



# Operation Rescue The Children, Inc

Transforming Lives, For Now - For Eternity

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## GOD'S MINISTRY AMONG THE CHILDREN OF HONDURAS

### EDUCATION PROGRAM



2004 Kindergarten graduating class with their diplomas

In November 2004, ORC and FEVIVA hosted the third Kindergarten class graduation at the chapel of Avance Misionero Church in the community of El Japon, Choloma, Cortes. Led by teacher Vilma Nolasco, thirty students accepted their diplomas and celebrated this important day with their families. The education program continues to grow, and in 2005 will have two levels as well as two teachers. At the same time, we are planning to build two additional classrooms, so that in 2006 we will be able to offer not only kindergarten, but preschool and first grade as well. **Congratulations to the class of 2004!**



Volunteers Suzanne Chesser and Alexandra Strait at the graduation ceremonies

### TRAINING PROGRAM



The FEVIVA Board of Directors, at a gathering at the Las Lomas Hotel, participating in a training program conducted by World Vision

On November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, a training meeting sponsored by World Vision – Honduras was held, with the purpose of training the FEVIVA Board of Directors on how to best develop the ministry in order to help the neediest marginal communities in Honduras. There were discussions focusing on the duties of the Board of Directors, the development of resources, Children's Ministry, the Sponsorship Program, strategic objectives, and the definition of a mission. The group defined its aim as follows: ***"Our vision is to provide faith and hope to the neediest in Honduras."***



Working and discussion groups learning the goals, mission and purpose of FEVIVA in Honduras

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



A group of children posing in front of the Christmas Tree at the San Pedro Sula Mall where they celebrated Christmas

In comparison to those of past years, the 2004 Christmas program for children of the El Japon community was completely different. Over the course of four consecutive days, groups of children were brought to one of San Pedro Sula's large shopping malls, which was beautifully decorated with Christmas motifs. During their visits, the children were able to buy their own Christmas toys and enjoy a delicious meal in the Food Court. For many of these children, this was the first time of being able to visit a big city mall complete with not only Christmas trees, lights, music and Santa Claus, but even an escalator to ride on! It was truly an unforgettable experience.



The children enjoyed the Food Court at the mall which was part of the celebration

### CELEBRATING HOPE

### SHOWING THE LOVE

## VITAMINS PROGRAM



A little girl getting her vitamins prior to going into the dining room where lunch is served

The ORC – subsidized feeding program is currently providing nutritious meals, twice daily to 300 children of the El Japon community in Choloma, Cortez. In addition to these breakfasts and lunches, we are happy to have added one more nutritional ingredient: chewable vitamins. These vitamins have a sweet flavor and are readily accepted by the children as candy. The object of the new vitamin program is to provide a short-term remedy to the children's malnutrition problem, in this way we are able to both strengthen their bodies and assist their growth with a balanced mix of nutrients. The feeding program began three years ago, and the children have improved remarkably. ORC, in conjunction with FEVIVA, distributed 105,500 meals in 2004.



ORC volunteer Suzanne Chesser helping with the vitamin distribution

## NOURISHING THE BODY

## SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



ORC volunteer Cathy Blanchard with one of the seven children she sponsors in the El Japon Community

What better way is there to display the joy that sponsors experience when coming face to face with the children they support, than publishing these pictures for all to see? Cathy Blanchard and Suzanne Chesser traveled to Honduras in January 2005 so that they could meet and hug the children they are sponsoring, whom they had previously known only through photographs. In the United States, ORC is offering the community as a whole to sponsor a child in Honduras, enabling these children to enjoy a better future. After her experience Cathy said: *"I have traveled to many different countries throughout my life, but this trip to Honduras has been the best ever. I can now see more clearly, what God wants me to do in order to bring blessings and aid to these beautiful children."*



ORC volunteer Suzanne Chesser with one of the three children she sponsors in the El Japon Community

## LOVE IN ACTION

## RECREATIONAL PROGRAM



One of the children trying to hit the piñata during an afternoon party this past January

Can you imagine just how challenging it can be keeping 95 children – all of whom are trying to break open a goodly-filled piñata – under control? Can you imagine what it means to children in our program to leave their impoverished surroundings and travel to a country inn to enjoy an afternoon of fun and games? You may not be able to, but in January we had the wonderful experience of watching these 95 children play soccer and other games, sing, and enjoy delicious snacks like chicken fingers and French fries, as well as cake and ice cream (which many of the children had never before tasted). We also celebrated the birthdays of 8 children by singing "Happy Birthday" to them, and praying that their lives may continue to be guided by the Lord.



The children worshipping and giving thanks to God for all the wonderful things that He is allowing to happen in their lives

## SHARING THE JOY

## SECURITY PLAN



Beginning stages of building the security wall to protect 3 of the 4 buildings where FEVIVA operates

Although Honduras is a beautiful country, it is unfortunately one of the most violent in Latin America. This is largely due to the proliferation of crime gangs known as *mareros*. The El Japon community - within which ORC and FEVIVA are presently developing their programs - is not exempt from the activities of these gangs, and so security is an important factor in the development of our Honduran ministry. FEVIVA has established a program for reaching out to these people, by enticing them to join in church activities for young people. Your daily prayer for the safety of our personnel, as well as all of their equipment and buildings, is requested and appreciated.



The final stages of the security wall which will afford protection for the activities of God's program

## GOD'S PROTECTION