



# OUTREACH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE ANDERSONS

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### Born a Hazard?? (Part One)

Sixty Seven percent (67%) of children and adolescents in this country are greatly disadvantaged from birth. They are born into low income or impoverished families. From the moment of their birth, they make up what the government refers to as children at risk, "A social risk" or a hazard to society. Their lack of education guarantees a lack of decent employment opportunities. At a very young age, many of these children become substance users/abusers. Many fall victim to sexual predators, and/or participate in delinquent behavior. Stealing becomes just another trade or occupation. Gang membership becomes quite tempting and happens all too often. Others become street dependant: wandering the streets looking for a meal, begging, and shoplifting. Many get in to sales-- selling gum, candy, and cigarettes out of a cardboard box. Often their merchandise is drugs, or their own bodies.

Xiomara is eighteen. Two weeks ago, she was released from the Girls' Detention Center and now lives in our home. The three female attorneys and Child Services breathed a sigh of relief as I signed the papers to take custody of her. Xiomara was found at the door of the Child and Family Services in a box. Doctors

guessed her to be about nine months of age. She has grown up in orphanages and government centers. Now living with us, she is getting her first taste of family life. You can imagine the patience that Nelly and I are learning as we have again become parents!!



### Transition Home for Adolescent Girls

For several years, Nelly and I have desired to open and operate a transition home for girls. So many like Xiomara have nowhere to go after their release from government facilities. There are also those girls who just desire to come clean of a street life. According to a report published by the American Embassy here in Tegucigalpa, 65% of Honduran homes are lead by single mothers. According to a study done by a network of Christian-run orphanages in Latin America, 90% of the girls become pregnant within six months of leaving the home at the age of eight-

een. Eight of every ten babies born at the cities' public hospitals are born to mothers between the ages of fourteen and nineteen. In fact, at this moment I am writing from a hospital parking lot where a team of nine Americans from Texas is with Brian and Katie Epperson and Nelly distributing baby clothing and blankets in the maternity ward. BJ just called to ask my advice regarding an abandoned sixteen-year-old girl who just gave her life to Christ. The girl was admitted into the hospital after attempting suicide. She pleaded with BJ, a full-time volunteer missionary whose family works with us, to come live with us. As you can see, a facility such as we are proposing is much needed. It would cost an estimated \$1,200.00/ month to feed, educate, and house eight adolescents and staff at the home that we hope to open (Lord providing) later this year. Please be in prayer with us concerning this need.

My family and I have always appreciated your support. During such stressful economic times, we do not take your sacrifices likely. Thank you so much!! Our wish is that you have a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

*The Anderson's in Honduras*

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