

Give Hope 2 Kids



Our First Newsletter!

We are very excited to get this first newsletter into your hands. We know that many of you have been anxiously awaiting news about us and our organization.

In the past year, we've made tremendous progress. After extensive study and preparation, we've filed the paperwork to establish ourselves as a nonprofit, put up our website, and formed our board of advisors. Jason

Exploring Honduras

In traveling through Central America, Honduras stuck out as a location where kids could use our help. It is a country that wants to change, wants to succeed, and yet in some ways, lacks the confidence to do so.

Honduras is the poorest country in Central America, despite having rich natural resources. Nearly 50% of the 7 million people in Honduras are under the age of 20. Children need hope there. They suffer because the unemployment rate is nearly 30%, AIDS is a major threat, and education is poor.

Furrow, director of GH2K, spent four months of this past year traveling through Central America, researching the area for a good place to start our work. We've decided on the direction for Give Hope 2 Kids for the next couple of years, and have set long-term goals for the future of our ministry.

We thank you for your interest in us and our work and welcome you to join us, as we Give Hope 2 Kids.

By talking with nationals and other missionaries in Honduras, we sought how Give Hope 2 Kids can best help the country. Our goal was to find a location for a home to care for orphaned and abandoned children.

In the end, with the counsel of others, we decided it would be wise to spend a couple of years getting to know Honduras and its people. We want to work under an established ministry, where we can experience the culture and find the right place to fulfill our long-term goals for Give Hope 2 Kids.

Give Hope 2 Kids

is a nonprofit organization that exists to provide shelter, education, and a stable home life for vulnerable children, such as those who have lived on the streets, have been orphaned, or who have experienced abusive family environments, so that they may develop into healthy adults who will have a positive impact in their culture.

The News

- *The direction we've found for the ministry*
- *The school "Instituto el Rey" and its work*
- *Education and its affect in Honduras*





Jason Furrow with Children from Rio Viejo

Instituto el Rey

If you leave La Ceiba, the fourth largest city in Honduras, and drive up into the mountains for an hour, on the dusty, bumpy road that follows the river, you can find Rio Viejo. It is a small town of about 600 people, where most live by subsistence farming. The houses are usually made of cement blocks, with a tin roof, and open windows, but they do have the luxuries of electricity and running water. Walking down the narrow dirt roads, one sees chickens and horses, men coming home from the fields, and lots of playing children.

Previously for these children, there was no education past the 6th grade, leaving nearly 5000 teenagers in this area without schooling. But then, Instituto el Rey came into being, built by a church from Elkhart, Indiana.

Instituto el Rey is in its fifth school year now, with 139 students in grades 7-12. The directors of the school are Earl and Sharon Washburn, who oversee a staff of US volunteers and paid national teachers. The goal is to provide quality education, in a Christian environment, to the very poor. Already, Instituto el Rey is incredibly successful, with a reputation of educational excellence in the northern region of Honduras.

The students are excited to be in school, and learning new things. Some travel more than an hour to get to school.

We feel that this school is the right place for us to connect with the culture and people of Honduras. We want this experience so we can set up Give Hope 2 Kids to succeed.

Education that Changes Lives

Honduras is a changing nation. The people want to be financially successful, to have vehicles, technology, and to be able to provide for their families. The change towards these things is inevitable, and we want to be involved to help it be a change in a positive direction.

The school is influencing the students' lives dramatically, and is helping to bring about positive change. Superstition and low self-esteem are being transformed into confidence and big dreams. To quote Instituto el Rey's last newsletter: "they [the students] dare to hope to be doctors, lawyers, engineers, scientists, teachers! One has even dared to hope that one day he could be an ASTRONAUT!!" Now these students are set up for a university education and the chance to fulfill their goals.

Along with their core subjects, the students are learning art, music, English, and computer skills – these last two being especially important to future success. The computer skills are valuable for work in business, and if the students learn to communicate in English, they can double their income later in life.

We will be moving to Rio Viejo the first of next year, to teach English, computer, and art in the school. We want to be a part of influencing these young lives, as Honduras becomes a successful, confident nation.



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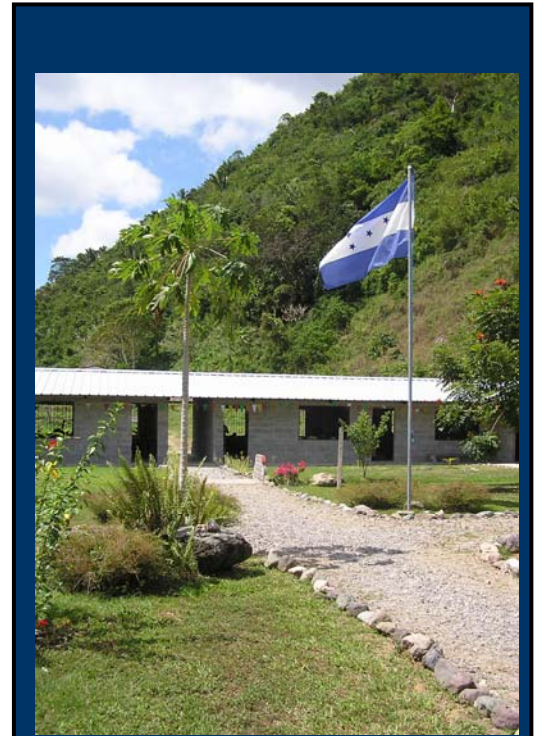
Supporting the Vision

We want to ask for your help as we move forward with Give Hope 2 Kids. Without your moral support, financial contributions, and prayers, our ministry goals cannot become a reality.

As we move to Honduras to work with Instituto el Rey, we want to be a financial blessing to the school. The students pay \$4.50/month for their education, and while this is a stretch for them, it covers little of the true cost. We want to sponsor the education of 40 students for the 2006 school year, help the school as they put together their new computer lab, and also, be able to support ourselves as we teach as volunteers.

If you are interested in helping, please mail the response form to help us by making a monthly donation or a one time gift to help vulnerable children in Honduras. We'll respond to your letter and send you a packet of information that has an informational DVD about the work we'll be doing in Honduras and tells you about the children we'll be sponsoring and teaching.

Also, if anyone is interested in volunteering time in the US, or coming to Honduras on a trip to visit or help, please let us know.



Instituto el Rey

A Note From Jason:

I want to dedicate part of our first newsletter to updating friends about some of the recent happenings in my life. I graduated in May of 2004 from Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, MN, with a master's degree in theology and cross-cultural study. After graduating, I took a 10 week trip to Central America searching for direction for my future.

About the same time, I met someone who really interested me. I had been friends with Sarah's family for some time and was unaware that they had another daughter, because she was in Australia working as a volunteer. We met when she returned from overseas and hit it off immediately. We've been dating for almost a year now, and our relationship is heading towards marriage. This past summer, we traveled to Central America, along with her family, and enjoyed the opportunity of seeing the culture together.

In January 2006 I am heading to Honduras to start working there, while Sarah finishes up her University degree in Minnesota. Next summer we are planning on getting married, and then we'll move to Honduras in August to begin our life and ministry together.

While living in Honduras, communication with you will not be as easy. To stay in touch, we have developed a website, www.givehope2kids.org, to provide information about the work we are doing and how you can be involved. We will try to add as many pictures and movies as possible to let you see our ministry and the children we're working with. If you have questions about Give Hope 2 Kids, please write us for more information at info@givehope2kids.org and we'll do our best to respond quickly.

We value your support as we move out to accomplish our goals. Thank you so much for the encouragement you have given to us as we establish Give Hope 2 Kids. We appreciate you! Thanks,

Jason and Sarah

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Give Hope...Make a Difference.

Yes, I am interested in learning more about how Give Hope 2 Kids provides an education for children in rural Honduras. Please send me your quarterly newsletter so I can stay informed about the work that Give Hope 2 Kids is doing. (Please check box)

Please send me information about how to sponsor Give Hope 2 Kids, and make a difference in the lives of vulnerable Children. (Please check box)

I want to sponsor Give Hope 2 Kids. Count on me for a monthly donation of \$_____.*

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

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Please write us at donate@givehope2kids.org with any questions. Thank you.