



# HAPPENINGS IN HONDURAS

## Notes from the Chair

*Greetings from Jim Fennell, Chair*

Our God is so good! Let us rejoice together as another milestone year of ministry is passing. Let's reflect on a brief history of Little Hands Big Hearts (LHBH)/Manos Chicas Corazones Grandes (MCCG).

In 1996 Mark and Brenda Young brought baby Jose, a child from Trujillo, to the USA for surgery, in 1998 they brought Samantha (our first LHBH child for surgery, and in 2000 Mark and Brenda moved to Honduras to our present location. No matter how you add up the years, 26, 24, or 22 years of ministry in Trujillo is exciting and enduring. This history has created a wonderful legacy.

As you remember the longevity of LHBH, let us count it a tremendous blessing. It is an honor to see God through Little Hands (kids), Big Hearts (us). May we continually be thankful for God's grace and compassion. He holds our children and their families close, while using our staff to reach out, teach and mentor on an hourly basis.

Prayer is essential to solidifying our ministry. Honduras needs rain, MCCG needs another vehicle, water storage as well as physical and spiritual healing for all.

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Please specifically be in prayer as several Board members from The Southwest Church, in Tigard, OR are traveling in October to Trujillo with other members on a mission trip.

We are also very happy to announce that in March 2023, Dr Amber Figueroa, LHBH Medical Director, will lead a medical brigade to serve in Trujillo and outlying barrios for the first time since 2018.

Blessings to all as we share Jesus and our ministry at Manos Chicas, Corazones Grande (MCCG) with the world.



# Director's Report

*Norbentina Alvarez Osorno*

We are grateful to have finished one more month with relatively good health. Our teachers have been working diligently with the children to be able to continue making good progress on their learning and rehabilitation process. Things in the Ministry are progressing well. We thank the Lord for all the good things we have been able to have and do.

As for our children, most of them are doing well, and have been attending class and therapy. Even though some of our children could not attend all of their classes or therapy sessions we are glad their parents were responsible to attend the other activities we had during the month such as parent's counseling.



## Our Projects

The pre-school flooring was completed this month and it looks very nice and the teachers are very happy to have this project completed. Thank you very much for your support on covering labor expenses.

We also fixed a few areas on the Rotary Outdoor Therapy Center. We had budgeted a specific amount for the work that was going to be done on this area plus the other side of the ROTC that also needs some work thus, we spent a little bit more in the tree house than what we had budgeted.

## Donations

We feel very happy to have had a positive response from the Red Cross office in Trujillo, we had requested some basic medicine and other supplies for the nursing area, and they gave us all the things we asked for! This is going to help us have the necessary supplies to support our children and staff when they need it.

Rosa has been doing incredible work talking to her colleagues and asking for donations of medicine and other supplies to different places.



## UNAH Students

Psychology students from the National Autonomous University of Honduras visited us for 3 days. Their project was to donate several Psychological diagnostic tests that are going to help with the evaluations of the children. They also gave office and school supplies.



## Director's Report Cont.

*Norbentina Alvarez Osorno*

### Our Staff

We are very happy with the work our new intern, Tesla, has been doing during the past couple months. She is a nice and sweet person that works well with the staff, children and their parents. She has been reviewing the children's evaluations and supporting our teachers. She has also been seeing people from church who have come for family, or couple counseling. Tesla has been doing a good job, we are happy to have her with us.

Our nurse, Rosa, has been working very well organizing her space and learning about the children and their family's condition. During this month she has been visiting some families' houses and gave medicine, rice, beans, and other donations we had. We also visited some of the families that are not part of the program any more such as Franklin Pineda, Lurvin, Jairo, Elizabeth, Gustavo, Christen, and Abad. It was a very nice time; they were doing good and were happy to see us. Rosa had a nice experience sharing with them and it was a good opportunity for her to better understand our mission and the work we do.

In July, we had a birthday celebration for Tesla and Rosa, everyone brought something to share for breakfast, we sang and shared a nice morning with them. They both were very happy.



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## Staff Spotlight

*Delia Martinez*



Hello, my name is Delia Martínez. This will be my 8th year working at LHBH. I work as a teacher in the special education area, as an assistant in speech and occupational therapy in the rehabilitation area, and as a teacher of biblical classes teaching the bread of knowledge with love to all the children.

When I look back, it seems incredible to me the evolution that I have had personally and professionally since I first met my coworkers and sisters in the faith and they showed me their work with love. Like all of us, I started with fears and many doubts. I had no idea what this exciting trip would be like and now with the help of God I feel lucky to be able to work here helping the needy children, mothers, colleagues and all the visitors in any way I can.

With love, patience, effort and faith you can enjoy, share, and create wonderful moments.

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