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Education Program in the Village of El Japón (Choloma-Cortes, Honduras) Receives a \$19,693 Grant From The Caring House Project Foundation

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What an exciting year this has been! As we review the multiple opportunities that Operation Rescue the Children, Inc. (ORC) was granted in 2006 to invest in the kingdom of God via several new partnerships, we stand amazed at what God has done.

One of the most exciting ventures of the year began with ORC's Education Program in Honduras. Through the generosity of The Caring House Project Founda-



Existing classroom conditions

tion and other faithful partners, many children of the village of El Japón will soon have the opportunity to complete up to the twelfth-grade level. The current overcrowded public school system in the village of El Japón, Choloma-Cortes, Honduras affords children only up to a sixth-grade level education. Due to a lack of resources in this underdeveloped community, children who reach the sixth grade are forced to find transportation to a school outside of their village, a task that few can afford. A lack of existing classrooms and limited school equipment present barriers for those who want to pursue an education beyond the sixth grade. Only thirty-five percent of the one-thousand children in El Japón village are presently able to engage in an elementary-level education. As a result, the likelihood of these children breaking the cycle

of poverty through the empowering means of education is slim to none. Thanks to the support of The Caring House Project Foundation, a \$19,693 grant has made it possible for ORC to expand the current public school system that impacts the many children of this community. The total cost of this exciting school expansion project is \$39,385. Children will soon benefit from three new classrooms and new public restrooms. An administration office for teachers and the school principal, as well as a multi-purpose sports court are additional components of the expansion project. Through furniture donations received from Broward County School Board's B-Stock warehouse, these new classrooms will be fully furnished with student desks, chairs, and other essentials. The final phase of this public school expansion project is projected to be completed by March, 2007. ORC continues to channel its energy to assist at-risk children in rising above the environment that surrounds them—purposing to meet the ever increasing educational needs of the children it serves is one big step toward attaining that goal.

Other faithful partners that have made this initiative possible: Municipality of Choloma-Cortes, Honduras; Fundación Esperanza VIVA (Living Hope Foundation); Iglesia Avance Misionero church.



New school construction site

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Please pray for:

- A favorable rainy season in Honduras that will not delay construction plans.
- A supply of teachers who are willing to serve and committed to meet the varied educational needs of the children of El Japón.
- Openness and receptivity among the children of El Japón to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ and be disciplined in His ways.





Cross International's Claudio Merisio visits project site in El Japón

Better a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king who no longer knows how to take warning.

-Eccl 4:13, NIV

Please pray for:

- Strength and wisdom for Marco and Grisel Rosales, Honduras-based missionaries who are addressing the multiple developmental and spiritual needs of El Japon's teenage population.
- Receptivity in the hearts of El Japon's youth to the saving message of Jesus Christ, and for the desire to follow in His steps.
- A hedge of protection over the youth of El Japon as it faces the daily challenges and temptations of evil forces.

Cross International Partners with ORC in Youth Outreach Program at El Japón village

One of ORC's most exciting plans for the village of El Japón includes the development of a Youth Outreach Program that targets sixty eleven to eighteen year-olds during some of the most critical stages of their developmental years.

The Youth Outreach Program will focus on developing programming components that will aid in the prevention of juvenile delinquency, sexual promiscuity, and truancy, while at the same time meeting physical needs through daily nutritious meals and recreational activities.



Youth Outreach Program participants with Honduras-based missionaries Marco and Grisel Rosales

Due to previous budgetary and personnel constraints, the local program feeding center could only accommodate the needs of children up to ten years of age. However, as a result of its vital partnership with Cross International, ORC was able to further its expansion plans to extend nutritious meals to the adolescent population (eleven to eighteen years of age) five days per week.

Much of the expansion of the Youth Outreach Program is being made possible through the financial support Cross International, one of our most faithful partners who share our burden for the poorest of the poor. Additionally, ORC decided to expand its youth program services and hire a full-time missionary couple to help meet the spiritual, recreational, and complex developmental needs of the teenage group. This married couple, Marco and Grisel Rosales, reside in the same community in which they minister and are readily available to respond to the adolescents as their needs arise.

Grisela was born in Puerto Rico and was living in Atlanta, Georgia when she met her husband, Marco. Grisela currently leads the



Two adolescents of El Japón enjoying a day of food, fun, and Christmas celebration

worship services at the local church in El Japon, and enjoys sharing her artistic talent with the adolescent girls. Marco is a professional soccer player, who brings many talents and gifts to the youth program. Both of them are currently completing their theological studies at a bible seminary in Comayagua.

Through a Christian educational model as their foundation, new programs will soon be able to reinforce solid core values upon which the youth will be able to build their lives.



Teen girls joyfully take a break from their Christmas meal to smile for the camera

These same programs will help ensure that the adolescents of the El Japón village are equipped with the tools and skills necessary to become healthy productive citizens who make a positive impact in their own community.

Future plans include the construction of a comprehensive youth center that will house varied educational programs, vocational training, special outreach and recreational activities, and a Christian discipleship program.

Single Mothers Train and Work Toward Economic Self-Sufficiency

The painful reality of illiteracy among many single mothers in El Japón is far too familiar; and this disease has widespread implications for their at-risk children. ORC has purposed to not only provide a temporary solution to the issue of poverty in this poverty-stricken community, but more importantly it is determined to empower the individuals it serves to move toward economic self-sufficiency.

Through new joint efforts between ORC, major donor Cathy Blanchard, Fundación Esperanza VIVA (Living Hope Foundation), and Alfalit International, Inc., a valuable food voucher-educational program now exists in Honduras that helps tackle this very problem. Through this new initiative, twenty-five single mothers in El Japón are offered the financial means to purchase groceries in exchange for an individual commitment to engage in the educational component of the program.

In the first phase of this project, the program participants, with no history of any formal education, are provided the opportunity to complete six grade levels, with a short-term

goal of learning to read and write. This program model encourages mothers to take responsibility for their own initiative, while at the same time providing both the nutritional and spiritual support they need along the way.

Future project expansion plans include furthering of their education to a high school equivalency, life skills development, and business training for laundry and bakery micro-enterprises.



Single mothers participate in weekly literacy program in the village of El Japon

Christmas 2006 Report

Each year, ORC purposes to bring the hope and the Spirit of Christmas to the village of El Japón through its evangelistic Christmas Outreach Program that reaches every at-risk child and his family, regardless of age. Through its partnership with Fundación Esperanza VIVA, Iglesia Avance Misionero church, and the faithful support of many US-based donors, ORC is able to share the love of Christ with those in need. In December 2006, ORC enjoyed the opportunity to directly minister the word of God through educational conferences and special sermons. It communicated the love of Christ through tangible displays of love like gifts of clothing, food, toys, bibles, and the Book of Hope, which nicely illustrates and narrates the message of the four gospels. Each child up to ten years of age partook in a Christmas group outing, where he or she each enjoyed a special meal and a trip to the city mall to pick out his or her own toy. Adolescents attentively heard a special sermon about the incomparable Word of God. Each teen received an ORC t-shirt, a bible, and the Book

of Hope. Programming activities also provided fun and games, and a long-awaited meal from Power Chicken – a popular Honduran franchise with food that satisfies the cravings of every teenager. Single mothers enjoyed a dinner and movie night. Each mother received a beauty pack that contained toiletries and beauty care products for their pampering. Best of all, through these Christmas outreach activities a total of thirty adolescent girls and seven mothers accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. To Him be the glory!



Mothers receive Christmas beauty packs and the gift of a bible

Please pray for:

- The spiritual condition of each program participant, that every woman will reach greater depths of intimacy with her Creator.
- Godly wisdom in child-rearing for every single mother in El Japón.
- A full commitment from every single mother to complete all six grade levels, and beyond.



Volunteer distributes Christmas candy to children at feeding center



Children open their Christmas gift packages, which include clothing, shoes, and a special toy

“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”
Matthew 9:38, NIV

“ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”
Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV



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for now...
for eternity**

New Staff Additions



Please join us in welcoming two new staff members to our ministry team. **Holly Hurtado** volunteered at ORC's corporate office in Pompano Beach for two years until August 2006 when God fulfilled her dream and calling by placing her in the newly established role of

Sponsorship Program Coordinator, overseeing the multiple facets of our child sponsorship programs in the developing world. Holly holds a vital position in this ministry but she gives all the credit to God, stating that her greatest desires are to serve the Lord, and to be used in such a way that will bring Him glory and where she can be a blessing to others. Holly can be reached via e-mail at hmhurtado@rescuechild.org or by phone at 866-ORC-KIDS.



Our most recent addition to our team is **Sandy Gil**, who was hired as our **Executive Assistant** in December 2006, with the primary role of assisting the Vice-President of Mission Field Operations and the US

Board of Directors in accomplishing the goals of the ministry. Sandy also credits the Lord for orchestrating events in such a way that have allowed her to live out her call to serve the poor in the developing world. She is convinced that it is the Lord who brought her to this ministry, and she is overcome with gratitude for being able to live out her life-long dream. You can reach Sandy at sgil@rescuechild.org or at (954) 608-7334.

Goals for 2007

The following is a list of proposed projects for 2007 that are in various stages of development:

Public School Expansion (Honduras)

Objective: to provide an affordable way for the children of El Japón to complete grades seven through twelve.

Youth Outreach Program (Honduras)

Objective: to provide a comprehensive program that meets the varied needs of the adolescent population and decreases the chances of delinquent and high-risk behavior.

Multipurpose Sports Court (Honduras)

Objective: to provide a versatile playground and sports area to help address the recreational needs of El Japón's youth.

Day Care Center (Honduras)

Objective: to provide childcare for the single mothers of El Japón who engage in educational, vocational, or micro-enterprise programs.

Vocational Training Program (Honduras)

Objective: to provide specialized training, skills development, and economic opportunities to the adults of El Japón in an effort to move them toward economic self-sufficiency.

Feeding Center Expansion (Peru)

Objective: to locate a new facility for future feeding center operations, accommodating an additional 100 children—providing daily meals to a total of 200 children at-risk.

Same Mission, New Image

As you may have noticed, ORC is starting to look a little different. A new logo, a new website and new faces on its team. What's this all about, you ask?

The year 2006 marked a turning point for the ministry of ORC, as God proved His faithfulness in expanding our area of influence and introducing us to people that are willing to co-labor with us in a variety of ways. We believe that we have been faithful stewards of the resources with which we have been entrusted and, in response, God has opened new doors of opportunity through which we can walk.

Opportunities for ministry are increasing, and our territory is expanding. As ORC gains visibility, we recognize the importance of sending a clear message to the public about who we are and the motivation behind our work. Our new logo, website, and marketing materials are some simple and inexpensive ways to help us accomplish this goal. Rest assured that our Christian mission remains the same: to transform lives through the powerful love of God by assisting and empowering at-risk children and families in the developing world who live in extreme poverty.