

REFLECTIONS

Sandy Tarrant spent time with each teacher, as she does on each trip, building relationships and offering our help in any way possible. The following are their comments to our sponsors...

"You are all in our prayers. We ask that God would always bless you. Your humanity has blessed our country in a great way, especially Catacamas. Thank you for sponsoring our children. Your help represents a ray of light for each family of our students."

Suyapa Escalon

"Dear Sponsors of the Good Samaritan School, receive blessings from on high. I am hoping that the All Powerful will always guide your path in the work that you are doing. As a teacher of the school, I feel very content because here many children are benefitted with your sponsorships. I believe that this work has done a lot of good for many poor families in the city. Keep going forward because all that you have done in the past up to this point has not been in vain. These are my greatest desires." Omar Duartetome

We continue to understand more of the needs of the school and what the teachers need from us when we visit. Our bond with the beautiful Honduran people continues to grow and strengthen through the love of God.



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SUMMER 2006

In July, a team of 18 people from Florida, Michigan, and Pennsylvania, traveled to Catacamas to visit the School of the Good Samaritan. Here are highlights of our trip.

One by one the children came out with milk mustaches. I asked them if they liked milk, but no one said a word. The teacher explained that before coming to our school, the children had not had milk and so it has been foreign to them. Without your support many of these children would not have milk. Something so basic in our culture is out of reach for the poorest of the poor.

"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."
Matthew 10:42 (NIV)

With our great sponsors and contributors, the School of the Good Samaritan continues to thrive and sustain the needy and poor children of Catacamas, Honduras.

We had a busy, yet enjoyable time with the children at the school. Even former students who knew we were at the school, met us and



Crafts with the children

worked with us in the classrooms. Our work projects included: Bible stories and crafts with the children, building book shelves for some of the classrooms, and having the soccer field leveled.

Cendy, the school Director, asked the parents to bring a small piece of sod to cover the new soccer field. By the time you read this letter, the children will have teamed up by grade to plant new sod in the soccer field. By graduation the field should be completed!



India Bonita
(Pretty Indian)

On our last day at the school we enjoyed the festival of the Lempira with the children. The children showed up to school dressed like Indians with costumes they made at home with sack cloth, beans and rope. They put on dramas and dances. This was a great time to enjoy the children outside of class and mingle with their mothers.

I cannot stress enough the importance of a small token in a greeting card for your students. They have such an appreciation for you, and want to see a picture of you. The students like to hear from those who have graciously given of their treasure so that they can attend school.



Playing with the kids

■ Gloria Walker



Bookshelves for the classrooms

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPANSION

Several of the folks who traveled to the school spent time looking for land for the middle school expansion. They looked at two different parcels, one smaller and close to the school and the other larger and farther away. We are having one of our Honduran board members ask the owner of the larger parcel if he would sell some land to the school now with the option to buy additional adjacent land in the future.

We still need to raise approximately \$20,000 for the matching grant. Our deadline is October 6. Please continue to pray, as I know you do, for the expansion of the school. May God bless you richly for your compassionate hearts, and may you come to an understanding of the great reward that awaits you.

Visit our website at www.gssministries.org and see more photos of the mission trip to the School of the Good Samaritan.



Smiley Faces

SPONSORS NEEDED!

We still have 86 students who need support. If you or anyone you know is interested in sponsoring a child, go to our website at www.gssministries.org or call the Metro Church office (407.366.7714, ext. 112.) The cost to sponsor a child is \$252 a year (\$21/month).

JOIN US!

If you would like to join us on our next trip to the School of the Good Samaritan, contact Okely Cruz (407.366.7714 ext 112 or okelycruz@metrocc.org).