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Juan Obed Mejia
(child #94)



Luisa Karina Mejia
(child #356)

Join Give2GiveHope and help provide these children with hope for a better tomorrow.

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Why we do what we do... one family's story...

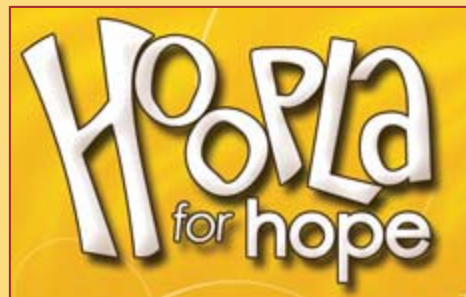
Safe and healthy children, that is what any parent wants. Karla is no different but her circumstances make this a dream. Karla has three beautiful children, whom she loves very much and would do anything for. However, Karla lives in a tiny village in Honduras where work is scarce, money more than tight, meals are few and far between and the children's father has abandoned them all.

Juan (age 8), Luisa (age 9) and older brother Roberto go hungry. Karla searched for over a year for work. Nothing. During this time, some other families stretch their necessities and help Karla feed and clothe the children, showing them love and compassion. Unfortunately, the other families are no longer able to help. Desperate, Karla does whatever she can to make money so she can feed her children; she resorts to prostitution. After two years, Karla becomes ill and is diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. And, her life and the lives of her children spiral downward even further. Her health is like a roller coaster - up and down. She is unable to get medicine consistently from the hospital because of the high rate of HIV/AIDS in the region. Karla also faces discrimination for having HIV and finding work now is an impossibility.

The family is living on the edge of starvation and despair. As soon as the children get home from school, they beg for food. Tired and starving, their school work is impacted and their hope and opportunity diminishes. If they had nutritious food regularly, they could grow, learn and have an opportunity for a better life. They are in need of a hero to provide these most basic necessities so that they can have health and hope for the future. Would you be their hero? Their hope? To learn more about Juan and Luisa, view the Featured Child information.

What's the "Hoopla" all about?

A cacophony of fun for the eyes, ears and palette. A heart-warming and inspiring afternoon spent supporting a wonderful, worthwhile cause - children in need. The Hoopla is a festive, fun-filled event where Give2GiveHope and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Saginaw Bay Area will celebrate children - in Honduras and the Saginaw Bay area - and their



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Thank you to our new sponsors!

We are excited to welcome our new sponsors and would like to take a moment to acknowledge their partnership with us and give them a huge THANK YOU! God bless all our sponsors for making a huge difference in the life of a child in need!

- Linda Park
(Hadley, Michigan)

- Bill Nevin
(Tipton, IN)
Third Child

hope for the future.

Join in the excitement and enjoy delicious south-of-the-border food, melodious music, amazing photography and art (even watch as a painting is created before your eyes!). Enjoy the brothers McMath, a.k.a. Empty Canvas, as they entertain with their smooth music and engage the audience as Mike McMath paints a one-of-a-kind creation live as he sings during the event. Plus participate in raffles, auctions and learn how these two organizations are making a difference in the lives of children, one child at a time.

The Hoopla will take place on Saturday, October 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Saginaw Art Musuem.



Visit www.hooplaforhope.org to purchase tickets, get more information, make a donation, learn about **Empty Canvas** and view and purchase artwork created by the children. Plan to join us on October 22nd for an evening to remember!

Children's Day in Honduras

A glimpse from Letty Vallecillo, missionary at Monte de Santidad

Just for one day the children can play. Just for one day the children are free to be kids. Just for one day every year on September 10th, they - the Honduran public schools, hospitals, orphanages, day cares, churches, and every place where kids are - celebrate the children. Even the supermarkets make something special or give gifts to the children on that day.

At the schools, radio stations, tv news program, they read and pronounce the Children's human rights. At Monte de Santidad, we read them their rights as children of God and the huge heritage they have with Jesus. We teach them that special Sunday School morning, that they are citizens for a far away kingdom, not a kingdom from a tale, but from a real kingdom. For our kids who live on the mountain, at least this day, they will be free to play and run. They go from pinata to pinata, from school to school to get as many candies as possible. At least for this day, Carlitos won't go to clean the corn field with machete. At least on this day, many girls will be allowed to jump rope and the boys have a long day playing soccer.



At least this day, the law requires the parents to allow their children to be kids and play and be crazy as any normal child. At least this day, most of them will not have to do their chores. Of course, there always will be the ones whose parents have too much bitterness and their

children never experience how it feels to be a normal child.

At Monte De Sandtidad, the mission that Give2GiveHope partners with, we share the hope that they have in Jesus. It is a time when they are reminded that they are princes and princesses of God. Because they are so precious to God, we encourage them to act accordingly with good growing inside of their little hearts, like honesty, integrity, truth, and especially love to God, to themselves and to others. We celebrate God's love for them and their hope. Then we go play!



Sponsor Spotlight : Bev Diffin

We asked Bev to tell us why she chose to be a child sponsor with Give2GiveHope and here's what she said..

"Give2GiveHope is one of my favorite charities I have ever been a part of. One of the reasons I chose to be a part of Give2GiveHope is because I know the donations go directly to the children. I can see the direct impact that my donations have on my child as well as all the children that are sponsored through Give2GiveHope. There is no better way to help these children have a better chance in life than to sponsor them so they get an education to improve their lives for their future. The children send handwritten letters that are in Spanish and translated into English. The children are so happy with what they have but are so full of gratitude for anything extra they get.



Give2GiveHope takes annual trips to Honduras to make improvements for the children such as a new cooking area, church, food storage area, and water filters so the children have fresh clean water. Each year new pictures are taken for children that are in need of being sponsored and the sponsored children get their profiles updated and sent to their sponsors. The Give2GiveHope website is so

awesome and full of all kinds of things to help children in need. It is so hard to sponsor only one of them when they all are in such a need. It gives me such a great feeling to know that I have made a difference in a child's future. It is so easy to sponsor a child."

We want to hear from you...

Drop us a line at e.Newsletter@give2givehope.org and let us know what you think about our new e.Newsletter. Our goal is to keep you updated on what's happening with Give2GiveHope and let you know what we've been up to. If you have an idea or suggestion for our e.Newsletter, please send Andrea an email so that we can help make this an enjoyable read and keep you anticipating our next update!

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