

# HAPPENINGS IN HONDURAS

*The Little Hands, Big Hearts Foundation*



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## Notes from the Chair

*Ken Vielmette, Chair*

Greetings to our Dear Friends and Supporters –

I hope this letter finds you well and in good health!

It brings me great joy, as the chair of the Little Hands, Big Hearts Foundation to bring some exciting updates from the work happening in Honduras. We have been very blessed this spring!

First, the campus now has a reliable source of water - a newly completed well! This augments the intermittent city water supply, which previously left our water tower dry for days on end. A special “thank you” to the Lipscomb University College of Engineering team who took on the extra task of providing the electricity and plumbing needed to connect everything together and make it work.

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Second, we also now have a reliable source of transportation - a new 4x4 truck! The timing is ideal and so necessary as the ministry returns to pre-pandemic levels. It is used daily to transport children and parents; to deliver food, vitamins and supplies; and, to accomplish whatever else is necessary to keep the ministry moving forward.

Praise God for His provision and timing!

As you read the next few pages, I hope that you are as enthusiastic as we are about the work that is being accomplished. It is because of you, our prayer partners and financial supporters, that we are able to fulfill this calling. God teaches us that every child has a purpose and a unique contribution to make to the world; and, we are honored to be a part of the journey for the children we are privileged to serve.



# Director's Report

*Norbentina Alvarez*

Our past couple of months have gone very well. We had a visit from the Lipscomb College of Engineering team in May. We were very happy to have the team, they helped us with the water system, checked our electrical system, and looked at some other things we had problems with on campus.

We also celebrated Mother's Day on this month. We got some donations of groceries, gifts cards, presents, and other things from the local businesses which helped us celebrate with our mothers. They had a very nice time, and enjoyed the activities the teachers organized with the children.

We celebrated the birthdays of some staff members in May as well. This is a way for us to motivate, show appreciation to our team members and build good relationships. Our May birthdays were Oscar, Olman, and Maybelline.

June has been a busy month. We have been getting ready to have our next team of Physical Therapists in July. They will be working very closely with the teachers and the children; we are sure their visit will be of a great blessing to our ministry. It will help improve the service we provide to each one of our children.



As for our daily activities on campus, things have been going well. Our staff works hard every day to make sure things are completed on time and that our children, family and visitors get the best assistance, and service from each one of us. Our children come to their therapy session on Mondays, we have special education classes on Tuesdays, Occupational therapy on Wednesdays, Hydrotherapy and Bible Classes on Thursday, and we do some family visits on Fridays. Our week is full of activities and each day is a special day for our staff and children to explore and learn something new together.

We are very blessed to be serving in this ministry, and be part of the change in the lives of each child that comes to us seeking for help. We fulfill our mission to show the love of Christ, and preach his word in everything we do.

Thank you to each one of our friends, donors, partners, and volunteers that are working side by side with us to make possible for this ministry to continue being the light in the life of 34 Honduran families.

May the Lord bless you!



# Reflections of Visits Past

*Gabrielle Brown, Simi Valley CoC*

My name is Gabrielle Brown. I volunteered in Trujillo with Simi Valley Church of Christ back in early fall of 2018. It was a life changing experience for me both spiritually and mentally. That trip helped me start slowly but surely rekindling my relationship with God while simultaneously showing me the path I am meant to take in life; regarding my career goals and just general purpose. I've been waiting for the day that I'd finally be able to try and go back to Trujillo, or even anywhere that I would be of assistance; I am grateful that things are falling into place for me and that time has now come.



I am a Global Studies major and my goal is to work with LHBH, or any where I am needed, and learn the ins and outs of humanitarian aid. After I get my degree and gain more experience in the field I hope to eventually run a non-profit organization of my own someday. My current job plus my passion and absolute love for the Spanish language has really helped increase my proficiency level and I'm even taking classes to grow my skills in communicating effectively in Spanish. I just wanted to relay how much LHBH means to me. My parents donate regularly and I want to contribute by providing assistance in the field.

Thank you and God Bless,

Gabrielle Brown



# Staff Spotlight

*Ingrid Adilia Puerto Paguada*

Hello my name is Ingrid Adilia Puerto Paguada, I am 29 years, I am a teacher here at MCGG, and I live in Trujillo.

I started working at LHBH in August 2021 as an assistant teacher for special education and rehabilitation. I work on speech, occupational therapy, special education and also lead Bible class on Thursdays.

My time working with the children has been great, and I have learned a lot from them. See them smile and interact fills my heart. This motivates me to keep working hard, learn more every day, and be able to help them more.

I enjoy each of the areas I am in charge of, and I am very thankful to LHBH for the opportunity I was given. I am always excited to help in any area that I am asked, and it is very nice to be able to help each other. The experiences I am having here does not compare to any other work experience I have had before.



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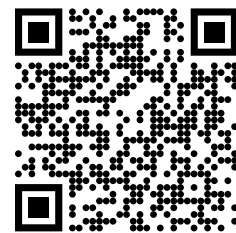


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