



Give Hope 2 Kids Newsletter

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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.



If you're able, we encourage you to sign up for our online newsletter, which helps us to minimize our expenses and get information to you as quickly as possible..

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Dear Friend,

I'd like to begin by updating you on the past several months. Jason and I spent much of December and January in a whirlwind tour of several states. We visited our families, saw many friends and supporters of Give Hope 2 Kids, and worked on administrative projects. Towards the end of January, we returned to Honduras and prepared for another school year at Instituto el Rey. This past month we have been teaching and doing the preliminary work for a children's home here in Honduras.

Our Work with Instituto el Rey

Jason has the busy schedule this year. He is teaching two classes each of 7th grade science and English and he teaches basketball for the physical education classes. Together we teach a piano class that meets every afternoon in our house. We have thirteen students all trying to play their scales on four keyboards at one time. It has been fun to teach together, especially since we compliment each other in this area, with such different piano backgrounds. Besides piano, I am teaching 10th and 11th grade English classes.

We're encouraged in our work at Instituto el Rey when we look at how it influences these young lives. From the class that graduated in November many have begun university, or soon will, and others have already found good jobs that utilize their strengths in both computers and English. The education this school offers is changing these lives for the better. It is providing knowledge, skills, and confidence to the children of a very poor, rural area.



Instituto el Rey in the Congrejal River Valley

Towards a Children's Home

Opening a children's home is a bit like building a puzzle. We've been finding out what pieces we need and this year we will start putting them together. We need to become residents of Honduras, register Give Hope 2 Kids with the Honduran government, write a *personaria juridica* (a legal document describing all our procedures and plans in detail), purchase property, build our first building, and have it all approved by the Honduran Social Services. It is an exciting thing to start this process!

Property Hunting

Thanks to the help of our good friend Carlos Gonzalez, we are hunting for property. At this point we have visited seven different properties and heard about many more that are available. We've discovered some important things to be on the lookout for in real estate here: road access, electricity, flat land, and erosion. Several places have been beautiful tracts of jungle with rivers and waterfalls, but all the land has only one direction – up! What we're looking for at this point is large piece of land about an hour outside of La Ceiba. We need a place where we can spread out, since we will have individual family-style homes and possibly some crops and livestock to help us be partially self-sustaining.



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A Vehicle

As we've looked for property, visited other orphanages, and begun meeting with social service officials here, we've concluded that we need a vehicle. Up until now, we've taken buses or gotten a ride most places, and we've valued experiencing life as the local people do. The buses, however, are not reliable and cannot get us all the places we need to go at this point. As we prepare to open a children's home, it is crucial that we have our own transportation.

We have a friend here that will give us a very good deal on his used pickup. This truck is exactly what we're looking for, as it's the most practical vehicle for where we live in Honduras. We feel that this is an important step for us, as we move ahead to open a children's home.

Our Blog

To stay in touch with friends and family, we've started an online journal called a blog. Here we write more personal stories about our life in Honduras. We encourage you to check it out. To get updated on what's going on with us...visit the address below.

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How You Can Help...

At this point we really need your help financially, both in the current purchase of a vehicle and in the upcoming purchase of property. So far we've set aside \$10,000 for the purchase of land, but we may need to raise another \$50,000-\$100,000, depending on what we decide to purchase. The vehicle will cost us \$15,000. If you would like to contribute towards either of these, you can send a check to our office address or pay by credit card on our website. If you'd like, you may also indicate which of the projects you would like to apply your donation to.

Also, we would really appreciate your prayers for wisdom as we move ahead and make these big decisions for the future. We also love to get e-mails or notes of encouragement, if you get a chance to send us one.

We thank you so much for your support of Give Hope 2 Kids. We are grateful for everyone who believes in us and in our vision, for we know this is the only way for us to accomplish our goals.

We Sincerely Thank You,

Jason & Sarah Furrow