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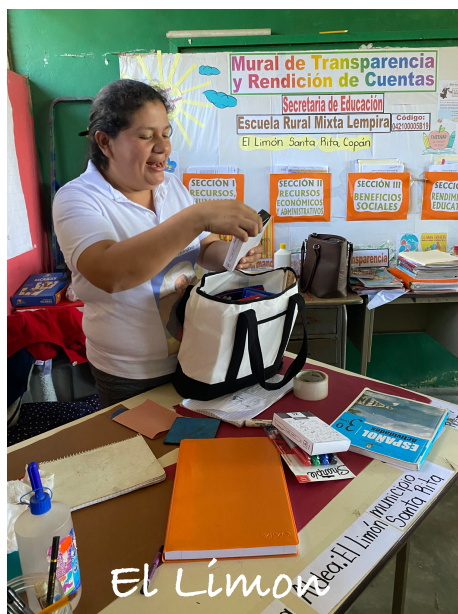
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What a blessing the month of February has been! Allison Hicks and I set out on Saturday, February 4, 2023 for an adventure with God that was just simply awesome! We traveled to Copan on Sunday, February 5th after spending a little time with Jimmy and Sandra Pinell. As soon as we arrived at Steve and Audrey's house, we started working. We were able to pack all the teacher bags and get them ready for delivery. On Monday, we unpacked all the supplies for children and began to pack toolkits for the children. We were waiting for three containers from San Pedro Sula. However, they never arrived. We had everything we needed to begin handing out school supplies on Tuesday, except for backpacks. It was a joy to be with the teachers and children in Miramar and San Miguel. After a Bible Lesson which included Psalm 139:14 and the reminder of the gift of Jesus Christ, we handed out supplies. So many precious moments. We had the opportunity to also hand out New Testaments to the children who can read thanks to HEA and Steve and Audrey. The children were overjoyed to receive their own bible. One child said, "I'm not going to take a nap today. I'm going to read my bible." After visiting both schools, we headed back to the mission house, and as we headed down the mountain, we received a message that the containers would not be arriving with more school supplies. God had a plan! Within a couple hours, the school store in Copan was able to supply us with all the supplies we needed for Wednesday. Special thanks to Gabby and to Audrey for all their help in making sure we were able to get what we needed for our visits in El Limon and Las Medias on Wednesday. We thought for sure that the containers would arrive on Wednesday. However, again God had other plans. We went back to the school store and once again, God supplied everything we needed for Chonco and Mecatal. As we finished out our day on Thursday, we decided to stop in Santa Rita at the hardware store to pick up ten extra pencil pouches. . just in case. We had "bought out" the store in Copan. We also picked up ten extra packs of colored pencils. When we got back to the house, we had lunch and rested for just a bit. Then, Steve and Audrey offered to take us to Macaw Mountain for ice cream. No one can say "no" to ice cream and Macaw Mountain. Off we went! It was an amazing afternoon just resting and being still. Watching the magnificent Macaws is just truly amazing. These are the national birds of Honduras, and their beauty is far above any bird I have ever seen. We ate dinner before going back to the house, and then, after dinner, we completed the bags we needed for our visit to Miramundo on Friday. Friday morning was a day to sleep in a bit longer. Allison and I went to town to pick up a few things to take home, and then, we visited some apartments that we may use in the future for ministry. Before lunch, we also made a visit to La Laguna to take some teacher supplies. This community is one of our favorites as this is where God began to cast His Vision for PEH, Inc. Roxanna is the lead teacher in this community, and she has become one of our dearest friends. After lunch, we made a visit to what used to be an agricultural training center. HEA has been given permission from the Chorti Counsel, who owns the land and buildings, to begin using it again for training. PEH will be coming alongside HEA to clean the building and grounds. There is MUCH work to be done. However, the end result will be more opportunities for technical/job training and much more. We have planned to spend quite a bit of time on future trips getting the building and land ready for classes to begin. After walking around and discussing what needs to be done at the training center, we headed way up the mountain to Miramundo. What an awesome village! We met at the church and had such a great time with the children, parents, and pastor. They even sang for us! Finally, after returning back to the mission house, we had a great time praying and planning for the future with Steve, Audrey, Edgardo, and Emilio.



We witnessed what we believe is a “loaves and fishes” miracle the week of February 6-10, 2023. We had no idea where we would get all the school supplies we needed to serve all the children in the area of Copan where PEH is intentionally building relationships. God provided all that we needed. In fact, those ten pencil pouches and colored pencils that we bought in Santa Rita. . just to be sure we had enough. .were not needed. We had ten bags of supplies left over after visiting all the villages and communities. What a God we serve! All Praise and Glory go to Him and Him Only!



Total Number of Supplies Distributed in the Area of Copan

Miramar

Teacher Bags - 2
Kinder Bags - 8
1st-5th Grade Bags - 63

San Miguel

Teacher Bag - 1
Kinder Bags - 8
1st-6th Grade Bags - 20

El Limon

Teacher Bags - 2
Kinder Bags - 8
1st - 5th Grade Bags - 45

Las Medias

Teacher Bags - 2
Kinder Bags - 8
1st - 6th Grade - 70



Chonco

Teacher Bags - 2
Kinder Bags - 16
1st - 6th Grade - 54

Mecatal

Teacher Bags - 2
Kinder Bags - 7
1st - 6th Grade - 38

Miramundo

1st - 6th Grade Bags - 24

La Laguna

Teacher Bags - 5

Totals for February 2023 in Copan

Teacher Bags - 16
Kinder Bags - 55
1st-6th Grade Bags - 314
Kinder + Upper Grades - 369

Where does PEH go?



The following map will help you somewhat understand where Project Education Honduras, Inc. is serving alongside our Honduras friends, as well as Honduras Evangelical Association and Prayer Plan Missions. We currently fly into San Pedro Sula, and this is where Jimmy and Sandra Pinell live. We stay with them at their Bed and Breakfast when in the city. It takes three to four hours to get to Copan from San Pedro Sula. It depends on the traffic. In Copan, we stay with Steve and Audrey Long of HEA. The villages where we serve are anywhere from 30 minutes to one hour from the house, up, down, and around mountains, and many villages are very remote. From San Pedro Sula, it takes about four hours to get to Chaguatillos, which is where the mission house for PPM, Casa de Charlie, is located. Chaguatillos is about an hour from Comayagua. The villages we serve in this area are anywhere from walking distance from the mission house to an hour driving up, down, and around mountains. The roads we travel to the villages are beautiful, but they are an adventure. We encounter very bumpy roads and very narrow roads. It is also always fun to cross, or rather drive through, the rivers.

Chaguatillos

After taking Allison to the airport on Sunday, we rested on Sunday. It was good! Then, on Monday morning, we traveled to Chaguatillos. We arrived after dark, as we had several stops to make along the way. In addition, we did not get started early, as we were hoping that the containers we had been waiting on would arrive. That didn't happen, but God had other plans. It was a beautiful drive, and I enjoyed every single minute of it. Tuesday morning, we got to work early putting together packets for all the children. At 3:00 pm, Casa de Charlie was filled with children, teachers, and parents as well. The big gathering area facing the mountains hosted individuals from the schools in Chaguatillos, Huertas, Colmenus, and Lajoya. Jimmy drove the truck to Huertas to pick up the individuals from that community, and then, he drove them home. We played some games and did a bible lesson. Then, we handed out the supplies. PPM also treated our guests to cookies and soda.



We love because he first
loved us.
1 John 4:19

Let us not love with
words or speech but with
actions and in truth.
1 John 3:18



I praise you because I
am fearfully and
wonderfully made;
your works are
wonderful,
I know that full well.
Psalm 139:14



On Wednesday, we got up early and began getting ready to visit our last two schools, La Campa and El Junco. These schools are not close to the mission house and the ride is beautiful! It is also a bit bumpy. In addition to doing a lesson at each one of the schools around Psalm 139:14 and the love of Christ, we handed out supplies to the children and teachers. We also shared cookies with each one of them. It was a great day of sharing, loving, and teaching.



**Total Number of Supplies
Distributed in the Area of
Chaguatillos and Cosmul**

Chaguatillos

Teacher Bags - 2
Kinder Bags - 7
1st-6th Grade Bags - 40

Huertas

Teacher Bags - 3
Kinder Bags - 7
1st-6th Grade Bags - 39

Colmenas

Teacher Bags - 2
Kinder Bags - 6
1st - 6th Grade Bags - 39

Lajova

Teacher Bags - 2
Kinder Bags - 7
1st - 6th Grade - 28



La Campa

Teacher Bags - 3
Kinder Bags - 10
1st - 6th Grade - 46

El Junco

Teacher Bags - 3
Kinder Bags - 8
1st - 6th Grade - 64

High School Chaguatillos

7th- 9th Grade Bags - 28

Cosmul

Teacher Bags - 1

**Totals for February 2023 in
Chaguatillos and Cosmul**

Teacher Bags - 16
Kinder Bags - 45
1st-9th Grade Bags - 284
Kinder + Upper Grades - 329



Do you believe in modern day miracles? WE DO! A loaves and fishes miracle occurred! We waited on three containers that had school supplies in them the entire time that we were in Copan and Chaguatillos. They remained at the shipping company after numerous attempts to have them delivered. However, **THAT DID NOT STOP OUR GOD!** We were able to give supplies to every teacher and child in the villages where we are serving. God multiplied over and over again! The only items that we were not able to give to every child were pencil pouches.

In addition, the backpacks were all in the containers. **GOD HAD ANOTHER PLAN!** Throughout the trip, he taught us yet again to "be still." Most importantly, as Steve and Audrey put it so well, He taught us who is in control. **We serve a mighty God!**



Remember When???????



January 9-14, 2023, Scott and I made a special, and short, trip to Honduras to assist Prayer Plan Missions in cleaning the school in Cosmul and getting it ready for the start of the school year. While Allison and I were still in Copan, on Friday, February 10th, the school had a big celebration to open the doors of the new school. Prayer Plan Missions was able to be at the school to celebrate the opening of their doors, and pictures were sent to us so that we could give thanks to God for all He has done in getting the building ready and in sending children and teachers to fill the rooms. This story is a story of God's greatness and His faithfulness. It is also a story of God's perfect timing. In Ecclesiastes 3:1 God says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." It is evident that God's goodness was revealed in the opening of the school in Cosmul. There are so many God moments to tell that led to this moment and this time. . . moments that were carefully constructed in a way that only He could.

Nubia, the Director and a 3rd grade teacher at the school, is a witness to us all. She has followed her God and put her faith in Him over and over again. Because of her faith and her reliance on God's timing and goodness, the school has doubled in size. They are beginning the school year with 157 children and 12 teachers. Wow! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

On Friday, February 17th, I had the opportunity to go and visit Nubia before returning home on Saturday. I also took her a bag filled with teacher supplies. What a great day of rejoicing with Nubia!

Please lift Nubia, the school in Cosmul, and all the children in your prayers daily. I truly believe God is doing a big thing through Nubia and the school in Cosmul!



**"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26**

If you asked me on Saturday, February 4, 2023 how we were going to give out supplies to all the children in all the villages where we had planned on visiting, I would have told you, I'm not sure. However, what I knew was that our God had a plan, and that He did! We had planned on handing out supplies to 700 children and 30 teachers. God made it all happen, even without the three containers that did not arrive.



Total Number of Supplies Received by Children and Teachers in February 2023

**Teacher Bags – 32
Kinder Bags – 100
1st-6th Grade Bags – 570
7th-9th - 28
Kinder + Upper Grades – 698**



In His Timing. . . In His way!

Too often, as human beings, we want to figure everything out and create "a plan" with every detail included. As a teacher, I believe it is a blessing and a curse that we are planners. If you don't plan, you are "flying by the seat of your pants," and that is not good. . for many reasons. As a former principal and curriculum coordinator, planning was one of my expertise. I worked with new teachers and taught them how to plan effectively. Then, when I entered ministry, it didn't stop. However, God began to show me that I needed to learn a couple of things. First, I learned every plan must first start with prayer. God reveals His plans through prayer, scripture, and meditation. However, we have to be invested in these practices. Second, every plan must be met with patience and waiting for God's timing, even as the plan is unfolding. Our timing is not God's. Let me say that again, our timing is not God's. I will need to hear this at least seventy times seven times in my life-time .

So why do I mention all of this now? The three barrels. You see, PEH carefully planned how everything was going to get to Honduras and what we would give the children and teachers. God provided all the funds needed in order to serve 700 children and 30 teachers. And then, the three barrels did not arrive.

There is no doubt in my mind that the barrels would have arrived by the day we landed in San Pedro Sula had that been in God's plan. God had another plan. He taught PEH patience and reliance completely on Him, even as we are still learning so much about Honduras and how to live daily in a new country. He taught us that He will walk with us no matter the circumstance, and He will put individuals in our path to help us along the way. He taught us to laugh in all circumstances. Paul would have said "be content" in all circumstance.

And along the way. . we were blessed by the "Wows!" of children and the smiles on their precious faces. We were in tears as we gave bags to teachers, many of whom had never been given a bag full of supplies. We saw miracles as God multiplied supplies. . . over and over again. And we ended the two weeks having done exactly what God had planned in the beginning. . actually. . even more. . as we gave 698 bags to children and 32 bags to teachers.

God is so good! May He continue to guide PEH and show us His vision. May He continue to be our guide. And may He continue to draw us closer and closer to Him as we seek to fulfill his mission in Honduras.

Anchored in Christ,

Teresa Gray, Co-Director of Project Education Honduras, Inc.



The three barrels arrived on Friday afternoon - the day before I was to return home - and in the afternoon. God has a great sense of humor! We counted everything. They will be going to Copan and Chagatillos. We will also be blessing the 10th and 11th graders in Chagatillos with supplies. . . so add 15 to 698. . .that is a grand total of 713. ONLY GOD!!!!