

## MISSIONARY POSITION AVAILABLE

We have been blessed to have an on-site American Missionary for the last three years to work at the school. However, Sara Holthouser de Paz is ending her time in Honduras this November. As a result we are looking for a Missionary for the school that can speak Spanish, is able to teach English classes, who is able to assist in the computer lab and willing to act as the school's liaison with the American Board of Directors. If you know of someone who loves children and is passionate for the work in Honduras, please refer him/her to our website ([www.gssministries.org](http://www.gssministries.org)) and encourage him/her to contact us at 407.366.7714 or [info@gssministries.org](mailto:info@gssministries.org).

## FUTURE TRIPS AND PROJECTS

The next trip will be sometime in early/mid November, dates still to be determined.

Activities for the November trip:

- Install new slats in the classroom windows.
- Research local plots of land determined by the Honduran Board as being locations of interest and price for adding a Middle School.
- Continue efforts in the computer lab to install programs and teaching aids.
- Work with local excavating company to level the playground.

If you are interested in going with a future mission team, see the travel information on our website.



## REFLECTIONS



Rose Overcash

*"What a wonderful week full of blessings from God! It was wonderful to see so many young people working so hard without complaint. The teens painted until they could paint no more. Being at the school was an incredible opportunity. The children are so loving and giving. They ask for nothing, no holding out of hands begging for goodies. They give and receive hugs and kisses freely. They are so happy that we can just play and visit with them. I will gladly go again, and I am very blessed to have been able to share this experience with my two daughters."*

*"The school was awesome! The kids are so happy to be there and to meet you. They don't care if you can't speak Spanish, they were happy just to sit with us. We taught the girls a new clapping game and they loved it. The last day we put our favorite scriptures on a board and that was covered with a dry erase board that our group made. I was so sad to leave, but I'm so glad that I went because it's so amazing! I want to go on every trip."*



Shannon Overcash



Elizabeth Overcash

*"My week in Honduras was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed playing with the kids and watching their faces when we taught them a new game. Even though it was sometimes hard and you didn't necessarily get the best job to do, the school looks a lot better now since it was repainted. I enjoyed going and I consider it a great opportunity."*

*"I am extremely impressed with the Good Samaritan School. It is such a shining light in a region of poverty. The children are enthusiastic, hard working and full of potential. I know that God is pleased that we are taking His word to them as well as educating them. With their knowledge of the Bible and a formal education including computer literacy, these children will live enriched lives and will be great assets to the people of Honduras."*



Cindy Knott



Irene Guzmán

*"Walking on the dirt roads of Catacamas is like going back in time. Most of the people walk or ride their bike everywhere. Some who can afford it, have an old beat up truck. The life seem laid back and so much simpler. The children are very charming. Each one has something that made them special. It is amazing how these children can touch your heart in so little time."*



## School of the Good Samaritan

*Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child!*



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# SUMMER 2004

Eight families traveled to Catacamas in July. We had a total of 12 teenagers and 14 adults! It was a busy week.

## PAINTING THE EXTERIOR OF THE KINDER-CARE BUILDING.



The teens were exceptional. They were eager to work and excited to be there. In less than a week they painted the kitchen, office and exterior walls of the kinder-care. Also they painted the pavilion, games on the play area and the shed. The children were thrilled to meet the teens and loved to learn new games with them.



Alfred Lockyer bought rope and made jump-ropes. It was amazing to see how they took turns playing. Even the boys loved to jump.



### 4 Squares

The big executives had to test it out before teaching the kids!



## FAMILY EXPERIENCES



The mission trip with the teens was a wonderful experience for all of us. Not only was it fun, but we were able to share the experience through the eyes of our own children. Cindy Knott, the mother of three of the teens, said, "I was able to see my

children reacting to situations and dealing with conditions that I could never have seen anywhere else. We worked, played, explored, and worshiped in a culture far removed from our normal daily existence in the United States. It was rewarding to see my children work as a team with the others in our group and witness the easy way they connected with the Honduran children. As a family, we now have shared memories that will be with us for a lifetime."



## COMPUTER LAB

The computer lab is great and now it looks even better. All week a group of techies worked on different projects in the computer lab. The new teacher computer was set up. The projector was installed, and we put in a new whiteboard. The new shelves that were built in the closet are marvelous. We are currently working on getting a bigger antenna to get internet access.



Kelly Sprague and Eric Misael Escobar trained Dania Mejía, who will become the full-time computer teacher next school year. Dania is currently teaching computer skills to the 4-6 graders in the afternoon twice a week and to a second grade class in the morning.

The students are currently learning how to type and have to work on a project about every 4 weeks. Sara is teaching 3rd graders computers in the morning twice a week.

## How you CAN help

In the mountains of rural Catacamas, Honduras, it is the poorest of the poor who are sought out and found by the School of the Good Samaritan. We actively pursue destitute, hopeless children and offer them hope and a future: a way out of poverty through Christian education.



The School of the Good Samaritan exists solely to bring Jesus to these children. The School opened its doors in 1986 with one teacher and a first-grade class of 40 students. Today, the School provides quality Christian education for over 600 students from preschool to sixth grade. Students who have completed sixth grade may continue their formal education or prepare for a vocation through scholarships managed by the School.

The teachers at the School of the Good Samaritan are government-certified, excellent instructors and committed Christians who see their teaching as a means of serving God. The School is overseen by a Board of Directors in the United States made up of educators, ministers, and others who love children.

For \$18 a month (less than the cost of dinner for two) you can provide hope and a future for a Honduran child. Your donation provides for all they need for their education at the School of the Good Samaritan:

- \* Uniforms
- \* Shoes
- \* Books
- \* School Supplies
- \* Teachers Salaries
- \* Standard Government Tests
- \* Snacks

Your entire gift is used for your child's education. Administrative costs for the School are covered by the Metro Church of Christ, Oviedo, Florida. As a sponsor, you will receive a photograph and profile of your student. You will also receive periodic updates on your child's progress, a copy of his/her report card and a craft project just for you, the "patrocinador". For more information, call 407.366-7714, or visit our website at [www.gssministries.org](http://www.gssministries.org).

