



Edition 8

PROMISE HOME HONDURAS

Helping the abused, abandoned and neglected.



PH Mission News 2017



Prayer Requests

Please pray for...

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

Pray for the Joana's family and the ministry opportunities in our community.

God's protection for traveling safely and for HIS leading of the 2018 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 2018.

2018 Team Schedule

(as of Jan 1, 2018)

- Michael Black's (Dallas area) medical team: *February 2nd – 12th*
- Pleasant Hope (Kentucky area) construction team: *mid February*
- The Heights Church (Dallas area) Youth team: *March 10th – 15th*
- Sarah Colby team (Dallas area) youth team: *May 20th*
- Brent Stuckey's team (Indiana area): *June 24th – 30th*
- The Heights church (Dallas area): *August 4th – 9th*
- Jim Murphy team (Illinois area): *October 6th – 13th*

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 2017 has been. We now have twelve children at Promise Home. We have two children that are four years old and the rest are between one and two years old.

In July we started an enhanced version of our After School Program for the children in the El Protillo school. We have an average of sixty children attending our program on Thursday and Fridays. They have a lunch and then an educational program using the Compassion International materials.

In October the Fowler family returned to the US due to a family situation. We now have a Honduran family managing our children's home. Joana and Armin and their young son Jeremy live on campus in our Director's home.

In the area of construction, in January 2018 we will start the construction on our second casita. When it is completed we will be able to provide care for thirty-two children.

Be sure to look at our 2018 Team Schedule. To schedule a 2018 trip, please contact Bill Hayden at bill.hayden@promisehome.org to reserve your spot.



2017 in review:

In mid-January, we had our first 2017 team. **The team was from Kentucky and led by Jonathan Ayer.** The team had two projects.



The first project was to finish our After School building by painting the soffits and installing the guttering system.



The second project was to build the bridge over the Toyos River. The bridge will connect the village of El Portillo where we live and the next village of Aquagate.

Below is the old bridge next to our new bridge.



We want to thank the Frisco Texas Sunrise Rotary for the funds to build the bridge, Jim Murphy's team that built the concrete anchors and Jonathan Ayer's team that built the steel bridge.

In March, Promise Home has the pleasure of hosting **two youth teams from the Heights church in Richardson Texas**. Mollie Tyler did a great job at leading both teams.



The first team had twenty three people. The second team had twenty four people.

The teams wanted to minister to the people in our community. So, they had a very busy schedule.



Some of the girls started their day by helping in the kitchen preparing food for the fifty-five children in our community After School program.



Both teams ministered to over 1,500 school children in our area.



In our area there is a new community called *Triumpho* which is made up of people who have nothing and are living illegally on the property.

The area is an African Palm plantation where they have built their homes out of the branches from the palm trees. The teams focused on this new area and provided four families with pilas.



Marcus Fowler, our Promise Home missionary, said “The pilas that they installed at Triumpho have made a huge statement in the community and in our church.

Folks in the community are now attending services (he picks them up in the church van). Our church is now gathering basic goods to continue the ministry to the impoverished in the community.

It’s so encouraging to see.”

In May, we had a team from **the FBC Vincennes Indiana. Brent and Becky Stuckey and Gary and Sherry Memering** visited Promise Home. They were visiting in preparation for bringing a team in June 2018.

From the Dallas Texas area in July, we had a team to help us in the children’s area. The team was led by **Cecilie Anders and Sarah Colby**.



They sorted and organized the clothing in our storage area. Assembled rockers and changing tables for the children’s rooms.



The youth sanded and painted the playscape equipment and assembled equipment for the children.



In September, **Jim and Sandra Murphy** stayed with us for a week. Jim and Sandra are great at repairing things so they stayed busy working on equipment in the Children's Village area.

Also in September, we had a ministry team from the **Heights church in Richardson Texas led by Richard Covington**. The Heights Church is planning to send two teams next year to Promise Home.

October was our busiest month. We had a team of **fifteen young adults from the city of El Progreso** (30 miles South of Promise Home) come to Promise Home to enhance our After School program.



They visited the families within walking distance of Promise Home and signed up 91 children to participate in the enhanced program.



The first day of the new program we had 76 children attend.



The new enhanced program will provide school clothes and supplies for the children and help the children financially stay in school. In Honduras, only 15% of the children enter the seventh grade. We want to change that.

In the second half of October, we had a team from the **Heights church in Richardson Texas**. Since it was a large team, they were able to accomplish a lot.





They brought books and educational aides for our children. They installed two bookshelves in two of our learning center rooms.



They painted and decorated furniture in the arts and crafts room.



This was an adventurous group so they installed razor wire around the perimeter of the fish area.



They also installed a snake guard around the perimeter of the children's area.



God has blessed Promise Home and its ministries this year. We are excited as we go into 2018.

When we complete the second casita, we will be able to provide care for thirty-two children. This will fulfill our commitment to provide for more abandoned and abused children here in Honduras and to transform 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