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PROMISE HOME HONDURAS

Helping the abused, abandoned and neglected.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for...

God's direction in all that we do in Honduras and the US.

Pray for the Fowler family and the ministry opportunities in our community.

God's protection for traveling safely and for HIS leading of the 2017 teams.

God's guidance in helping us with our residential children's ministries.

Favor upon our self-sustaining projects that the harvest will be plentiful in 2017.

2017 Team Schedule

(as of Jan 1, 2017)

Pleasant Hope: Jan 16-Jan 26

The Heights Church: March 6-11

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Promise Home Partners:

Anderson Mill Baptist Church:

Austin, TX

First Baptist Church: Frisco, TX

First Baptist Church: Vincennes, IN

Frisco Sunrise Rotary Club: Frisco, TX

Heights Baptist Church:

Richardson, TX

Koke Mill Church: Springfield, IL

North Texas Missions: Frisco, TX

Pleasant Hope Baptist Church:

Calhoun, KY

Dear Friends,

What a great year 2016 has been. We started receiving children into our residential care program in March. Today we have ten precious children ranging in age from six weeks old to three years old. It is exciting for all of us to see children playing in our children's village area.

In July, we started our **After School Program** for the children in the El Protillo school. We have an average of fifty children attending our program on Tuesdays and Thursdays where they have a lunch and then an educational program using the Compassion International materials.

God answered our prayers in November with the **Fowler family** arriving at Promise Home. Marcus, Lisa and their daughter Dakota are long term missionaries serving at Promise Home. Marcus is ministering to the community and has started a Wednesday evening bible study. Lisa is our Director for the Children's division, and Dakota helps her parents in their ministries.

In the area of construction, we have **finished the Director's house and built a two room education building** in the church area.

Our tilapia business has now has about **750,000 fish**. We are selling about 60,000 fish a month in the local market. In 2016, we started a fish hatchery business to decrease our cost for the tilapia fish and to improve in the quality of our fish.

We plan to begin the **pre K school program in August 2017**. The pre K school will have fifteen four year old children Monday through Friday from 8 am until noon and fifteen five year old children Monday through Friday from noon until 4 pm. Our young children will be in this program with children from our area.

Be sure to look at our 2017 Team Schedule. To schedule a 2017 trip, please contact Bill Hayden at bill.hayden@promisehome.org to reserve your spot.

2016 in review:

In January, **Jim Murphy** and his son **Dalton**, spent a week with us completing the “punch list” items in our Children’s Village area.



They focused on the kitchen area installing lights, fixed plumbing problems, installed many toilets and worked with our Honduran workers to get the kitchen completed.

At the end of January, **Jonathan Ayer** led his **Kentucky team** to Promise Home to install the roof on the Director’s home.



In March, God provided us with our first two children. Kensy was six months old, and David who was seven days old.



It is really exciting to look at these two babies and think about the impact they will have on all of us and the impact that Promise Home will have on their lives.

Our two Tias, **Maritea and Sonora**, were so excited to have two babies to care for.

By the end of 2016, we had ten children ranging in age from six weeks old to three years old.



On Monday and Tuesday, they had an After School program that fed the school children in El Portillo and Aquagate (about 150 children) lunch, and then they had a VBS program with the children.

In April, we had a team from the **Heights Church led by Paul Johnson**. They installed the rough out electrical and plumbing for the Director's home.



In addition to receiving two babies in March, we had a **twenty-seven member youth team from the Heights Church Richardson, Texas**.



In May, we had a team made up of two couples from Indianapolis Indiana. **Jordan and Heidi Bushnell** as well as **Corey and Brittany Kime** worked for four days painting the Director's house and the front gate. It was great to get both of these projects completed.





In June, we completed our Director's house in the Children's Village. ***Thanks to all of you that made this possible.***



Also in June, **Madie Wisnie**, a recent graduate from Baylor, joined us for two months to start the Promise Home After School Program. Madie was assisted for a week by **Channy and Jacob Zechmann** from the Heights Church in Texas for the task of visiting the parents of each child enrolled in the program. We now

have a great team that includes a staff of five Hondurans.



In July, we started our After School Program. The After School Program provides a lunch and about three hours of tutoring on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon each week for the children in our village school (K-6th grade).



In August we have had two teams visit Promise Home. The first team was from the First Baptist Church in Frisco Texas. It was led by Kirk Andrews. They focused on helping us in the fish business. They completed an 8' x 12' walk in cooler for our fish processing business and installed an air conditioner to

make the fish processing area more comfortable.



They also installed lights and electricity for the new hatchery.

The second team was from Indiana and led by Nick Sims. They worked on our new After School education building.



In October we had two teams visit us here at Promise Home.

The first team was from the Heights Church in Richardson, Texas. They wanted to focus on ministering to the people in our poor village. They started by installing a roof on two homes. What an impact this had on these two families.



The team also wanted to give the small school in our village a library. So they built two book shelves and gave them 140 new Spanish reading books.



Wow, were the children excited!

The second team was led by Jim Murphy from Illinois. Their project was to build a foot bridge over the Toyos River so that the children in the Aquagate village could cross the river safely. There is an old bridge over the river that it is unstable. The new bridge will have to be built in two phases. Jim's team built the anchorage for the bridge. (1st phase)



One of our favorite ministries is to install pilas in the poorest communities. This always gives us an opportunity to minister to the families and for our teams to better understand the poverty within Honduras.



More families who we were blessed to help through the pila ministry.



We would like to introduce you to the Fowler family. Marcus, Lisa and their daughter Dakota. They came to Promise Home November 1, 2016 as long term missionaries.



Marcus and Lisa met at Atkinson Road Baptist Church in Lawrenceville, Georgia. They were married in 1999, and dedicated their marriage and their lives explicitly for the glory of God. Subsequently, their work and their ministry have constantly demonstrated their faith. They have gone wherever He has called them to go... when He has called them to go... and completed whatever work He has called them to do.

God has blessed Promise Home and its ministries this year with thirteen teams and churches that have moved us closer to our goal of providing for the children's needs here in Honduras. We are excited as we go into 2017 fulfilling our commitment to provide for more abandoned and abused children here in Honduras and to transform the our community through the gospel and through educational assistance for the children.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support and commitment to Promise Home.

Bill