

NEW HOPE HERALD

Christmas 2022



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Merry Christmas



It has been a full year of ministry here at Nueva Esperanza! It was a year of much reflection since we celebrated 30 years of ministry. God's faithfulness is evident in our ministry here! We were finally able to bring our students back full-time, and it has been wonderful to have the building bursting with laughter and learning. We were also able to enroll 18 new children for the first time in almost two years. We are looking forward to enrolling even more next year. We also welcomed eight teams in 2022 with over 65 people visiting NE for the first time.

Our youth celebrated Christmas with a fun party complete with Christmas games, prizes, a costume contest, and snacks. At the party, they also received their Christmas gifts which included clothes, food, and other things.

The children were also very excited to receive their Christmas gifts this year! There were lots of excited squeals and giggles as gifts were unwrapped and Jesus was shared as the real reason for the season. Leading up to the party, the kids made lots of Christmas decorations, crafts, and ornaments. Thank you to everyone that gave to the Christmas fund and allowed us to bless the students in this way!

We've made some very exciting improvements/changes on our properties!



PROPERTY CONNECTION PROJECT

In our last newsletter, we shared with you about a small strip of land we were able to purchase to build a connection between our two properties. This connection will provide a safe way for our children, staff, and visitors to go between the properties without walking along the dangerous, busy street. We are excited to share that the area has been opened up and construction has started! There is still a lot that needs done, but it is exciting to see this connection starting to be created! While we were able to start this project, we have not yet brought in all the funds needed to complete it. You can give directly through this link: https://ne.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=679456 or at our website www.hopeinhonduras.org.

TEMPORARY YOUTH PROPERTY

You may recall in January we purchased a piece of property with a house to fix up and make into a temporary property for our expanding youth program. A lot of construction has been done, including pouring a soccer field, creating a roof "hang out" area, adding bathrooms, and creating classrooms.

The space has seen much use with normal youth activities during the week and on Saturdays, but also for lots of special events! They've had a welcome back party for a student who was sick, celebrated a big quinceañera for our students who turned 15 this year, and most recently, had their end-of-year Christmas party. We are so thankful God has provided this space for our growing youth ministry while we wait for the Career & Training Center to be built.



SEPTEMBER LANDSLIDES

Some of you may be aware of a situation that affected many of our families at the end of September. With the rain Honduras received throughout the month, an area where many of our children live was affected by a huge landslide. Many houses collapsed or were severely damaged. The government worked to evacuate people before anyone was seriously hurt. Of those whom we serve at Nueva Esperanza, 19 families had to be evacuated from their homes. Six of those families' homes were completely destroyed, and eight other homes were severely damaged. Families moved into emergency shelters and in with relatives during the immediate aftermath.

We reached out to the sponsors of families affected, and through their generosity, we were able to help the families with the needs they faced. Please continue to pray for these families as they adjust to a new normal and different living conditions.



HOPES & DREAMS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Edwin grew up in poverty with both of his parents and many siblings. Because he had many younger siblings that his parents needed to support, Edwin had to drop out of school in 6th grade in order to help provide. At that point, he started working with his cousin who taught him everything he needed to know in order to build a house: construction, plumbing, electrical work, etc. He found he was especially good at electrical work.

Since Edwin was able to work and provide a little for his family and himself, he decided to continue studying on his own in the evenings in order to finish high school. Edwin got married, and a few years later he finally graduated high school with specific knowledge to work as a computer technician. Unfortunately, Edwin soon discovered how difficult it is to find work in that area, especially without a university degree. Because he had a family to support, he decided to take courses at a local trade school to learn more about electrical work.

Edwin has had more work with his trade skills than as a computer technician. Financially, he is also able to earn more income this way. He has teamed up with his siblings, and together they work on construction projects to earn money to support their families.

Electrical work and other construction skills are some of the programs we plan to offer the students of Nueva Esperanza in the future **NE Career & Training Center**. In Edwin's case, it was his experience and training in trade skill that allowed him to provide for his family and finish studying.

The need is great for a facility that will give our students **HOPE** and allow them to gain the knowledge and experience they need in order to get and keep a job, as well as allow them to finish and further their education.



We have about 60% of the funds we need to break ground on this very important project. Would you consider giving to help us reach our goal and being construction? You can give directly through this link: https://ne.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=679456 or at our website www.hopeinhonduras.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 GRADUATE!



Sara was enrolled at Nueva Esperanza at the age of 3 in February of 2010 along with her older sister Diana. At that time, Sara's mom did not have a job and Sara's father worked in a fast food restaurant making little money. Once the girls were enrolled at Nueva Esperanza, both of Sara's parents were able to continue studying, and her father was able to get a better paying job. They saved money and worked to make a better life for their family. While at the ministry, Sara has grown in her relationship with the Lord and worked very hard at her studies. Now that Sara has finished high school, she plans to go to the local university and study medicine.



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