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A New Playground Providing New Hope

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With children swinging from the monkey bars and climbing on the rock wall, laughter and giddy screams fill the air. Nueva Esperanza has been blessed by the completion of a new playground in the courtyard for the children. Monkey bars for two age groups greet the kids, and a rope course and rock wall provide many new adventures, challenges, and opportunities to improve coordination. After anticipating and brain storming ideas of how to improve the empty cement floor playground, a wonderful

team of people came together to finally complete the project. We are so grateful for this new amazing area for the kids to play and release some of their endless energy.

It is thanks to the family of Jim Burns and their generous donation that this playground could be built. Just recently, the new playground expansion was dedicated in memory of Jim Burns who was a faithful servant of God who visited Nueva Esperanza multiple times to help build the Nueva Esperanza facility. As future teams visit and the children continue to play, we want Jim's memory to live on in the hearts of those in this ministry. Our prayer is



that our children will be continually grateful for people who love God and love them. Even more so, we hope our children will follow the examples of such people, like Jim, and grow to be adults who follow God and share His love.



Finally, we are grateful for all the people who came together to design and build this beautiful new area for the children. From those who might remember in our winter newsletter, our intern Crystal came down to work with us in January. Lots of her time here was spent designing and mapping out the playground that now exists. After she left, our maintenance guys spent months turning her plans into reality! Marvin, Jairon, Leo, and Carlos worked hours upon hours measuring, welding, cutting, painting, and forming all of the pieces that were needed for our new playground. They then

came down to the ministry to install all of the colorful pieces exactly where they were needed. We're amazed at the way these people used their gifts and talents to make such beautiful playground equipment! From just throwing balls on the concrete to being surrounded by a bright mural, cushy grass, and a jungle gym for all ages, this expansion of the ministry is a blessing to the children and to Nueva Esperanza's mission.

Through the Eyes of a Child Sponsor

By Sarah Maust

Playgrounds and gifts and hugs oh my! Child Sponsorship Week came and went in a flash but left a lasting impression by strengthening relationships between sponsors and the children they sponsor at Nueva Esperanza.

Each of us, the visiting sponsors, experienced Nueva Esperanza through the lives of the children and their families and became immersed in the daily struggles in Honduras. We witnessed and prayed over the circumstances endured by the children's family members working daily to provide for their children. We were taken to the homes of the children we sponsor. Sitting in single room homes, where whole families live, we listened to various caretakers



and prayed over the lives of their families. We also had the opportunity to give gifts to our sponsor children during this time, and the ministry presented a basket of food to each family we visited. Being able to meet the sponsors who support their children was a blessing to the families during these home visits. We were also able to see God's grace at work and hope being restored to the families of these children as well as the impact and difference we are able to make through Nueva Esperanza in the lives of people in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Beyond visiting the neighborhoods in Honduras and coming face to face with the conditions and realities of these families, our group



spent time shadowing classes and seeing our support in action as the children were educated in everything from math to how to use a computer. Our team had the opportunity to sit in on classes and help the students learn or just listen and be with our sponsor child. Throughout the classes, the children opened up to us and blessed us with lots of hugs, attention, and love. Regardless of their circumstances, these children are bright, engaged, and enthused to learn as the ministry is showing them the love and grace of God and is leading them into better lives.

Toward the end of the week, children's hearts and minds were lifted in joy as we held a carnival. The children got to participate in an elaborate and joyful event as streamers and balloons filled the auditorium. We had stations for all the children to enjoy from balloon animals and face painting to snacks and art. Finally, each of our kiddos won a prize at our fishing pond. Laughter and love filled the ministry and hearts of the team, staff, and children during the carnival. It was the perfect ending on site at the ministry for a perfect Child Sponsorship Week. On the last day with our children, we took a field trip to the local children's museum where we cherished time exploring and playing with the children of Nueva Esperanza.

We can only pray that next year's Child Sponsorship Week is just as successful and that more and more of the children will be sponsored as the ministry continues to grow. God is good and a constant blessing to Nueva Esperanza. God's glory and grace shined brightly during this week in Tegucigalpa, Honduras! We look forward to future Child Sponsorship Weeks and thank teams and sponsors for everything they do in the name of God.



Vehicle Need

During a recent team visit, our 15 passenger, 2007 Ford van lost its transmission. The vans are used regularly to transport our teams and to take our children and youth on field trips. Please pray for wisdom during the decision making process to repair/replace the van. If you would like to make an extra donation to help with this unexpected expense, mark you donation "van".



Liz's Wedding

We would also like to congratulate our Nueva Esperanza missionary, Liz, and her new husband, Jose, on their marriage! They got married in the states in late June and have now returned to Honduras. Liz will continue to serve as our Child Sponsorship Coordinator for the ministry. Liz and Jose would appreciate your prayers as they transition into married life.



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