

Dedication of ITSM

There is still room to sign up for the Dedication Event in Honduras for the new Technical Institute on February 22, 2008. Please contact elhogar@3crowns.org or call 781-729-7600 for information and to sign up. The deadline is December 1. Families are welcome!

A New Kind of Work Team

We are now offering a new kind of work team experience at El Hogar – the Visiting Team – which is available for groups who want to visit and learn about El Hogar and Honduras without participating in daily physical labor activities. Everything is the same as for our usual work team except for lodging and activity options. Visiting teams can opt to stay at a hotel or in our volunteer house. They will spend time at all three of our centers, as well as the girls' house. They will go on one or more home visits, and they will have time to spend playing and interacting with our children. Additionally, the Visiting Teams will visit a few locations nearby El Hogar, to get a sense of the country, the city, and the people. The Visiting Team experience will have an educational component, where teams



Visitor interacting with children

have scheduled group time with the Executive Director when he is in the country, and the visiting team host and the staff, to ask questions and to learn more about El Hogar and Honduras. Like a work team, they do all activities together, as a team. Please contact us at elhogar@3crowns.org or 781-729-7600 for more details.



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Noe David

A Boy's Message

For my Godparents –

Hello! How are you? I hope you are well. I hope that, right now you are having a super good time beside God, your family and friends.

By means of this letter I am greeting you and thanking God and you personally for the act of being so generous to support me to get ahead in my studies for 3 years. During 3 years I have learned many things in this Center, like how to share, how to give thanks to

God, to be better each day and how to confront problems and to accept my own errors. These last years I have acquired agricultural knowledge - like cattle raising. I am happy because now I am useful to the community. I give thanks to God for this group of very special people, such as my classmates and teachers of good heart, and our Director Balbino Andino; who counsels us when we are bad. In the School there are 42 students including me. All students have field work in the mornings, classes in the afternoon and study at night. I thank God because I lack only a little to finish my studies at school. In October is my first professional practice work. It is the last mission before graduation. I believe this is my last letter to you. With a grateful heart I say "Goodbye". May God repay you with abundant blessings, like a covering for you and your family. I will carry your example, that remains like a plaque in my heart, of helping the rest of the people without receiving anything in return.

A thousand thanks for everything.

Noe David Pineda Ayala

El Hogar's Mission

The mission of El Hogar Projects is to provide a loving home and education in a Christian environment for abandoned, orphaned and hopelessly poor children, enabling them to fulfill their ultimate potential as productive and caring citizens of Honduras.

Passion brings many happy smiles

EL HOGAR'S DENTAL CLINIC

In May of 2006, I had the good fortune to be part of a mission team from Christ Church, St. Michael's MD that went to El Hogar. That trip proved to be the answer to a long held prayer of mine. What can I be doing in retirement utilizing my skills as a dentist and serving others?

Once there, I saw the huge need for the children's dental health. Upon my return to the states, a plan was put into place to answer the call I felt to help. Along with the community of Christ Church and others who shared my passion and dream, I was able to set up a two-chair dental clinic on site for the children of El Hogar. People from all over the country responded to various challenges to make this a reality. All of the equipment is new and up to date. The facility is permanent and will be used as dental teams volunteer to work for a week at a time.

Whether it was funding, transportation, obtaining supplies, or volunteering to go with me to set all of it up and assist in treating the kids, the response was overwhelming. The dental teams that have gone with me all agree that we are getting as much as the children are from the experience. Now that the program is in place, I am visiting El Hogar semi-annually to treat as many of the children as possible in the dental clinic.



The El Hogar children had never been to, let alone knew what a dentist was, yet were co-operative, cheerful and very appreciative of our efforts. They smiled and said "thank you!" when they hopped out of the chair.

Looking back on the process, it seems almost impossible that it came off. But faith, commitment and a true passion for the program made it all possible.

If you are interested in joining a dental team to El Hogar, please contact me at 410-745-3313 or Montanajrc@aol.com.

- Dr. James Campi

MDG's and El Hogar

WORKING TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE POVERTY WORLD-WIDE

In 2000, the United Nations set forth eight initiatives to address global distress, including ending extreme poverty, environmental and educational concerns, maternal and child health, and the reduction of HIV/AIDs, TB and malaria. The Millennium Development Goals, or MDGs, are a bold and inspiring step toward banding together to make desperately needed improvements to conditions in which the majority of the world lives. The National Episcopal Church has taken a lead in promoting and embracing the MDGs. To learn more about this important project, see www.e4gr.org. El Hogar is privileged to be a part of this world-wide effort to eliminate extreme poverty, to improve access to quality primary education, and to promote the health and empowerment of young girls and women. Equally important to globally raising funds to achieve these goals is the ability to locally put them to effective use in the villages, cities, neighborhoods and homes of those living in extreme poverty, to enable people to break the cycle of poverty. El Hogar is an inspiring example of the MDGs in action 'on the ground', and it is you who make it possible.



FLORENCE GRAY DIES, AGE 81

Florence Gray was a beloved member of the El Hogar family for 11 years during El Hogar's earliest years. She received all the donations, wrote all the thank you notes, and deposited the money. Her husband Jim Gray acted as treasurer. Florence also was our purchasing and shipping agent; packaging and sending supplies on to Honduras. Florence was the voice of El Hogar on the telephone when anyone called with questions. She also met us many times at the airport and put us up in her home and got us speaking dates at churches in her area. She was a jewel in the crown of El Hogar. She has earned a lovely rest, wrapped in God's love.

- Jocelyn Rohde, former Executive Director of El Hogar Projects