

The Best Laid Plans - Village Updates January 2011



An urgent plea for donations, is something we rarely do. However, we have a true emergency. At the last hour, the aid promised to keep our kids in school has fallen through. Needed immediately is \$5000, of which 100% will be used to purchase school supplies for over 800 children. Without this help most of them will not be enrolled in school this term and will not be a part of our center this year. They will be sent to work the bean fields and that could mean an end to their education.

The supplies needed to ensure our children are enrolled in school must be purchased at the beginning of February so that we can distribute them before school starts at the end of the month.

Do you ever wonder at your purpose and why you were created to be in this place and in this time? The kids we serve in Honduras don't have the luxury of such abstract thinking. Not that they are incapable of it, but when your daily existence is fraught with figuring out where you are going to get wood to heat the beans you hope you will have the money to buy, your thoughts are taken up by more immediate matters. Our kids are forced into adult responsibilities from a very young age.

In stark contrast to our Honduran kids, you and I have the luxury to think *why me, why now*, and *what am I being called to do* in any particular

situation. We who support this work with the children are not a bunch of random DNA, but a chosen group of individuals drawn together for a purpose. Did you ever think that your contribution to a child's education in Honduras could possibly change the face of a nation? That teenager you began supporting as a little child might grow up to be President and set the country on a whole new course. Stranger things have happened. Abe Lincoln was poor and grew up in a wood cabin not all that different from the mud huts of children we serve.

In 2010 we overcame every challenge that threatened our kids. If you did not see our December newsletter, please check the web at www.wrgnews.com. Our excellent track record with the kids assures us of one thing. More and more children will be coming through our gates because they see that education might actually be attainable and their best bet for a future.

The parents have learned to delay gratification and do their part to keep the children in school. No student gets 100% of what is needed to attend school. But when your income is \$40 a month to feed and clothe a family of 5 - it becomes impossible to make any further cutbacks. This is not about sacrificing a new dress or a nice dinner out. These parents are literally sacrificing beans on the table to give their children a shot at a better life.

We thank you in advance for anything you can do to help us make this goal. Remember that our high school students are working at our center and with local agencies in exchange for the school supplies and matriculation needs they have. This small army for social change is an enormous asset to our center and to the surrounding communities, contributing 2400 hours a month of public service! Losing them now could mean losing them forever along with those they can influence for good.

While some might think that giving to help a child in a remote village of Honduras does not amount to much in this world, we see an ocean of children whose genius is being laid waste. But, we have a sea of youth committed to making a difference in rescuing the lost boys and girls of Honduras. You and I are merely providing a bridge to the future, until these kids are old enough and educated enough to build their own bridges.

Several years back I heard a marvelous speaker at The National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. His name is Ward Brehm. Africa was his Honduras. In discussing God's plan for dealing with poverty and human tragedy he ended his address saying: "The answer is.....US! Even more astonishing... He has no plan B..."

Nor do we...

NEEDS AND CHALLENGES AND MATTERS FOR PRAYER

ANOTHER MATCHING GRANT FOR THE KIDS!

A generous partner has put up yet another \$20,000 matching grant for the children's center. As you will see above our most pressing need is keeping 800 children in school this year. Additional needs are for teen scholarships that cost approximately \$50 per month per teen. This covers our bus service, uniforms, books, and matriculation fees. In return our teens give 10 hours of service a week, tutoring children in the center, and doing a variety of community service. The hard work and example of our teens will inspire young and old, rich and poor to come together for the benefit of all.

DESIGNATED GIVING GOES 100% WHERE SPECIFIED

World Resources Group is unique among non-profit organizations. Any specified donation to the children goes 100% to the fund designated and is 100% tax deductible. All undesignated giving is used where the Board of Directors deems the need to be greatest. While we have seen many miracles over the years, we have yet to pull any pieces of gold from the mouth of a fish. But with the little we have been given, the miracles have flowed. If you know of friends or corporate sponsors either in the U.S. or in Honduras that might help us reach our goals, please send this newsletter along!

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