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Dear Friends,

Much like last year, 2011 has been a very busy year in Honduras. The work has continued on our God sized vision to build a self-sustaining orphanage in a third world country. As you have seen the last few years, the focus has been on infrastructure and self-sustaining projects; with your prayers and support that will all change in 2012! The self-sustaining projects are all well under way so the focus is shifting to the abused and abandoned children of Honduras.

We ask you to join us in prayer this year as we continue seeking God's plan for Promise Home and the children of Honduras. We are asking for God's favor in finding full time missionaries and Honduras nationals who will manage the day to day care of the children and Promise Home.

Be sure to look at our 2012 Team Schedule. The 2012 calendar is beginning to fill, contact Jeremy to reserve your spot.

We want to thank you for your continued support and showing Christ's love to the people of Honduras.

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 2012 Teams.
- God's direction in bringing on a Children's Director for the orphanage.
- God's direction in bringing on House Parents and Nannies for the day to day care of the children.
- God to help us raise the additional funds needed to complete the first casita.
- The completion of the first casita and for the orphanage to open its doors to children through God's provision.
- Favor upon our self-sustaining projects that the harvest will be plentiful in 2012.

2012 TEAM SCHEDULE

Pleasant Hope February 4th–11th

Real Life February 18th–25th

The River March 3rd–10th

Genesis Metro March 10th–17th

BridgeWay June 9th–16th

The River June 16th–23rd

Genesis Metro June 30th–July 6th

NTM July 7th–14th

NTM July 14th–21st

Genesis Metro August 4th–11th

The River October 20th–27th

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Genesis Metro Church - Frisco, TX

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North Texas Missions - Frisco, TX

Pleasant Hope Church - Calhoun, KY

The River Church - Forsyth, MO

2011 – Launching our Tilapia Business:

In 2010, several teams came to Promise Home to help build our nine concrete ponds and to start the construction of our 30' x 60' fish processing building. This year construction teams came to help launch our tilapia business...

The first team was **Pleasant Hope General Baptist Church**. They were a busy team. They installed secondary power to the fish house, installed windows and doors, burglar bars and managed to paint the outside of the house.



The River Church came in February to install the intake water system for the 6" water system for the tilapia business. This proved to be a lot of work moving tons of rock and installing an underground filtration type intake in the middle of the river. It also proved to be a fun project in the hot Honduran jungle.



The Genesis Metro team came in March to finish out the fish house where they built an office, restroom and a guard bedroom. They also painted the inside of the fish house and started on a second sand filter system.



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2011 – Launching our Tilapia business continues

In March, **Keith Roeschley, Ben Garcia and Julius Ruiz** came to build three long retainer walls around the fish house and the tilapia ponds. They also built the septic tank.



In April, **Jack Bretherick** came for a few weeks to help install the water and air systems to the ponds.

So finally on April 29th, we populated our first two ponds with 5,000 fish in each pond. *Now we were in the business!*

For two weeks in May and for four weeks in July, **Brian Thomas** brought teams from **Baylor University** to Promise Home to help solve the problem of warming the water for the tilapia ponds and to build a proof of concept bio generator for processing the fish waste material.

In August, we began to expand our fish operation.



This time our team was all Honduran nationals lead by our operations manager **Julio Sanchez**. They added four 40' geo-textile ponds, brought 75 KVA primary power to the fish house, built a 18'x 25' lean to and a 30' x 18' storage building and excavated the area south of the fish house to accommodate 15 more geo-textile ponds.



In November, we sold our first 5,000 fish and now have 95,000 fish in our nine concrete ponds.



So, now in December, it has been a great year. God has provided the funds and the people needed to make our first year a success.

What a Great God we serve!



Genesis Metro 2011 Honduras Mission Trips

GO. CONNECT. WORSHIP.

Honduras trails only Haiti as the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. Many families lack the means to provide even the basic care for themselves or their children. And with a fundamentally broken economic and political system, the deficiencies will continue for decades to come. The need there is tremendous, and it's not limited to the physical. This is a county in desperate need of the hope that can only be found in Jesus.



Our church, Genesis Metro, has developed a special bond with our brothers and sisters in Honduras. Through several years of ministry there, we have seen fruit in the form of life change for a countless number of people. And that change is not limited to the people we served.

'Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon' Isaiah 58:10 NLT



In 2011 our church was blessed to send seventy five people to Honduras in order to continue the work which the Lord has provided us.

Our spring team poured into Promise Home and the surrounding community, completing needed construction and ministering to the neighboring villages of El Portillo & El Aguacate. A local



pastor was called to lead a church planted at Promise Home, and this team had the privilege of attending the first service held there. Our summer teams continued construction projects that enabled our commercial fisheries to be the first sustainable project on Promise Home to go online.



These groups also spent several days in the communities surrounding El Progreso, holding vacation bible school and ministering to hundreds of children. Our brothers and sisters at Iglesia De Cristo Del Evangelio Completo have helped us develop the relationship with these communities.

'Rescue the poor and needy; save them from the hand of the wicked. They do not know or understand; they wander in darkness' Psalms 82:4-5 HCSB

Our teams also spent time in the state run orphanage in San Pedro Sula, where some of the children of Promise Home will eventually come from.

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Genesis Metro 2011 Honduras Mission continues

This is a difficult place to visit, knowing that children are fed on a few pennies a day and are cared for with a few people and with meager resources. We spend our time there lovingly playing and singing with the dozens of children there, hoping to show them love and affection that is otherwise elusive. One little girl had been dropped off by her family the day our last summer team arrived. She struggled to make sense of why she was taken there and asked one of our women to call her family to come pick her up. Her reality is that the orphanage is her new home. These children are always in our prayers and their cries fuel our passion for Promise Home and the mission in Honduras.

The Lord is continuing to shine His light brightly in Honduras and we are privileged to play a part. We look forward the wave of change coming for that country and pray earnestly for them daily.

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The Heights Baptist Church: November 9th-13th

When our group of 19 guys set out for Honduras on an early Wednesday morning in November, most of us didn't know what to expect. What we did know, was that we were doing something different, something uncomfortable, and something that fell right in line with the radical theme our class had adopted in the preceding months. We knew we were going to visit the Promise Home site, and we knew we would see some kiddos, but mostly we were 19 guys ready to swing a pick axe and hoist a shovel for the Lord.



During the first two days, that's exactly what we did. After the chiefs in the group worked out a good plan for our project, we set off on converting what had been an old barn into a more suitable meeting space for the local village church. When you have 19 guys with good direction, you can displace a lot of dirt and you can pour a lot of concrete.

We managed to get quite a bit done in those two days. For any future mission-goers, that concrete mixer is a force to be reckoned with, but an essential one if you're going to mix over 30 batches of concrete in a single day.

For me though, the trip really began on that second night when we got to worship with the local village in that small meeting space. This was not your typical American worship experience. There were no Cadillac SUVs in the parking lot.

There were no SUVs. There were no cars at all actually. All who attended had walked in from the surrounding village. So who was there? Families. Mothers, grandmothers, and mostly small children. These families all came from small houses or huts, some with electricity, few with

plumbing. Yet as they came into the church with beaming smiles on their faces, you could see they were here for one reason: to worship their Savior. The kids were the most impressive: the kids outnumbered the adults and sat front and center, practically leading the other attendees in worship. As they raised their voices in worship, and as our pastor Miguel Lopez began to preach to this dedicated few, it hit me how truly universal the Gospel really is, and how far God's love can stretch. Here, in this tiny village of El Portillo, Honduras, Jesus was as equally relevant, needed, and reachable as anywhere else on earth. These kids had very little, but what little they had came from their families, and it was as a family that they gathered here and praised their Savior.

The word that resonated with me as we worshiped together into the evening is the same word that came to mind so much in the coming days and months that followed; that word that is the theme of what I'm sharing with you now: Family.

Our final day in Honduras was all about families. Sadly, we began in a place where there were no true families, only the remnants of shattered families or the family formed by bonds among orphans. We started our day at the Nueva Esperanza government orphanage. As we walked into the high-walled, former-prison facility, the only word that came to mind for me was despair. It is difficult to describe the conditions of this facility or to communicate the emotions experienced as we toured from room to room. I'll leave this to the video offered by the Promise Home. But I will say that most of my time there, most of what I can remember, was spent holding, no not holding, clutching a small, 8-month old who saw me when I came near and held up her arms. Now, I'm sure the workers are doing the best they can, with the meager government funding they have, but I can say with certainty that these children were receiving mere survival, minimum provisions, but surely not love as every child needs, not the love that your children receives each and every day. The grasps of the tiny hands on my neck as I went to return this child to her crib were not coming from a child who felt love often.

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Our second visit was to a Catholic children's home back in El Progreso. Here, in striking, refreshing contrast to the conditions experienced earlier in the day, we met 30 children beaming with the signs of being loved. A 10-year old girl led me around the facility with pride, showing me her casa, her amigas, and her cocina. I'll never forget the happy look on her face as she smiled and had me smell the aroma from the fresh tamales cooking in the kitchen. These children were truly loved, and not just loved occasionally by passers-by, but loved daily, methodically, with patience, and kindness. This is the love that can only come from a loving family: their adopted family.

That is when I began to understand the true purpose of Promise Home. To me, the most essential mission of

Promise Home, and other programs like it, is to build families. Promise Home will build the kind of families that show unconditional love; God's love. It will build families that will infuse love into their children so that it can spread to others in their villages and schools. I believe that for children, God's love starts with families, and we intend to help Promise Home build as many as it can possibly support.

My hope is that maybe, just maybe that precious 8-month old that I held so tightly, will one day be able to join a family and become the 10-year old girl who showed me her loving brothers and sisters, and smiled up at me to say, this is *mi casa. Mi familia.*

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North Texas Missions, Inc.

The events of 2011 are a clear reflection of the awesomeness of the God we serve! The love that God has for all mankind, especially that "...not one would perish" is the motivation and driving force behind the work of North Texas Missions. Every trip that we develop and lead is done so with the single purpose of showing the love of Christ through our words and actions. This year we were privileged to lead four trips to the Bahamas, Honduras and Nicaragua and on each trip we saw lives transformed. Each trip held its own unique ministry, tied together by the relationships that were formed and developed.

In the Bahamas, we provided support and encouragement to local NTM missionaries, Ryan and Emily Flunker, through construction support for Windermere, the only private Christian school on the island of Eleuthera and the VBS activities held in the surrounding Settlements.

In Honduras, we led two trips focused on providing medical, dental and optometry services to the village of Paujiles,



as well as community VBS/Sports Camp activities and construction support to the Promise Home orphanage. One of the key ministries we are continuing to develop is the ongoing education and support for the deaf community in the greater El Progreso area. We were able to teach 48 deaf children and their parents this year and are planning for those numbers to expand in 2012.



Interacting with the deaf students in Honduras

In Nicaragua, we partner with Stand as One and their ministry to women and children who have been caught in the web of human trafficking and prostitution. Our efforts were focused on providing vocational training to the local women. In addition to training in advanced baking, cake decorating and card making skills, the women perfected their design skills and created jewelry that are true works of art. All of these goods are being sold both locally and internationally to help provide support to these women. We also provided construction materials and manpower to build the wall that surrounds their training center.

Our efforts are expanding in 2012 with plans to lead a total of 7 trips to the Bahamas, Nicaragua, Honduras and a new trip to East Asia. What a privilege it is to serve our living God!

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Year-end Gift

Even in rough economic times many of us have been blessed beyond measure.

Most of us want to be in a position to do more for those in need. US tax laws offer incentives to those who support organizations that are making a difference in the world.

A year-end gift to Promise Home demonstrates your belief in our mission both today and tomorrow. It also allows you desirable tax benefits that may result in a more tangible return.

You can make a donation to our general fund or designate a large gift for a specific purpose. An end of year receipt will be sent for contributions of more than \$250.

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Thanks for supporting us in 2011.

New Website Launch

Be on the look-out for a new website at promisehome.org! We are busy redesigning the website with a new look and feel as well as an easy to navigate design. You will be able to view the latest photos, videos and news from Promise Home Honduras as well as mission trip information and much more. Visit us at promisehome.org and watch for the transformation.



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