

Give Hope 2 Kids



Arriving in Honduras

We're happy to report that we have been living in Honduras for about a month and a half now. We arrived the 16th of July, and headed to our home in Rio Viejo. After time to unpack, we've devoted our time to the school here, Instituto el Rey. Sarah has been helping in the school's office, assisting in an art class, teaching one English class, and is preparing to teach all of the 8th and 9th graders English in September when another volunteer returns to the States. I, Jason, am now

teaching all of the 7th grade science classes as well as a keyboarding class. I also just finished producing a video for Instituto el Rey. The video follows some of the students through their school day, so that people interested in student sponsorship can understand life here a little better.

We have both been adjusting well to the area and the culture, although we're sure that there is still much for us both to learn.

The Virginia Group

It was our pleasure to host a group of young people from the Richmond, Virginia area the 3rd through the 13th of August. While they were here we spent a few days working at Casa del Niño, which is a home for street children in La Ceiba, Honduras. We spent a day working on a local farm, worked at the school where Sarah and I are teaching, and gave out school supplies to the elementary students in Nueva Suyapa, a very poor community northwest of where we are working in Rio Viejo. The public school teachers in all of Honduras were on strike for over a month, so when the 65 elementary students from this little town heard we

were coming, many of them were at the school by 7:30 am to wait for us, excited to have visitors and to be at school again. We gave all of the children pens and notebooks, made balloon animals, and spent hours playing soccer with them using an old deflated basketball for our game. It was great time of sharing God's love with them. It was a very memorable day for all of us.

We enjoyed having the group and giving them a glimpse of what life is like here and what volunteer workers, such as ourselves do here.

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.

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Contact with Orphanages



Jason Furrow with Children from Rio Viejo

As I mentioned above, when the group was visiting us from Virginia, we spent a couple days working at an orphanage for street children in La Ceiba, Honduras. While we were there, we were able to paint a large portion of the outer and inner walls of the orphanage as well as pour a sidewalk that they wanted to add to their facility. There are about 40 boys in that orphanage, and most of them had been living on the streets of La Ceiba before going to the home. It was such a blessing for us to spend time working with kids who have been hurt so much. Sarah and I are planning on returning to Casa del Niño and volunteering there some weekends.

Recently, we just learned of another opportunity to help an orphanage. Just a few nights ago just after we got in bed, we head a knock on our

front gate. Outside was a man named Gustavo from Tegucigalpa who works with an orphanage in the Mosquito Coast of Honduras. This is a desolate, undeveloped, and extremely poor area in the northeast part of the country that can only be reached by boat or plane. Gustavo heard that we have helped other ministries by producing promotional materials and he would like Give Hope 2 Kids to help their orphanage by producing a movie they can use to raise support for that ministry.

We are so grateful that we are beginning to make contact with other orphanages. It is exciting to have these opportunities to bless them and work with them.

The Organization's Current Work

We want to let you know what work Give Hope 2 Kids is currently doing, both to keep you informed and also to show you what your financial support is enabling us to accomplish.

Teaching: Both Sarah and I are teaching at Instituto el Rey, a school which educates poor children in the Cangrejal River Valley. This school offers them a chance for a better future than subsistence farming.

Orphanages: We have already made contact with several orphanages here in this area, where we can learn from them, as well as volunteer some time and financial assistance for special needs.

Leadership Library: We have purchased a small library of Spanish-language resources that teach about leadership. We're making them available to students who want to develop their character and leadership potential. If you'd like to be involved with this by helping us to add more resources to our library, please write to info@givehope2kids.org.

Toncontin Discipleship Group: Several of the school's students who live upriver from us have expressed an interest in understanding more about Christianity. We will host a group there one evening a week to mentor and disciple these students.



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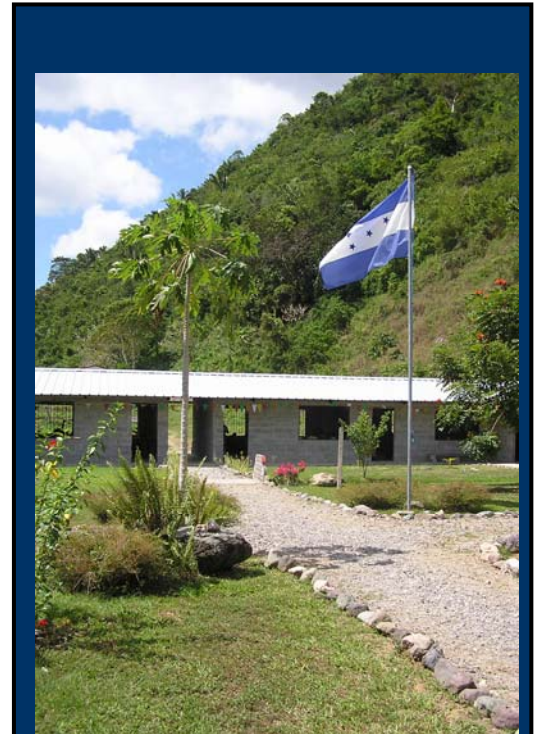
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Partnering with Our Work

It is exciting to write to our supporters—those that provide encouragement, prayer, and finances—that we are doing what we have set out to do. It is exciting to be here, working for the good of these children, knowing that we are faithful stewards with what you have invested in our work. We thank you sincerely for believing in us and in the vision of Give Hope 2 Kids.

Currently, we are still in need of monthly supporters. We ask for those of you that believe in the work of Give Hope 2 Kids to partner with us financially, even if the contribution is small. This will allow us to continue our work here at Instituto el Rey and help us prepare to open up a home for orphaned or abandoned children in the next few years.

Please know how much we appreciate the support that comes in the form of encouragement, prayers, and visits as well. We value your correspondence highly so please feel free to e-mail. If you are interested in knowing about prayer requests that we have, please e-mail Shirley Furrow: shirley@givehope2kids.org. We love to have visitors too! Right now we're anticipating the visit from those of you traveling down for our Business Symposium in October.



Instituto el Rey

Keeping in Touch:

One thing that we've quickly discovered about living in Honduras is that communication is not as easy as we would like it to be. To get to phones or the internet we need to ride an hour down the mountain, which depends upon the local bus schedule or getting a ride, as well as things like the amount of rainfall and the condition of the bridges that span the rivers and streams we cross. We apologize heartily for these inconveniences which keep us from communicating with you as freely as we would like. Know that we do care to keep in touch and that we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We have set up our website to help you know what we are currently doing. The newest feature of this is a blog, which is essentially an online journal. We will try to add entries to this every week or so, just to let you know what we are doing and how we are experiencing life here. Please check out this blog at www.givehope2kids.org/blog and feel welcome to post comments.

Please feel free to e-mail as at info@givehope2kids.org with any questions you have or just to keep in touch. We love to hear from you.

We value your support as we set out to accomplish the mission we feel God has called us to. Thank you so much for the encouragement you have given to us as we begin Give Hope 2 Kids. We appreciate you!

Thanks,

Jason and Sarah Furrow