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September 2023 Chonco, Mecatal, El Limon, Las Medias, & The Training Center

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God Showed Up BIG in September!

On Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> a team of six flew into San Pedro Sula for a journey that was simply incredible. Although getting to Honduras took quite a bit of time due to delayed flights, God prevailed and the team finally arrived in San Pedro Sula at 8:00 pm, just seven hours late. We stayed at Jimmy and Sandra's for the night and then headed to Copan.

Sunday was a day of travel and rest. We spent some time at the bird park after a wonderful lunch courtesy of Audrey. Then, we visited the Training Center. The progress since February is simply amazing. We are in awe of how quickly God is moving to open the training center. It is all because of prayer, so let's keep praying alongside our Honduran friends and HEA. God has big plans for the training center, and we are so excited to watch everything unfold.

Monday and Tuesday were spent in Chonco repairing windows in the school and teaching VBS. Noah, Joseph, and Moses were among the stories we taught. We had a wonderful time as we continued to build relationships with the children and leaders of the community. We did meet Juanita, one of the new teachers in the school. She is a delight, and we hope that she gets to continue to stay in this community. After a five-day job turned into a two-day job, we prayed with the community leaders and said our good-byes for now. We look forward to continuing to visit, support, and encourage this community and school.

Wednesday morning, we traveled to Mecatal. We had a wonderful time teaching VBS and painting the swing set. Making a lion from paper plates and Noah stickers were all part of the learning. In addition to encouraging the children to be like these New Testament Heroes, we watched as they eagerly joined in on sanding and painting the swing set. One of the best moments, however, was watching the children and Jonathan play soccer and several different games. The smiles and laughter were such a blessing. After a day well spent, we prayed over the teacher, Erica, and said our goodbyes for now.

When we awoke on Thursday, we were excited to visit another village, El Limon. We will be doing some repairs soon at the school, and it gave us an opportunity to see the children and the teachers, Katie and Sarah. The Kinder class repairs is a project that we will be tackling in 2024. In the afternoon, we went to the Training Center to work. We spent the entire time pulling staples our of windows. There had to be over 5 million staples. This may be a little over-exaggerated, but it was endless. While we pulled staples, Emilio was also getting some tutorials and practice on how to use the paint gun.

Prayer is the foundation for everything that Project Education Honduras does. Before each trip, we pray that God will lead us where He wants us to go. We ask that He guide us each and every day. On this trip, we thought we were going to be in Chonco for five days. However, God had other plans. Because of his greatness, we finished in two days. God then led us to visit in more schools and continue what we know is one of the most important goals of PEH – building relationships. Praise God for His goodness and perfect timing! All Glory and Honor go to Him alone!



Friday came very quickly, but we didn't waste a moment of time. We visited one more school, Las Medias. There was a child celebrating a birthday on the same day that we were there. We did the story of David and Goliath and Scott was Goliath. The time spent with Melody and her students was such a joy. We can't wait to go back. We will be doing repairs in Las Medias in 2024 as well. After spending the morning in a school, we spent the afternoon at the Training Center. Sanding and painting were the jobs for the day.

Dennis and Teresa Gray, Co-Directors, PEH, Inc.

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We are headed back in October to work at the Training Center. Then, in February 2025, we will be distributing school supplies to children and teachers. We continue to collect supplies, as well as funds to order supplies in bulk. Below is a list of supplies that we are still collecting.

Pencils, Pens, Colored pencils, Crayola crayons (rose art crayons melt in the hot climate very easy), Scissors, Erasers (Pencil top), Glue Sticks – Elmer's Glue Sticks, Pencil Pouches that fit crayons and pencils (not boxes), Small Pencil Sharpeners

## Medications that are also always needed include:

Ibuprofen Acetaminophen Cold Medication Cough Medication Vitamins Allergy Medication Anti-Diarrhea Anti-Diarrhea Anti-Itch Cream Antibiotic Ointment Basic First Aid Supplies Children's Medicines...particularly cold and cough; Mucinex or guaifenesin as well as vitamins, Tylenol, and ibuprofen

\*The September trip was beyond awesome! Special thanks to HEA – Steve, Audrey, Yadira, Gabby, Emilo, and Edgardo – for all they do in supporting and encouraging PEH. It is such a joy to work alongside another ministry that is so dedicated following God's vision and plan for ministry in Honduras. We also want to thank all the teachers in the schools and the community leaders who open their arms to us when we visit. Special thanks also go to Jimmy and Sandra for taking care of us in San Pedro Sula, to Carlos – the best driver in the world, and to Marcella, who took great care of us when our plans had to change quickly. Most importantly, we give God thanks for all He has done, all he did in September, and all He is going to continue to do through PEH.