

LOVING HONDURAS

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Dear Mission Partners,

We've just celebrated Independence Day here, September 15. Every school child in Honduras participates in the parades. San Lorenzo's was filmed for TV. The rural parades have a flavor that the city parades can't match! This year, instead of empty paint cans, they have three real drums. The teacher said in order to choose the three drummers, she had each child try out and she picked the best ones. However, the Palillonas (think girls' drill team with batons) were chosen according to who would fit in the costumes that they have from last year!

Children's day and teacher's day both fall in September, too. There have been a LOT of school holidays. It drives me crazy, but the kids love it.

My latest idea is to help folks in San Lorenzo put gutters on their houses to fill their pilas when it rains. I put some on my casita and they work really well. I was given some used PVC pipes that I gave to one family. Split the long way, they make great gutters. God is pushing me to buy pipes to distribute to all the houses. I did this once before, many years ago, but the pipes I bought were too small and too flimsy to work very well.

Harvesting rainwater is a partial solution to their water problem. A permanent solution is to find a secure water source in the mountains, get government permission, and secure the funding for kilometers of pipe to take it to San Lorenzo.

*For His Sake,
Jeannie*



Above: Pre-schoolers and graduates participated. Pre-schooler Dayana is a palillona.

Below: The new drums are being filmed as a thank you. The TV presenter is going to contrast last year's parade to this year's. Last year many people were touched to give so the school could have uniforms and drums.



Oh our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you have already given us! We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a shadow, gone so soon without a trace. I Chronicles 29: 13-15



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IN SAN LORENZO

- I HAVE STOPPED CARRYING DRINKING WATER TO THE HOUSES BECAUSE I THINK THAT VILLAGE LEADERS WILL NOT ACT UNLESS THINGS ARE VERY DIFFICULT WATER-WISE. I BELIEVE THIS IS A PROBLEM THEY NEED TO SOLVE. I STEPPED IN WHEN I THOUGHT IT WAS TEMPORARY, BUT IT IS OBVIOUS THE SPRING IS NOT GOING TO RECOVER THIS YEAR.
- THERE IS ALMOST NO WATER IN THE LAGUNA, SO THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO WASH CLOTHES THERE. THERE ARE A LOT OF TURTLES, BUT NO FISH. THE WATER IS ABOUT A FOOT DEEP.
- FARMERS WITH CATTLE HAVE TO HAUL WATER FOR THE COWS TO DRINK. SOME ARE SELLING THEIR COWS BECAUSE IT'S TOO LABOR-INTENSIVE TO HAUL WATER BY HAND.



PRAYER AND PRAISE REQUESTS

PRAY FOR CONTINUED RAIN IN VALLE DE JAMAISTRAN AND A GOOD SECOND GROWING SEASON. (CALLED POSTRERA).

PRAY FOR A SOLUTION TO THE LACK OF WATER.

PRAY FOR JEANNIE'S CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH AND ENERGY ON THE MISSION FIELD.

PRAY FOR THE GROWTH OF THE MISSION IN SAN DIEGO.

PRAY FOR HILDA TO HAVE SUCCESSFUL SURGERY ON HER ANKLE.

Above: The lagoon, after a one-inch rain.
Below: Children eating the school lunch, provided by Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. I am still carrying drinking water to the school, and filling the pila with water from San Diego. The program cannot function without the hygiene of washed dishes. There has to be water to cook the CSB, beans, and rice. In addition, the children arrive at school very thirsty and ask the cooks for drinks of water. The filtered water from San Diego has a much better taste than the water they have at home.



This is my God-daughter, Hilda, at her house, wearing her brace. She was washing clothes when I interrupted her. I am told that the use of the brace for her dislocated ankle is limited, and after a while it will no longer work. Then she will need to have her ankle fused. She has an appointment with the surgeon in November.

She wears her brace all day and uses her crutches if she has to get up at night. Hilda's mom died six months ago of renal failure. She refused dialysis treatment.

As Hilda's God-mother, I am responsible for her education. Although she is 23 years old, she is just now in 8th grade. Due to her club foot, she was unable to attend school. When she wasn't in the hospital, she spent most of the time closed up in her house. Not surprisingly, she wants to be a doctor. Although this is not a realistic goal for her, it's easy to understand why she's chosen it.

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