- We are looking for donated equipment and cost to ship it to Honduras.
- The hospital has written a request to repair their leaking roof.
  - We have two teams for this year scheduled and need more
  - \$4,000 per section

- **Nutrition Project:** We were asked by the Hospital Administration for help with this program

- The ground is ready for seed. We are looking for donations to provide the seed and educational materials
- providing food and nutrition classes to expecting mothers
- promote prenatal care
- providing seeds for mothers to start their own gardens

- **Invasion Project:**

- A camp of people who lost their homes, jobs, or are looking for a better life.
- 45 single mothers with children under 5 years old.
- Cost \$5 per week for three meals a week per child
  - Employing local mothers to cook and serve the meals adding to their self-esteem and give us greater influence into their lives.
- We hope to meet with feed the children to get food but will still need shipping cost covered.

Thank you to all of you for your support and prayers. We believe God will meet the following needs.

- **Annual Expenses**

- \$ 2,400 3 Round trip Airplane tickets (received)
- \$ 2,500 1 Year of correspondence from ABECCA (badly needed)
- \$ 1,890 3 Weeks of Spanish School (received)

TOTAL \$4,900

- **Monthly Expenses**

- \$ 500 Housing (received)
- \$ 500 Vehicle/Travel
- \$ 700 Food and Miscellaneous (badly needed)
- \$1,500 Ministry

TOTAL \$3,200

- **One Time Expenses**

- \$30,000 Build Staff Housing
  - A house for Mercy International that will be available to us while we are in Honduras
- \$30,000 4-wheel drive vehicles (donated vehicles gladly excepted)
- \$1,800 Honduras Resident Fees

TOTAL \$61,800

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