



Fall 2006

Give Hope 2 Kids Newsletter

Dear Terry,

We're happy to bring you this fall newsletter to keep you informed with our latest happenings.

The News

Jason and I both taught classes at Instituto el Rey during the 4th quarter of the Honduran school year. I taught two English classes of 8th grade and two of 9th, and helped out with an art class and another English class. Jason had three classes of 7th grade natural science, teaching about food chains, the environment, and the water cycle. The students had their finals exams recently and now most are off for their school vacations. The senior class has a few more government exams before their graduation on November 30th. This is an exciting time for the school, as this is the first class to graduate there. We have spent a lot of time with some of these seniors the last few months, with Jason being a friend and a mentor to many of the young men. It is exciting to hear their plans for university, especially as this higher education would not have been possible to most of them except through Instituto el Rey.



Jason and I are staying busy though, even with our classes finished. We have continued helping out at the school, as they close out one year and prepare for the next. Jason has produced another promotional video for the school and is now creating a website for them. Also, we are using this time to visit a few children's homes in the northern part of the country, so we can learn from those already working in Honduras .

In half of December and most of January we will be back in the United States to spend time with our families and many of our supporters. (If you are interested in our travel schedule, please e-mail us at info@givehope2kids.org.) Then we will be returning to Honduras and Instituto el Rey for another full year of teaching, through next November, when we are hoping to chose a location and begin ministering to abandoned children.

Entre Líderes: Creating a Business Conference



In the charter document that I, Jason, wrote before beginning Give Hope 2 Kids, one of the ministry's goals was to "...provide opportunities for them (the young people we would minister to) to realize all of their potential with a special emphasis on education and leadership." In the month of October we were able to help some of the young people at Instituto el Rey grow in this way. We invited several business owners to speak at our school and in La Ceiba about goal setting and growing in leadership at an event called Entre Líderes, which means "Between Leaders" in English. Sarah and I worked with a group of ten students from our school (see picture below). These students personally invited business owners, as well as young people who have the dream to one day start a business, to come to the conference. The event was well attended and was a great success for our students, who had the opportunity to participate in and help "lead" the event. We also want to send out special thanks to Paul McCready and Ramon Gamoneda, our main speakers, who volunteered their time and expertise to make a difference in the lives of our students and all those who attended Entre Líderes.

We're Online -- Almost

This year the first class of seniors will graduate from Instituto el Rey where we are teaching. The students will graduate from high school with a degree as a computer technician (similar to our Associates Degree). The students have excelled at learning to repair, build, and operate computers, but because our remote village lacks telephone lines, few of them have ever used a nifty little invention called the internet. So, these students will graduate as a computer technician without ever having sent an e-mail or researched anything online! But, thanks to the generosity of some of our supporters, Give Hope 2 Kids will be bringing the internet to Instituto El Rey. Having the internet will give our students access to the technology that they need to advance their education and pursue their dreams.



The Need for Children's Homes

In Honduras, children's homes act as the foster care system, providing care for children who have been orphaned, abandoned, or removed from their families due to serious abuse. There are approximately 20,000 orphans in the country, not including those who have been abandoned. We frequently hear of families where the parents went to the United States or another city in Honduras, leaving their children in the care of relatives who are unable to support them. The other family will offer their home, but often ask for more work of these children, give them only the leftover scraps of food, and sometimes abuse them. Many of our students have told me about their lives, that they don't know one or even both of their parents, that they have been raised by a grandparent, or that they live with a step-parent that doesn't treat them well.

We are looking forward to the day when we open our doors to children who have been orphaned or abandoned, to offer them a stable home life. We want to help them work through the emotional scars of feeling unloved or abused. We want to provide a good education, a strong faith, and the tools to build good families of their own, without repeating this awful cycle.

Supporting the Vision



We thank those of you who have partnered with us financially, to help us minister to these young people. In only a few months we can already see the positive results that our ministry is having in the lives of our students. We are asking for those of you who believe in us and in Give Hope 2 Kids to help support our work so we can make an even greater difference in the lives of needy children. Without your help, our work in Honduras cannot continue, and our dream to provide a brighter future for these kids will fall short. Please mail your contributions to 1900 Silver Lake Rd. Suite 314 New Brighton , MN 55112 or donate online at www.givehope2kids.org/donate.htm.

Please keep in touch, visit our website at www.givehope2kids.org for more information about our work, and click on our blog there to hear more about our life in Honduras . We thank you again for your interest and support.

We appreciate you,

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