



GiveHope2Kids

Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry

A Lesson in God's Faithfulness

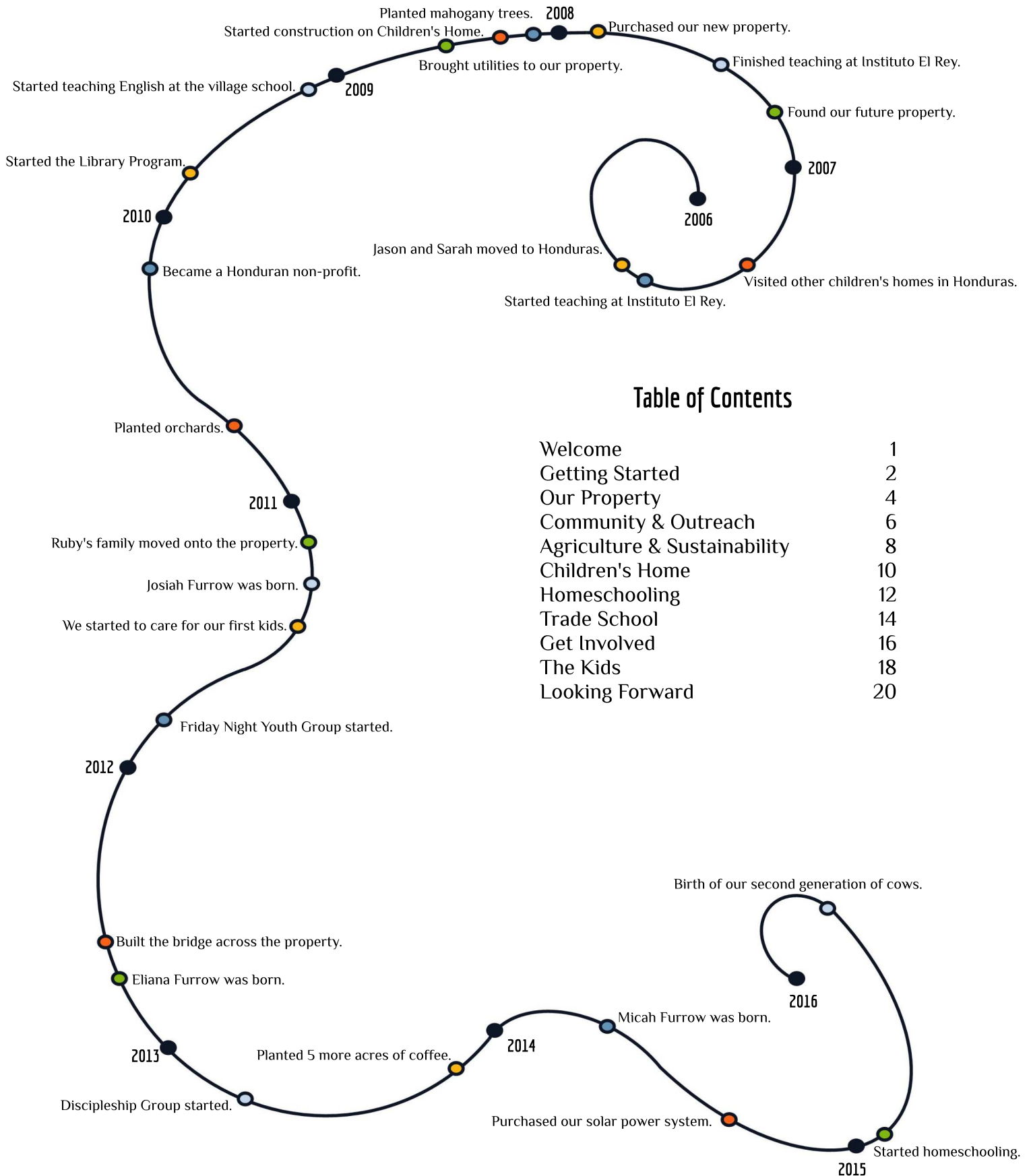


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Welcome to Our 10th Anniversary Celebration!

Grab a cup of coffee and let us walk you through the last decade in our lives. It's been quite a journey!

As we reflect on the last ten years, we are compelled to give thanks. First we thank God: This decade has been one giant lesson in God's faithfulness. We are continually humbled and amazed that God can use everyday circumstances and everyday people to accomplish His work.

Next we want to thank you: We are so grateful for all those who support our work! **GiveHope2Kids** is thriving, thanks to wonderful friends who pray, give, and come to work alongside of us.

Ten years ago we were starting a nonprofit, printing and stapling newsletters, planning our wedding, and preparing to move to Honduras. We had big dreams, but no idea how they would play out.

When we started this journey, we knew the goal was to operate a home for orphaned and abandoned children, but that's all we knew. We didn't know the where, the what, or the how. We were called to take the first step forward, even though the next was unknown, trusting God to lead us onward.

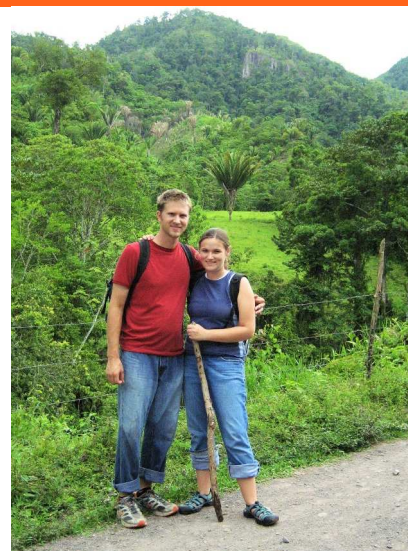
A decade later, we look back and see what we've been able to accomplish through God's grace and the involvement of wonderful friends like you. Today we're operating a 100 acre farm in the mountains of Honduras, raising kids within a strong family-style community. We've been a home to 31 children during this time. We feel so privileged to be doing this ministry!

This book is our way of looking back to celebrate the past. As we look behind us, and see all that's been accomplished, we're getting excited to dream bigger dreams for the next decade.

So turn the page and join our celebration. Hopefully you'll find yourself somewhere in our story, where you've prayed, given, or served.

THANKS!!

Jason & Sarah Furrow



Instituto El Rey: Where it all began.



Ten years ago, when our feet hit the ground in Honduras, we started teaching at *Instituto El Rey*, a rural secondary school. Our goal was to teach there for two years, while we gained experience. This was such a great move for us!

We went to serve at *Instituto El Rey*, but even in that service, God abundantly provided for our future. The directors of the school, Earl & Sharon Washburn, became our mentors, and we found other ministry friends, who have become our overseas family. We found our GH2K property through a student's family, and many of our former students are now working with us, including Doris, David, and Katy.



Doris

Doris is an incredibly talented young woman. She teaches in our homeschool, assists the Furrow family, and leads our discipleship group.



David

David has been on this property since our second week of construction in 2008. He has been a major part of every project we've done, and this ministry would not be the same without him.



Katy

Katy is a gifted teacher who helps our kids perform their best in school. She is a great tutor and a big reason why our students succeed academically.





Ruby & Her Family

Many of you know Ruby and her sisters, and we'd love to share how well they're doing now. Ten years ago, Ruby was a little 7th grader in Jason's science and English classes. (Apparently she thought he was a rather strict teacher.) As an 8th grader, Ruby became the full-time caretaker for her five younger sisters, since their parents were absent from the home. What a burden she carried on her young shoulders!

Since then, we've committed to be there for this family of girls. Our involvement has shifted with the seasons of their lives, depending on how involved their parents chose to be, but we've always tried to be there when they've needed us.

Now, Ruby is married to great guy, Henry, and they have a son named Jason. They work part-time with the GH2K ministry. Henry also works as a welder. They are raising Ruby's youngest sister, Abi, as their own. Grisel, the second youngest, lives in one of our homes.

The other three are out on their own: Roxana is in the military, and Areli & Jenny are married.

We are so proud of these girls! They have overcome so much in their lives and are all doing well. We feel blessed to be a part of their story and their lives.





1 - Original House



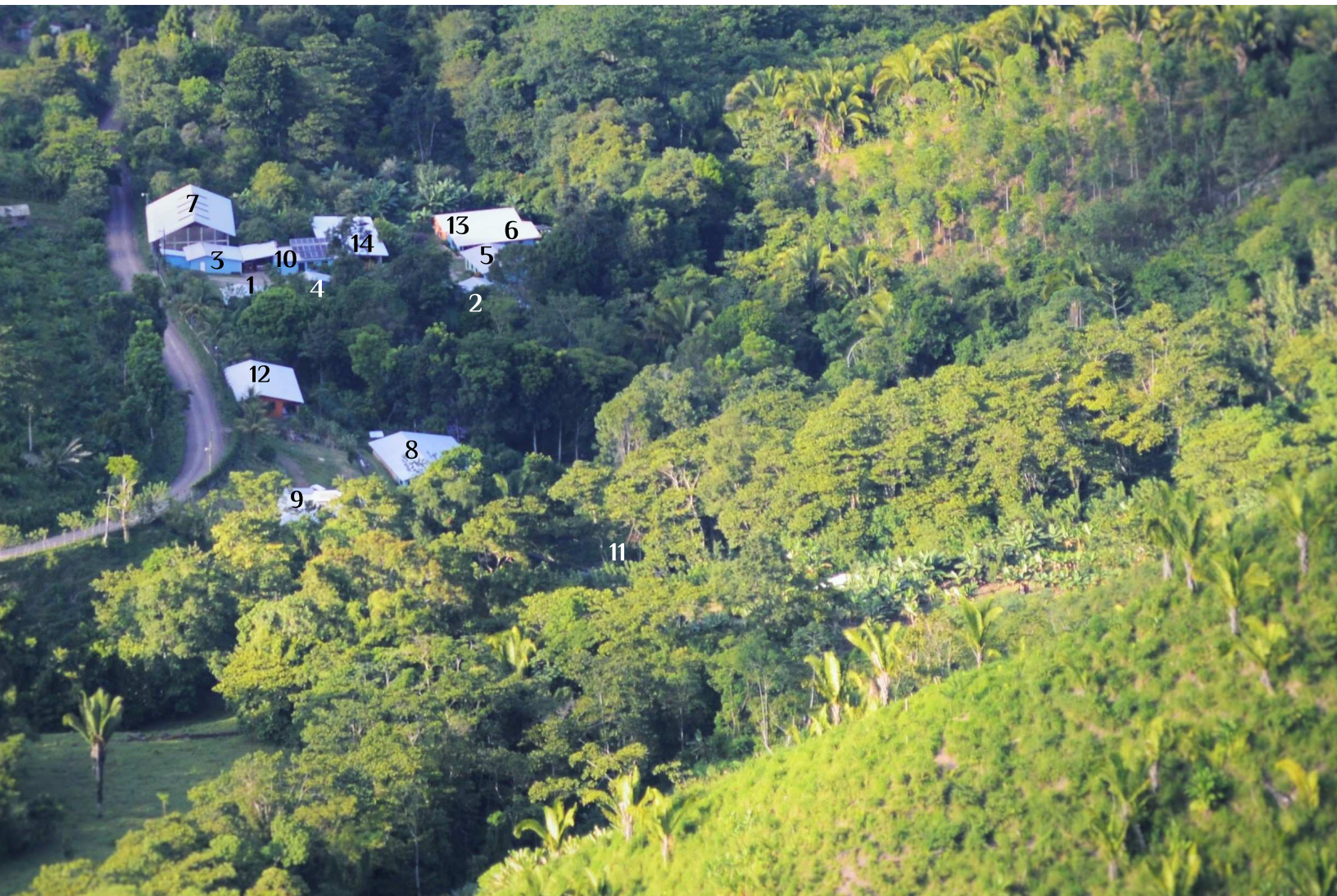
2 - First House, 2008



3 - Library, 2008



4 - Tool Shed, 2008



8 - Group House, 2011



9 - Furrow House, 2012



10 - Office, 2013



11 - Cow Shed, 2013





5 - Second House, 2008



6 - Third House, 2009



7 - Activity Center, 2010



Our Property

Initially, we didn't know where we would locate our Children's Home -- Honduras, Nicaragua? But as we taught at IER, we felt that we were called to stay in the area due to the great relationships we were building. Jason had always dreamed of a property with mountains and a creek, where kids could run and play and build forts. We found just what we were looking for in a 100-acre property by the small village of Urraco in the Cangrejal River Valley, near La Ceiba, Honduras. It's been an ideal place to raise kids!

Even before we signed the property papers in December of 2007, we started working on the development plans for our new land. We immediately planted seed beds for mahogany, planning for the future of our kids and for sustainability. Once we owned the land, we had to develop its infrastructure – electricity, a water system, a road, fences – and, of course, the houses.

This place has truly become a home. We have such a great community of people living here, working together to care for kids.

12 - Volunteer Duplex, 2013



13 - Community Kitchen, 2014



14 - Trade School, 2015





Community & Outreach

We would never have guessed that it would take us three years of working with Honduran social services before the first children could live with us. The legal process to care for kids was certainly arduous! During this challenging wait, however, God expanded our vision to include our village community.

We began by assisting in our local elementary school, from remodeling a classroom to teaching classes. For six years, we've provided teachers for subjects like English and computers. These are both valuable skills here and greatly improve the chance of a young person finding work.

From teaching, we expanded into a Library Program. We discovered that many of the kids struggled with reading, and we wanted to share our love of books with them. We added in tutoring and some fun activities for pizzazz, and the response was very positive. We saw the difference it made in that generation of students, as they grew to love learning. Now we primarily use our book collection as part of our on-site teaching curriculum. Our kids love reading class!





Creating educational opportunities in our village wasn't enough though; we realized that we needed to do more. We had built great relationships with these kids, but we felt we could have a greater spiritual impact in their lives. So we took a leap and started our Friday Night Youth Group. Our goal was to teach about God's love and grace in a way that connected with the teens in our community. We wanted to create a place where youth could laugh and learn and make a commitment to follow Christ. Week after week, 80-100 kids show up on Friday night, including many who would never step foot into a traditional church. We're so excited to see God doing amazing things in these kids' lives.

Two years ago we formed a discipleship group. We invited the youth who showed leadership potential and encouraged them to delve deeper into their relationships with God. From pursuing God to serving others, these young people have shown amazing growth. Our plan is to form more discipleship groups in the near future, integrating these into the larger Youth Group. We're excited to see where this endeavor takes us.



Our Animals



We're raising animals to help provide for our food needs. Dairy cows are the most efficient way we can provide healthy food for our kids. We started small with our dairy project, buying young animals that needed a few years to mature. Now our herd is growing rapidly, and we're working on improving the quality of our cattle, focusing on milk and protein yield. As calves are born this winter, the herd will grow to over 30 cows! We currently produce all of the milk we need, and by next year, we'll be raising 75% of our protein.

We're continuously working to expand our knowledge and better our livestock projects. We currently have a tilapia pond that we're hoping to grow into an aquaponics project (raising fish and vegetables together). We later plan to teach this method in our Trade School. In addition, we want to expand our number of bee hives, increase our honey yield, and teach beekeeping to locals. We continue to raise pigs, and with Jason's new passion for curing meat, pork is even more exciting (i.e. tasty!).

Another reason that we love our livestock projects is that they're great for teaching kids. The kids get so excited to help out with farm chores. A few of the older ones are learning to work with the cattle, while the elementary aged kids help care for the pigs. Soon we'll be buying more laying hens, for the dual purpose of producing eggs and teaching responsibility to our blossoming children.





Our Orchards

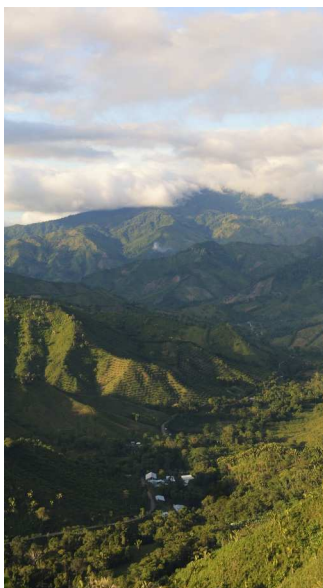
Planting trees was the perfect first project for our property. It's our long-term investment for the future and our college fund for the Children's Home. Today we have nearly 30 acres in cultivation, from tropical hardwoods to fruit orchards to a coffee plantation. Our mahogany and teak continue to grow and are now over 30 feet high! Our orchards are starting to produce really well: bananas, mangos, avocados, rambutan, passion fruit, any citrus you could think of, and more.

When it comes to self-sustainability, for us, coffee is king. Of any project we've tried, coffee can generate the most revenue for our ministry. So far only 2 acres of coffee are producing, but next year we'll be harvesting 7 acres. We're excited to share more of our delicious coffee with the world.



Solar Power

Last year we installed a solar power system! This was such a big step on our road to self-sustainability. While we've had a few hiccups with its set-up, the system worked as we hoped for several months, and it has dramatically decreased our electrical bill. We're currently transitioning to energy efficient appliances and LED lights to become even more sustainable.





Kids Home

When we envisioned **GiveHope2Kids**, we decided that our mission would be to give orphaned and abandoned children family, love, education, and opportunities to develop into whole and healthy adults. Our kids come from backgrounds of abuse, poverty, and a lack of options. We want to break these cycles and establish new patterns in their lives: emotional and spiritual health, education, and success.

But, how does one create a place where lasting change and healing can occur? We didn't feel like a traditional orphanage would be the right fit for us. So, we went on a quest to learn who **GH2K** is supposed to be. During our first several years, we visited many children's homes, asking all the questions we could think of while trying to define our model.

The bottom line for us is that kids need a family. If these broken and hurting kids can come into an environment where they learn about God's love, and

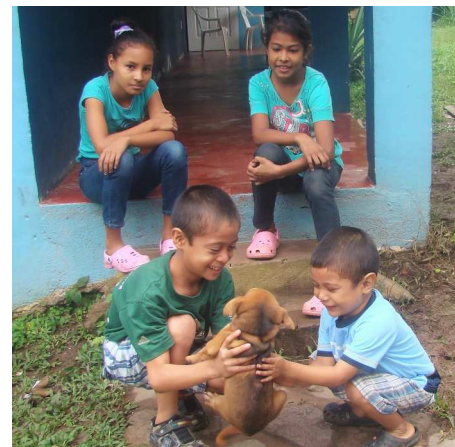




they are grafted into a family demonstrating that love, we have so much hope for their healing! Our goal is to have long-term caretakers in these kids' lives. We want people acting as true parents for them.

Our model is pretty unique: We find healthy families who are willing to bring more kids in and raise them as their own. Thus far, we've ended up creating large families with 8-10 kids, which are a mix of biological and "kids' home kids."

While we are far from a perfect community, by God's grace this is working! We are seeing such positive growth in our children. Most of them have been with us for over three years now, and in that time they have changed so much. They are thriving!





Our Homeschool Journey

Along with giving these kids a loving family, we want to give them a future. We are committed to providing them with a great education. In the last couple of years, it's become apparent that we need to homeschool our kids to accomplish this goal. With our kids coming from such broken backgrounds, most of them were really behind academically. And with Honduran education laws changing constantly, our kids were in danger of not having access to higher education, just based on their early life circumstances.

One year ago we made the leap into homeschooling. We organized our kids into skill and grade level groups, pulled together our staff and volunteers, assigned subjects, and were off and running. Then Sharon Washburn, our mentor and former *Instituto El Rey* administrator, came and helped us fine-tune everything. After just one year of

homeschooling, we can say that the effect has been incredible. It's been such a year of transformation for the kids!

After completing elementary school with us, we love having our kids attend *Instituto El Rey* for middle and high school. In 2016, we'll have four of GH2K's kids studying there, along with several house-parents' kids. This school will prepare them for their futures, and we hope to see most of them continue on to university.

We are incredibly proud of our kids! They have surpassed expectations. They have a newfound confidence because they've realized they like to learn. Because of this, we are all excited to continue this journey in homeschooling.



Trade School

In our years here, we've seen how much the local young people need a boost in confidence and life skills for employment. So many teenagers in our area finish 6th grade and lack any prospects for the future. We've also seen that when young people leave a children's home, they often lack the necessary independence and life skills to succeed on their own. We view our Trade School as a way to address both of these challenges.

GH2K's Trade School will be an extension of both our education and outreach goals. We plan to teach basic carpentry, welding, grafting, sewing, baking, and many other invaluable trades. Along with these trade skills, we want to teach young people how to start and operate a small business. We hope that our Trade School will give young people the marketable skills they need to thrive.

While most of our kids are too young to seriously learn a trade, we're excited to lay this foundation for their futures. We want them to jump in now and learn to get their hands dirty. If they start learning a variety of skills at a young age, we'll be able to hone in on their giftings and help them find direction for their lives. We're hoping to tie the Trade School lessons right in with our homeschooling curriculum, giving them the tools they need to succeed when they're independent.





Another exciting aspect of the Trade School is integrating its projects into our community. As an example, we plan to teach carpentry skills while making much needed desks and chairs for local elementary schools.

We are very enthusiastic about launching our Trade School. We feel it will have such a positive impact in our kids, in the village teens, and in the life of the community.



WANTED:

Passionate craftsmen or businessmen who want to share their knowledge with our community. We are looking for teachers of entrepreneurship, cooking, sewing, carpentry, welding, construction, or agriculture. Whatever skills you possess, we want to pass them on to the next generation.

Apply now at volunteer@givehope2kids.org





Groups & Volunteers

One reason we've come so far this decade is due to many great volunteers who have climbed into the trenches (sometimes quite literally, when we're digging foundations) and made this work their own.

Many people tell us that they didn't understand the full scope of our vision until they were here in person. There's just something beautiful about this place. Yes, the jungle scenery helps, but visitors tell us there is a sense of peace and community here. We strive to be one big family, living and working together -- in all our strengths and weaknesses -- while making a difference for these kids.

We'd love for you to come and join us! Every year we host several groups who serve for a short-term trip. We're also taking applications for volunteers who would like to come and dedicate a year or more of their lives to GH2K and the vision of being a family for abandoned children.

Connectors

Would you be a GH2K Connector? Our ministry thrives when people share our story with others. Are you gifted at spreading ideas? When you help us get the word out about GH2K, and get others involved, it helps us provide for these kids. Whether you share about us on social media, sell some GH2K coffee, or organize your group of friends to help us with a project, we'd love for you to give voice to our vision. Help us be a family to abandoned children. Please check out our brand new "Connectors" page: gh2k.org/connectors.





GIVE.

Do you connect strongly with the vision of providing a loving home for abandoned children? If so, please consider partnering with us financially. We'd love to have you jump in and help support one of our outreach programs, building projects, or cover the cost of an urgent need. And if you haven't already, please consider sponsoring a child through GH2K. You can give online at: gh2k.org/give, or send a check to our U.S. office address (see back cover). We are SO grateful for God's provision and faithfulness through those of you who give!



PRAY.

We appreciate all of you who remember our family and our work in your prayers. Without God's mercy, even our best efforts fall short when it comes to healing broken young people. Please pray for their healing, and pray for our safety. We are essentially raising a huge family in a very violent country, where we hear all too many horror stories. It is God's favor and the prayers of faithful prayer warriors that keep us going. Would you commit to praying daily for GH2K?



SERVE.

One of the biggest joys we've experienced in our GH2K ministry are the friendships that we've built along the way. Please consider coming and being a part of the GH2K Family. Come visit with a group, teach in our Trade School, or serve as a volunteer. We'd love to have you!



Meet Our Kids



Jose Antonio Age 6



Carolina Age 13



Josesito Age 6



Junior Age 8



Fernando Age 8



Grisel Age 15



Lilian Age 7



Jefrey Age 8



Juvana Age 6



Javier Age 11



Jared Age 8

Sponsor a Child

Please consider sponsoring one of our kids. By doing so, you will make a permanent difference in their lives, giving them a true home, an education, and a chance to have a happy childhood. For a child who has experienced abandonment, having a sponsor is a constant reminder that they have value. Currently, we have just over half of our kids sponsored. You can help us in our mission to **GiveHope2Kids!**

Read more at gh2k.org/sponsor-a-child.



Carlitos Age 8



Daysi Age 13



Carlos Age 11

Looking Forward...

As we reflect on the progress of the last decade, we are thrilled that our vision is working! The 31 kids that have called GH2K home in the past years are forever changed for the better after being a part of our family. We've also been privileged to influence hundreds of young lives, both spiritually and educationally.

Where do we see GH2K headed in the future? One of our primary goals is to expand and become a home for more children. We envision giving our kids a wonderful education, combined with life skills and a great work ethic. We envision creating more discipleship groups to help young people mature spiritually. We see the possibility of developing small businesses to teach skills to our kids and generate funds to further our work. We envision opening a transition home in La Ceiba, so young people can learn independence while attending university. We have so many dreams for this ministry!

We are grateful to God and the many, many people who have partnered with us. On a daily basis, we see that lives are being changed. The mission of being a family to the fatherless is happening here at GH2K!

Please join with us in our mission to help these young people. We've had an amazing 10 years of ministry here, but we've barely scratched the surface. We can help many more children. Please partner with us. Help us make a dramatic difference in the life of an abandoned child.

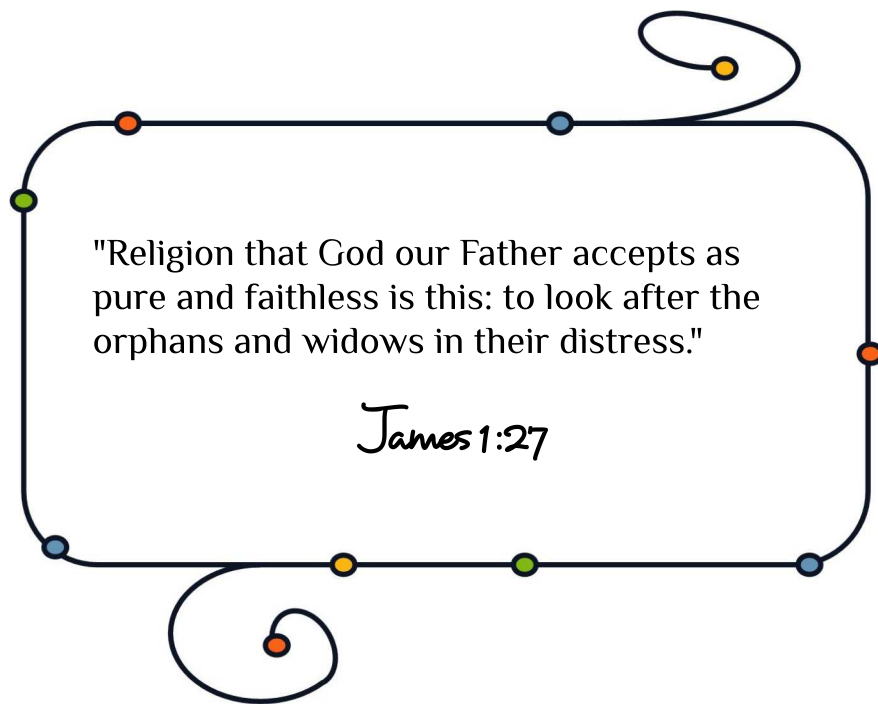
Many Thanks,

Jason & Sarah Farrow

"Lord, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished You have done for us."

Isaiah 26:12





Find the following in the pages of our book:

I spy, with my little eye...

...a white teddy bear?

...a giant ice cream cone?

...3 black dogs?

...a red butterfly?

...a clock?

...an Avengers' "A"?

...a little red wagon?

...a karate class?

...a tiara?

...a frying pan?

...a basketball hoop?

...someone drinking milk?

...a staircase?

...the number 71?

...crossed machetes?

...The Rock on the top of the property?



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