

HAPPENINGS IN HONDURAS

The Little Hands, Big Hearts Foundation



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Ken Vielmette, Chair

Happy New Year to all our donors and supporters from all of us at the Little Hands, Big Hearts Foundation. Along with the change of the calendar, we have some changes at the Foundation, one of which is me ... the newly elected chair of the LHBH Board. I am honored to have been selected to be in this role and am humbled to follow in the steps of those who have led the Foundation so faithfully, namely, Jim Fennell, Kelly Eldred, Gary Strealy and our founder Mark Young.

If you don't know me, here is a quick overview: I was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest. I now live, work and worship in the suburbs west of Portland, Oregon. I have four kids, all in their twenties and have been married to my lovely wife, Shannon, for 32 years this February. I first heard of LHBH in the early 2000's during one of Mark Young's presentations; this is when we first become financial supporters.

My first trip to LHBH was in 2012, when the Southwest Church was preparing a short-term mission trip for the youth group and I was asked to help chaperone, which I agreed to. It was on this trip that God opened my eyes and showed me how big His kingdom is. I was amazed at the faith that I saw lived out by our brothers and sisters in that Central American setting. It grew my faith and made me want to share the experience with others.

It was also in 2012 that I first joined the LHBH Foundation. Since then, I've been back to LHBH several times as a worker, as a team leader, and as a friend to the many Hondurans I've connected with. Every trip reminds me what an awesome God we serve!

As you read through our newsletter, my prayer is that you will capture a glimpse of the powerful way God is moving in Honduras, and that it helps you see how He is moving your life.

Farewell Letter

James Fennell, retiring Chair

It was with full hearts and genuine love for the MCCG mission and pride in the development of the LHBH board, that my wife Nancy and I retired from our leadership positions with the LHBH Foundation Board of Directors at the December board meeting.

The entire board is such a beautiful group of Christian people who collectively have risen to grasp the concept of spiritual dependence, financial responsibility and trust in God. The Board is in such good hands and we rejoice in the selection of our brother Ken Vielmette as the new Chair. Nancy and I were privileged to guide and encourage this passion filled group and to constantly ask all of you for prayers and financial support. We appreciate and are truly grateful for every prayer and gift.

Please continue to reach out to your friends and share the good news of our mission in Trujillo, Honduras. Our spiritual and physical needs continue to grow as we serve the people of Honduras, Our 20 + years of challenges and successes with children and families continues to create new possibilities. We need more funding to replace, remodel and fix our infrastructure and hire more staff as needed. Please continue to pray for Honduras, its new government leadership, and the entire community of Trujillo as we strive to witness the love of Jesus to all. We so enjoyed a final leadership visit in October and as always were blessed beyond measure by the staff, families and local churches. Our God is so good!





2022 Reflections

Norbentina Alvarez Osorno

Life is a wonderful gift that we were given. Our father God sent his son to die on a cross for our sins. With this gesture of love, he showed how much he loves us and that his love is eternal. I believe that there is nothing better than loving and serving others. You, our supporters are able to give hope to so many and become a blessing for the lives of those you help.

We feel very blessed for everything we were able to do at LHBH in 2022. Thanks to your support, we received a donation of psychology supplies for our CINET area, remodeled the wall, roof, and floor of our preschool classroom, constructed a pila for one family, improved our water system, built new shelves for our storage room, and replaced the lumber on the Rotary Outdoor Therapy Center. These projects will allow the ministry to serve the children in a better way.

During this past year we were visited by local, national, and USA volunteers who came to help and support the mission we have of sharing the love of God with the LHBH families and community members, and improving the life of our special needs children.

We closed out 2022 with 26 children, and we cannot be happier with the progress each one of them has made on different aspects of their learning and physical therapy goals. This progress would not be possible if it were not for the hard work of our amazing staff and the wonderful people who have supported us in different ways through the year.

I am looking forward to what next year will bring for us, and hoping to meet many new friends that have the desire to partner with us and be a serving hand here at LHBH Mission in Honduras. May the Lord bless you.





Please be in prayer as the staff and families prepare to return for another great year of education, therapy and faith building service through the foundation and the power of our Lord, Jesus!

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