

#### God's faithfulness in ministry and family Trusting God as we move forward...

Last Newsletter we shared about trusting God for His timing with progress for the future Technical Training and Activity Center. An exciting update is that during the month of April, we had the opportunity to purchase a piece of property and house that connects with the small lot we already have for this purpose. Some of the benefits of this purchase: 1) it connects our current property to the main road and will give us easier access for parking, 2) the house gives us more space that we can use for the youth right now, and 3) land is hard to come by in the neighborhood, so being able to expand the property space we currently have is very useful.

Our desire is to be able to purchase one more small lot next to our current one so that we can build the type of building needed to provide training and activities for our current and future youth. Please pray with us that doors will open in God's timing and if you feel like you can contribute toward this cause, you can designate your gift toward the "youth building project."

Also during April and May, Carlos and Barbara had the opportunity to visit supporting churches in North and South Carolina as well as making a quick trip over to Tennessee. It is always nice to see some of our long-time friends and make a few new ones as well! We are thankful that our two boys survived staying home by themselves during this time!

On the family side, Elisa and Amanda finished up their year in college and are in Kingsville, Ohio working for the summer. Carlos, our oldest son, graduated from high school on June 14<sup>th</sup> and has been accepted into Cedarville University to study IT Management this fall. Again this year, we will be traveling to Ohio in July. We are all looking forward to having the whole family together again for a few weeks and are gearing up to prepare for a third child to be left behind when we return to Honduras in August.

We appreciate your prayers!

The Barahonas



We continue to work on one project at a time and love to see progress being made.

## READY FOR SERVICE...

Although the team house has been housing teams for a couple years now, there is still much work to be done for it to be totally finished.

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# Mothers Find NewHope



Many different kinds of social problems are seen here at Nueva Esperanza among the families we support. One of the biggest obstacles is unemployment which, in turn, brings about a series of family crises. There are currently more than 1.5 million unemployed Hondurans, and a large number of the mothers who have children at the ministry are part of this gloomy statistic.

Seeking a way to help these women with dependent children, Nueva Esperanza began a program that offers training to unemployed mothers in different areas of handicrafts. We love to see mothers who find creative ways to use the new skills they have learned, to help support their family.



Evelin, the mother of Sachika and Oscar, has taken part in crochet, sewing, and jewelry-making workshops. Evelyn was so that enthusiastic she began making and selling jewelry to enhance any type of women's clothing. This has helped her contribute to the well-being of her family. She says, "The best part is that I can take care of my kids at the same time that I am working." Evelyn has plans to buy a sewing machine as well as continue to learn new skills.

**Ana Maria** who has two children enrolled in NE, Wilmer and Ana, has also put into practice the things learned at the various workshops and now earns a profit from the items she makes.

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In March, we had a team come help us finish up the prep kitchen where we will do most of the food preparations for visiting work teams. The gas stoves that were donated on our last container

shipment a few years back are now hooked up and ready to use along with a sink and other kitchen equipment. Our Honduran workers During her free time and weekends, Ana Maria creates crocheted garments which she sells to family and other people she knows. These courses have helped her financially and she teaches what she has learned to her kids.

Andi's mother, **Xiomara**, has been able to broaden her knowledge and imagination. She makes articles of clothing and also crocheted and beaded accessory pieces. She has loved being able to work at home so that she can also be with her children.

The classes taught here at the ministry have helped these and other mothers and it gives us the chance to build our relationship with them so that we can be a light for Christ to them!

have also been working on installing hand railings on all the steps around the team house property. We would love to have you come see all this in person and give us a chance to start using the new kitchen! If you are interested in bringing or coming on a team in order to serve the ministry of Nueva Esperanza, please contact us – hope to see you soon!





Hí! My name is Ana Raquel Andino Medína and I am 20 years old. From a very young age I was part of Nueva Esperanza. I have had the opportunity to get to know some extraordinary people during the years I was enrolled in the ministry. The best experience of my life was being part of the youth program. It was such a huge blessing for me! 1 graduated from high school with honors and began my university education here in Tegucigalpa. My dream is to pursue a college education and get ahead in life. I am thankful for the way my parents and the teachers at Nueva Esperanza encouraged me to forge ahead until I reach my goals.

I am now in my third year at the university and I always remember my

lífe and activities at Nueva Esperanza.

I have had the chance to come back and visit, and it makes me feel good to see the current youth being blessed as I was. One of the things I miss a lot is the weekly discipleship classes which continue to help me even now in my life.

Since I began going to the university I have been able to pass all my classes with good grades. This year I even received a special scholarship to help with my schooling which will take a burden off of my family, especially since my mother has been unemployed since last year. God has placed people in my life who have helped me since I was a child. I have also received 2 diplomas for academic excellence because I am unswerving in my resolve to hang in there.

One of the biggest goals in my life is to be able to use my higher education to be able to serve others.

I want to thank all of you who make Nueva Esperanza possíble for kíds líke me.



You have given me the opportunity to have goals and look ahead, not behind, knowing that with Christ I can do all things.

May God bless you all!



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