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AN UPDATE FROM THE ANDERSONS

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The US Congress in Honduras?!

It was an honor to be part of the round table discussion held by the US Congress yesterday at the American Embassy here in Honduras. I was knocked beyond belief when I heard the lady chairing the meeting, a US Embassy Staff Director, in her opening statement say, "The US Congress finally decided that what happens in Central America, affects the USA; therefore, they have agreed to invest \$65 million dollars in these countries to help NGO's work with children at risk, and those involved in gangs."

She had my attention from the very beginning! Not because of the funding, but because of the statement regarding the affairs of Honduras affecting the USA. Children as young as fourteen are crossing the US borders, attempting to escape the poverty of their country. Unable to obtain employment, they then become drug dealers, prostitutes, and contribute to organized crime.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For years I have been attacked by some in the USA with the

question, "Why do you go to other countries to help people when there are so many needy in our country?" My response has been, "First, it is the Lord that calls each of us to do His will wherever He desires it to be. Second, if we do not go there to help them, do you want them to come here (to the US) looking for help?"

I am honored that Manos Extendidas is considered one of the Organizations in Central America that is making an international difference in the lives and well-being of people, not only in Honduras, Central America, but also in the United States, Canada, Denmark, and hopefully, around the world!

Please know that Manos Extendidas would probably not exist or be much less effective if you were not a partner with us.

OPEN SOON!!!

One of the things discussed at the meeting was the need for homes for the many girls coming out of orphanages, detention centers, and government protected homes. Again, my attention was captured.

Afterwards, the man who organized the meeting approached me and asked that we join forces in

establishing and running such a home. Needless to say, I was honored. He mentioned a facility five miles from the city that was built as a motel but never used. It has twenty-two rooms. My major concern is that the owner is presently in India and is not expected back until September. We presently have five transition girls; two of them are in desperate need of a home NOW! One has been living in our home for the past eight days. Nelly and I are about to walk out the door to check on another house that is for rent. We will have one rented and furnished within the next eight days. (Before you receive this letter).

What does God have in mind for Manos Extendidas? Only HE knows! Please continue to be part of it. Keep my family and me, along with the staff here, in your prayers. We love you!!!

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