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NEWS FROM THE ANDERSONS

HONDURAS IN CRISIS (PART 2)

The hunger crisis, it seems, is only beginning. There are studies being conducted that reveal just how serious the problem has grown. Honduras is in second place as the country in this region with the least development. Almost 21% of the population survive on an income of about \$1.00 per day. The minimum wage is \$180 US monthly but many

are paid much less. Even minimum wage only allows the person, or family, to afford 11% of the cost of a basic living from month to month. Those of you who have visited this country have witnessed the cost of things here compared to the same in the USA. Imagine how many people here can't even afford to eat. Of a population of 7.5 million, 4.3 mil-



lion (60.2 %) live below the poverty line, while another 35.9 % (close to 2.6 million) live in extreme poverty. Of these, 67.2 % are children under five years of age.

FAITH NOT NEEDED?

Needs are everywhere and are overwhelming. However, need(s) were never a motivation for Jesus to intervene. Our Savior only moved and acted where there was faith. (But not a faith built upon greed or the desire to have more, or better!!) It is for this reason He said, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:14-17) Thus, spreading the Gospel is God's way of getting people to, in faith, turn their hearts towards Him. It is then that He responds! We at Manos Extendidas have been able to present the Gospel by addressing the hunger of Honduras because

you enable us to do so through your prayers, generous giving, and costly visits. Because of the increase in fuel prices, everything else is more expensive. We are spending much more to provide the 900 weekly meals for the 300 children to whom we minister. Our congregations that meet three times weekly at both Day Care Centers are increasing in number. Surely as the Gospel is preached to the poor and they respond, our Father is then able to turn their sorrows into joy. He is faithful to hear the cry of those who call out to him in faith.

THANKS FOR BEING HERE, FOLKS!

During the month of June we were visited by three groups and one brave, single young lady who is spending three weeks with us. The first week of the month, we had five men from Rock Hill, South Carolina. Then, we were blessed with a group of six ladies and two men from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Afterwards, we were visited by a group of five men and three ladies from the state of Washington. Jessica came from East Texas and poured her heart into serving the children at the Day Care Centers. Each of the groups assisted with all that the ministry does here. Regardless of your physical pres-

ence, with us or not, each of you play a vital role in what God is doing in and through our lives here. We deeply love and appreciate each of you!!

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