

# kids ark update and news



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!**

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We are sending you this "thank you" letter for several reasons. The **FIRST REASON** is because several hundred children have already visited Kids' Ark Camp in 2007. For many of these children, this is their first trip outside of their little village. We have the privilege of being a major influence in the lives of so many children for the sake and cause of Christ. When kids visit Kids' Ark Camp, they can run, jump, play, climb, play group games and much more. Our goal for every child is to have a good time with a Christian atmosphere. We will always try to place bibles, toys or candy in the hands of all the visiting children. Why is this important?...Because the children are tomorrow's leaders. I know they will never forget the experience they'll have

at a Christian camp where *Jesus is the Reason*. While they are at the camp, every child will hear about the love of God and the plans He has for their precious life according to Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." Because of your continual Camp support, we can continue working with the youth of Honduras.

The **SECOND REASON** is because we have a golden opportunity to work in the local schools. A simple phone call allows us to visit a school and distribute bibles and gospel material to not only the students, but teachers and staff as well. This is hard to imagine because of what's happening here in our own country. Again, it's because of all of those who partner with us that makes this possible.



*Honduran students proudly display their new bibles*

The **THIRD REASON** is over the last several years, we have worked with so many from my own country. Teams of men and women have come to give of themselves and join us as we build the camp. We have made so many new friends and helpful contacts. Its great to hear at the end of each week how blessed the team was by giving of themselves. Many Hondurans cannot understand why people would spend their own money to go and work in another land. Watching the team members is fun as they make new foreign friends. We wish to give YOUR team members the very best mission experience possible in another country. **Again "thank you" for sending teams here and allowing us to host the teams!**



## Kelli Starts College

*The day finally came for our oldest daughter to start college. In August, Kelli started at Warner Southern College, located in Lake Wales, Florida. Her major is Elementary Education. After graduating High School in Honduras, she was offered a teaching position working with first graders. She taught at a bilingual school before starting college, as she wanted to get some teaching experience in another country before returning home. She loved the children and they loved her! She had a wonderful time teaching and says she might return to Honduras again in the future. We told her to be open to God's will and follow wherever He leads. As a father, my only advice was "DON'T GET MARRIED" anytime soon.*



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## Kandie's Korner

While in the states, Kandie's had surgery in September and is recovery well. Our doctors informed us that she had the surgery at the best time and we are grateful she is better. She looks forward to resuming her daily activities as soon as possible. **Thanks so much for all your prayers, cards and concern!**

## My Mom In Honduras

**FINALLY** after 7 years my mother was able to visit Honduras. I spent several days with her showing her the camp, the kids and the schools we work in near the camp area. As a young girl, she grew up in a similar way as many of those we were able to visit. She brought several bags of clothes to give away. We went up into the mountain and distributed clothing, bibles, toys and much more. She said it was like going back



in time and seeing herself. The mountain area was around 7000' above sea level. As we arrived to the mountain village, Children everywhere were watching us curiously as we came to a slow stop. As she got out of the truck, a young girl selling mangos approached her. I told

her she was asking us to buy some mangos. I told mom I had a mango tree at my home and had no need to buy any. She said "If that young girl carried those heavy mangos, we are going to buy them". With a smile I said "Sure Mom" (Being raised by an Italian mom with a wooden spoon in her hand, you learn to listen fast).



We had a container arrive in June. It was full with clothes, food, toys, bibles and much more. Crowley shipping handled the shipping for a discounted rate and we were very grateful for their help. We had several computers, computer desks and printers donated. We gave computers to the Honduran police, Honduran immigration and several schools. This has helped us establish good relations with the local government. Often a simple "Gift" can open doors for us and it shows the locals we care for and about them. A group of girls (4 cousins) from a little village near the camp lives in a rented room near their school in town. They received a computer to use for their homework.

They were so excited to have a computer in their room that was barely big enough for their beds and dresser. They had a pine table made from rough cut wood for their new computer waiting and ready. After setting it up, they all stood around it as though it was the first time they had ever seen a computer. I told them to make a time chart for each and never allow the blessing to cause division. I ask the girls to use it wisely and every time they turn it on, thank God for the blessing. We call donated items like these "tools for evangelism". Items that show them somebody cares. Jesus preached to the 5000 but also fed the multitude after He was finished preaching. He KNEW they were hungry.

***We want to thank all those that donated items to help fill the container.***



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PRAY** for our HOUSING situation  
**PRAY** for NEW LAND acquisition  
**PRAY** for the CHILDREN that have medical needs in Honduras

For more information or an information packet to send to a friend or family member about Kids' Ark International Youth Camp, contact Randy Herring at 863-877-0070 or seekidsarkcamp@aol.com