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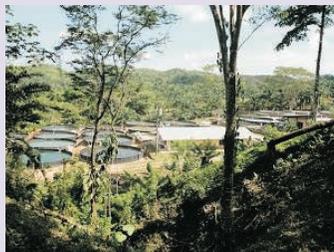
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Dear Friends,

Wow, what an exciting year 2013 has been. Promise Home had eighteen teams visit us this year. We were able to almost complete our first casita for the children, and we were able to start on the new cafeteria building. Our tilapia business expanded from fifteen ponds to twenty-eight large ponds holding a total of over 225,000 fish.

In 2014, we hope to complete the first casita for the children and add another twelve tilapia ponds to our tilapia business. We are praying that this year we will be able to get an agency permit that will allow us in 2015 to start receiving the abandoned and abused children at Promise Home, Honduras.

Be sure to look at our 2014 Team Schedule. The 2014 calendar is beginning to fill, contact Bill Hayden at bill.hayden@promisehome.org to reserve your spot.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for...

- God's direction in all that we do in Honduras and the US.
- HIS protection for traveling safely and for HIS leading of the 2014 Teams.
- God's direction in helping us find a Children's Director.
- God's help in acquiring the agency permit necessary to receive these needy children.
- God's help in raising the necessary funds to complete the first casita and add new tilapia ponds.
- Favor upon our self-sustaining projects that the harvest will be plentiful in 2014.

2014 TEAM SCHEDULE (as of Jan. 1, 2014)

Pleasant Hope: December 31st - January 8th

FBC Vincennes: June 22nd - 27th

FBC Vincennes: February 6th - 13th

Frisco Rotary Club: June 28th - July 3rd

Jim Murphy's Team: February 23rd - March 2nd

Lebanon Baptist Church: July 6th - 13th

Genesis Metro: March 8th - 15th

North Texas Missions: July 5th - 12th

Family Baptist Church: June 15th - 27th

Jim Murphy's Team: Aug. 30th - Sep. 5th

PROMISE HOME PARTNERS

Anderson Mill Baptist Church - Austin, TX

Heights Baptist Church - Richardson, TX

First Baptist Church - Frisco, TX

North Texas Missions - Frisco, TX

First Baptist Church - Vincennes, IN

Pleasant Hope Baptist Church - Calhoun, KY

Frisco Sunrise Rotary Club - Frisco, TX

Real Life Church - Springfield, IL

Genesis Metro Church - Frisco, TX

The River Church - Forsyth, MO

2013 – Construction Team Projects:

January

Promise Home started the new year with an aggressive plan to build our first casita for the children and to add several new tilapia ponds. At the end of January, we had our first team of the year. **The team was from Kentucky and Indiana and was led by Steve Drew.** They completed the roof on our casita. This required a lot of hard work and a good pair of sun glasses.



February



We had a team lead by Jim Murphy from the Real Life Baptist Church in Illinois. They worked on completing the concrete block inside of the casita.



March

Promise Home had a large group come from **Genesis Metro Church in Frisco, Texas** whose team leader was **Jeremy Breaud.** They built 400' of our perimeter fence and installed the soffit for the casita.



April

Three teams came to Promise Home. **The first team was from First Baptist Church in Vincennes, Indiana. The team was lead by Duke Hampsch.** They installed the electrical wiring for the Children's casita



and worked on the perimeter fence.



The second team was lead by Jason Roberts from San Marcos, Texas. This was a group of business men who had a common bond, they have all adopted a child from another country and understood firsthand the need for an organization like Promise Home.



We showed them other children homes in our area so that they could better understand the needs of the children in Honduras.

The next team was from The River Church in Forsyth Missouri lead by Dean Donat. They completed the soffit work on the children's casita.



May

During May, Promise Home added eight new 40' tilapia ponds and three new 20' tilapia ponds.



We also built a 50,000 gallon waste treatment facility for the tilapia business.

It was great to add another 70,000 fish to our tilapia business.



June

Our first team was from Anderson Mill Baptist Church in Austin Texas. Jack Bretherick and Eric Ratzman purchased two 1,250 gallon water tanks for our domestic water supply then worked on placing the tanks on our property.



The next team to arrive was from the Heights Baptist Church in Richardson Texas lead by Chris Havard. Their team completed the metal fur down structure for the ceiling in the children's casita.



They also installed part of the gutter system and worked on the perimeter fence.



July

In the first week of July, we had a team from First Baptist Church in Vincennes, Indiana lead by Brent Stuckey. The team painted the outside of the children's casita and put the first coat of paint on the inside walls. They painted the doors and worked on the perimeter fence.



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During the second week of July, the second team from First Baptist Church of Vincennes lead by Duke Hampsch came with a youth team of 31. They lead four VBS ministries.



They also painted a small school and laid the foundation for the perimeter fence for the Children's village.



Also during the first week of July, a medical dental team from First Baptist Church of Frisco Texas lead by



Bob Johnson was ministering to the people of San Manuel a town about forty five minutes from Promise Home.



Bob was aware that we have a young man, Kevin, who has a serious hearing problem and suggested that we take Kevin to visit the doctors at their medical clinic. Doctor Peter Fain, with Beltone in Houston, installed hearing aids into Kevin's ears and for the first time in his life he could hear his mother's voice.



August

August was another very busy month at Promise Home with five teams here in three weeks.

The month started with **Jim and Sandra Murphy** coming to help with construction projects and to look at the possibility of serving in the mission field full time after retirement.

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Jim led teams for years to Honduras and led a team to Promise Home this Spring. They spent the week working on projects for the new casita and assisted other construction teams here.

We also had a team lead by **Jeremy Breaud from the Genesis Church in Frisco Texas**. They were here in March and completed half of the fence and returned to finish the fence which they proudly completed.



In mid August, we had **Dean Donat and Matt Stallup from the River Church in Branson Missouri**. They worked on installing culverts and other projects that they could do between rain storms.

Also in mid August, we had the **Frisco Sunrise Rotary team here led by Andy Eskildsen**.



The Rotary team worked with the **San Pedro Sula Rotary club** to install a deep water well to provide water to Promise Home and to the El Portillo village. The water well drilling was a success and Andy's team came to provide additional water lines to the village and to build Promise Home a water pump house.



The men in our village were eager to assist in the installation of the additional water lines.

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The extra water line and the water well is a very big deal for this poor village.

September

A team from the Heights church in Richardson Texas came to Promise Home to start the construction on our second building for the children. The team was led by Marc Hernandez (Mr. Plumber). It was a large team so they accomplished many projects. They completed the rough out plumbing for our new cafeteria building , installed



several hundred feet of new fencing around the new tilapia



ponds, painted our new water pump house,



and painted our power house.



October

In the first week of October, Mario Aguilar from the Anderson Mill Baptist Church of Austin and Todd Menges came to Promise Home to help us complete some projects at Promise Home. With the help of our Honduran workers, they installed two large water tanks which will supply water to our Children's Village.



November & December:

In November and December, Julio and our workers poured a slab and completed the block on the new cafeteria.



In December, we were able to install a water powered turbine system that will drive two large aerators. This system will deliver all of the aeration for our 28 tilapia ponds saving Promise Home about \$20,000 a year in electricity.



We want to thank all of the people who made the progress in 2013 possible for your hard work, your funds and most of all for your encouragement.



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2013 – Ministry Team Projects:

This year, Promise Home began a new ministry of providing needy families in our area with a pila.

A pila is a concrete or a pre-fabricated fiberglass box that holds water and is used to wash clothes and dishes. Many families in our area cannot afford a pila so they collect water in a bucket and wash their clothes on a flat rock.



The pila really improves their lives.

The first pila built was a concrete pila constructed by **Jim Murphy's team in February**. We built the pila for Pedro's family. Pedro has worked with Promise Home for six years and was using a bucket to collect the drinking water for his family.



After construction of Pedro's concrete pila, we decided to change to a pre fabricated fiberglass pila so that a team could help more families in the short week that they are in Honduras.

The Heights Church team installed the first pre fabricated fiberglass pila for a widow who did laundry to provide for her family. She did her laundry on a large stone.



What a difference this simple pila has made in her family's life.



This year our teams were able to install a total of eighteen pre fabricated pilas.



2013 – Church Ministries:

The members of our Church received a special blessing in February as the **Family of Carlos Montano** led a musical concert which included a puppet show. This was quite a treat for the families and especially the children of our village.



In March, our church at Promise Home celebrated its second anniversary with over one hundred in attendance.

The service had an evangelist, special music and a meal.

This year, we asked the pastors from two of our partner churches to visit Promise Home and help us determine the next step for our church ministry.

Pastor Miguel Lopez of the Heights Church of Richardson, Texas lead a team of pastors.



This team was here to look at the opportunities that are available to expand God's ministry by working with our Promise Home church as well as other pastors in our area. They were able to meet with area pastors and a church planter to better understand their needs and the opportunities.

Pastor Duke Hampsch of the First Baptist Church of Vincennes, Indiana also lead a team of pastors. This team came to get a closer look at Promise Home and to better understand its needs to determine how we could work together on future projects. They visited some other children homes in our area and met with our pastor Adelmo as well as two pastors from local churches.

God has blessed Promise Home and its ministries this year with a group of people whose heart is as burdened as ours to help us move closer to our long term goal of providing for the abused and abandoned children of Honduras.



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