

LOVING HONDURAS

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Dear Mission Partners,

Before Christmas the slaughter house gave us permission to haul manure for the compost pile. The rainy season is supposedly over. We've been waiting for this because it's much nicer to put dry manure in burlap bags and load them than it is to put wet manure in burlap bags. There's a roof to keep the manure nice and dry. So we went, but the manure was so wet that it took the shape of the sack. Somehow my workers had gotten all these kids to volunteer to come, so we had eight helping to bag and haul. I think the kids volunteered because they wanted to ride in the back of the pick-up -- that's a big deal for kids who never get to ride in a car -- and maybe for the possibility of some Coca Cola.

After the first trip I gave them coffee and rosquillas. After the second trip, my driver, Hector Jose, got them chips and Coca Cola. After the third trip, they got chop suey and fried rice, with tortillas and Coca Cola. There was tons of food and Hector Jose kept dishing it out until it was all gone. This is a big deal for poor farm kids whose mom divides the food for the family onto plates and there are no seconds for anybody.

After the fourth trip they went to the river to wash the manure-soaked bags and my pick-up. They loved the river - they washed themselves with their manure soaked clothes on, as well as the bags. They said that today was the most fun they have had for the entire Christmas vacation. They are really going to be sad when I start driving myself again and Hector Jose stays home.

*For His Sake,
Jeannie*



Top: On my front porch, waiting for Hector Jose to dish out the Chinese food from the restaurant in San Diego.

Below: There was no talking. Although they joked all day, everyone concentrated on eating.



So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

Corinthians 15: 58



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IN SAN LORENZO

- THE PATRONATO IS BUILDING THE KINDERGARTEN.
- CHRISTMAS EVE WAS CELEBRATED BY THE LAST OF THE POSADAS, HELD AT THE CATHOLIC CHAPEL. EVERYONE SANG HYMNS AND CHRISTMAS SONGS UNTIL MIDNIGHT, WHEN THEY WELCOMED THE BABY JESUS. IT WAS A QUIET CELEBRATION EXCEPT FOR THE FIREWORKS. CHRISTMAS IS AN OCCASION FOR FIREWORKS.
- MANY FARMERS ARE UP IN THE MOUNTAINS PICKING COFFEE.
- WE AWARDED NINE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS FROM SAN LORENZO.
- ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WHO PASSED LAST YEAR WILL RECEIVE UNIFORMS.



PRAYER AND PRAISE REQUESTS

Praise God that my son, John Charles, is responding well to treatment. Pray that his incision will heal.

Pray for the veterinarian team that will be here from the 16th to the 25th. Pray for their health and safety and that the animals' health will be improved.

Pray for good health for the villagers in San Lorenzo where pink-eye, the flu and colds have been taking their toll.

Pray for Alejandra's next mouth surgery.

Above: The kindergarten with one wall built.

Below: The kindergarten with three walls built. The windows will be in the front and back; the doors will be in the front. This week they are pouring the columns and the beam to go on top of the wall.

We are ready for the kindergarten to be finished so we can start the church building.



Left: The new latrine you had built for the elementary school. The old one was rotten and falling apart. This one will not rot.
Below: Christmas Eve Service, held in the morning, in the community center. Note the cement bags for building the kindergarten! Rev. Victor recognized the Honor graduates on scholarship and gave each a gift.



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