

# HAPPENINGS IN HONDURAS

*The Little Hands, Big Hearts Foundation*



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## Notes from the Chair

*Ken Vielmette, Chair*

As I write this, I am looking out my dining room window where I see the typical icons of the Pacific Northwest: trees, rain and moss. But if I look closer, I see something else too, daffodil shoots and camellia buds – signs that spring is here.

For Little Hands, Big Hearts, spring is an especially busy time. Not only are classes in full swing, but short-term mission teams start showing up too. For 2023, we have some pent-up demand, with five teams scheduled from March to July – including teen groups, medical brigades, and a university engineering cohort.

One group is probably there right now as you read this!

I am so excited for each and every individual who will visit this year.

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Being at Little Hands fully emerged in the sights, the sounds, and the tactile experience that is a short-term mission trip, has to be one of the best ways to truly appreciate the work that happens in Trujillo. Once you see therapy applied to the weak limbs of a child, or catch a smile emanating from grateful moms and dads as they receive rice and beans, or watch the facial expressions of a teen who first learns about God's forgiveness, you will never be the same.



If you previously served in Trujillo, thank you! I hope our newsletters continue to remind you of good memories of time well spent. If you have not been there yet, perhaps now is the time. Reach out to myself or to another board member, and ask about joining an upcoming trip. Or, if traveling internationally is not on the horizon for you, you can participate by praying and by financially supporting those who can. The Apostle Paul calls these gifts, "a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God" (Phil 4:18). Whatever camp you find yourself in, we appreciate your support and your service to the children and, ultimately, to our God.



# Director's Report

*Norbentina Alvarez*

We are very happy to be back to work, and we're looking forward to what this new year brings us as a Ministry. We started work on February 1st as we welcomed the staff and started our morning with a devotional.

We usually use the first couple of weeks to do cleaning around campus, organize the classrooms, teachers work on their class plans, we go over the list of children, check if we would have room for new enrollment, and prepare things to receive the children.

Bible class started on the 19th and therapy and classes on the 20th. Our first month is going well. The children are happy to be back, they are getting used to some changes we have made to their classrooms and their schedules.

We are hoping to have a good year and to be able to bless the lives of many children and their families, as well as help the churches and the local community.



## Fundraising Activity

We were invited to be part of a car racing event where different people from outside our community come to race and LHBH was in charge of the ticket sales. We also sold T-shirts with the LH logo and the logo of the donors that we had for the activity, we sold food, and drinks.

We are happy that even though we had some setbacks, such as rain during the afternoon time we got to sell everything. The children and parents that were there had a good time, as well as the staff. We are also very thankful for the group of volunteers we had supporting the activity, such as Daryl and his family, they were of great support.



We had the mayor come over to help us with an advertisement video for the event and his administration donated the chicken meat and some beverages for the day, it was very nice to have his support.

After expenses, we brought in L. 46,961, about \$1870 US. We will meet with the parents to decide how these funds will be used as there are different needs around campus that can be covered with these funds.

## Donations

As usual, we went to pick up our donations of the month. This time Maybelline and her husband went to get the donations. We had all the regular donations such as rice, dry beans, cans of black beans, sacks of wheat, hand sanitizer, face masks, boxes of Mannapack, and personal hygiene items, such as tooth paste, tooth brush, deodorant, etc. This month's donations also included cleaning supplies that are of great help for keeping our facilities clean.

We are very thankful for this ministry and how you have been supporting us all these years. The donation we have every two months helps us cover many needs at LH. We use the rice and beans for daily meal preparation for staff, children and visitors, we also donate it to our children and their families, as well as to our staff when they need it, some church members, Bible class students and other visitors.

We are looking forward to the coming months as it is always nice to see our friends and meet new people.



# Spring Trip Reflections

*Diane Hamm, Southwest Church of Christ*

I wanted to take a moment to tell you about the spring Honduras mission trip.

First, I wanted to say what an honor, blessing and privilege it was to be able to go on this trip. I truly love the people of Honduras. The work that Manos Chicas does is so important for these precious little children.

Olman, the campus minister, is humble and quiet but also dedicated and bold to share God's word with the children and people.

I pray God used me in some way for His kingdom on this trip. Visiting with our Sunday family was a little intimidating not being able to speak Spanish. But God provided through smiles, hugs, and many games of Uno! I asked our Sunday host, Mario, how I could pray for his family. He seemed shocked I would ask but was thrilled to know I would keep his requests in my prayers.

The teachers were also thrilled to receive the Spanish Bibles and that there were different age level Bibles.

God is so good, all the time! I am thankful for His provision and care on this trip.



*Diane and Maybelline*



# Staff Spotlight

*Rosa Idalia Sanchez Galvez*

Hello! My name is Rosa Idalia Sanchez Galvez I am from Olancho, and am currently living in Trujillo. I really enjoy spending time with my family. We are a large family of 7 siblings. My father passed 10 years ago and I am currently living with my mother. I have 2 kids who are already married and with their own families.

Working at LHBH has been one of my best life experiences in a long time, I like the fellowship and support we have for each other as staff. This makes LH different from many other places.

What I like the most about my work is to be able to work with vulnerable people, I am happy to work with the children and the families. I always try to help them and treat them with kindness and respect. I also enjoy the mornings devotional we have every day. We put God first in everything we do, and this is something very important.



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