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Featured Child



María de Los Angeles Flores
(child #081)

María, age 12, along with three of her siblings were abandoned by their mother who left them to pursue prostitution as a way to earn money for food. Her 15-year-old sister was in charge of the children until she became pregnant.

Shortly thereafter, two aunts and several cousins moved in because they were hungry and had no where else to go. Now, María,

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As we continue to step into 2012, we take time to review the challenges and successes of our mission during the previous year. Our journey isn't always filled with roses - we've run into obstacles as we work to provide for the many children in need, but we've also celebrated our progress as we managed and made the most of the generous donations provided by our donors.

For a relatively new non-profit (we will celebrate our three year anniversary in five months), we are amazed and unbelievably grateful for the strides we've made toward helping the children in Honduras obtain food, clothing, medical care and education that every child deserves. We know we will always have challenges but we also know it's always darkest before the dawn. We cherish those moments when the light shines through and we feel encouraged and re-energized in our mission and hope floats to the surface.

Hope floats when a new sponsor comes forward to join with others who are changing lives. We had 16 new sponsors step forward to join our Hero Team in 2011.

Hope floats when we are able to make progress in our goal to helping change the community we serve in Honduras. This year we will be taking advantage of opportunities to connect with



Children celebrate the installation of a water filter at their one-room school.

other ministries who are also working in Honduras to break the cycle of poverty. We've already made several of these connections and will be exploring those synergies in 2012. One of those connections allowed us to purchase 50 clean water filters for half the price we normally would have to pay! Our connections with other ministries is already making an impact!



Hope floats when we receive success

the oldest of the children, tries to care for her siblings and younger cousins as the aunts search for work to help feed the children. Maria and her family are in desperate need of help.

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

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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!

- **Gwen and Eric Florida (Alpharetta, GA)**

- **Jennifer Ziane (Grapevine, Texas)**

Former urgent needs child, Ada looks happy and is healthy as she receives gifts she received from her sponsor.

stories of a child who was once malnourished, somber and reserved become healthy, joyful, engaged in life and connected to God's word and love as is the case with our sponsored child Ada.

Hope floats when we someone steps forward to sponsor one of our 'urgent needs' children. Six of the children sponsored in 2011 were abandoned by their parents - living through the generosity of others who were just as needy as them. Sponsorship has changed the course of their lives.

We thank you for being part of the huge things that happened with our little ministry in 2011. We are encouraged by you, our Heros, for looking past the challenges and struggles in your own world and stepping forward to make a difference in the lives of the children who need hope desperately. We could not do it without you!

Opportunities to Help...

Often we are asked about what the most urgent need of Give2GiveHope is because people want to help where help is needed most. It's a struggle for us to pick just ONE - there are so many ways for people to help Give2GiveHope.....

Of course, first on our list are the **'urgent needs' children and children who have been waiting for a sponsor for over 2 years...** but we know that child sponsorship is a big commitment - and not everyone is ready to make a monthly commitment. An alternative to child sponsorship is our **"Last Supper Fund"** which allows us to ensure children who are not sponsored, (or whose sponsors have terminated their support) receive one month of provisions along with the sponsored children.

Additionally, **Project Clean H2Ope** is another way for donors to make a life-changing impact with a one-time gift. These water filters are \$100 each, but will last for a LIFETIME and will provide enough clean water for an entire family. Give2GiveHope has a goal of providing 50 of these filters to the community we serve in Honduras in 2012, and we still need 10 of these filters funded for this year. Would you be one of the people who could **make a \$100 donation** to ensure a family is drinking parasite-free water today?



Betty gratefully takes one of her bags of food for the month.

Our organization is so focused on the needs of the children, we strive to use the maximum of funds donated to go directly to our program - which means we operate on a shoe-string budget. It's only through 'general donations' that we are able to keep Give2GiveHope doing all the great work that we do. This year we are increasing how much of each child sponsorship goes toward purchasing provisions, and reducing the amount withheld for operations (which includes covering the cost of wire transfers, paypal and foreign exchange fees, etc). If

- Mary Nevin (Saginaw, MI) - 3rd child

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to those who funded
water filters in
December with Project
Clean H2Ope

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you would like to donate to help keep Give2GiveHope going, you can do so by **buying some g2gh merchandise from our store** or by **making a general donation** toward covering our operational expenses.



Finally, we collect flip-flops, toothpaste & toothbrushes ALL YEAR LONG to take with us on our next Mission Experience. If you run across any great sales on these items, and would like to purchase them and send them to our headquarters, we would be most appreciateive. Additionally, you can donate funds to Give2GiveHope for us to use to purchase these items when we find good pricing locally.

Thank you for keeping Give2GiveHope in your thoughts and prayers and for looking for opportunities to be a Hero and provide hope to the children we serve. If you're interested in other specific ways you can help, please don't hesitate to drop us a line. We're always happy to hear from you



Sponsor Spotlight by Susan Wachowiak

We asked Susan to tell us about her mission experience and why she chose to be a child sponsor with Give2GiveHope and here's what she said...

Missioning in Honduras was the most eye-opening and humbling experience of my life. I knew I had not truly seen poor until I stepped on the soil of a third world country surrounded by breath-taking beauty, saw the most beautiful little faces of children, who were drinking from contaminated water, and, yet, were thankful if they received one decent meal a day.

Prior to his death, Pope John Paul II urged the Church to bring forth a Papacy from a third world country so that the rest of the world could better understand and would have compassion for those most vulnerable: the poor. It is difficult to put into words a way of living so foreign to our own country – although while poor of tangible things, very rich in spirit and community.

The very things we take for granted on a daily basis in our country – food, clothing, education – for the most part are sacrifices to the families of



Susan with her oldest son, Phil, washing sand for the water filter installations.

Sapradril, Honduras. Give2GiveHope is truly doing God's work in the jungle by providing hope of those basic needs, and it was humbling to be a part of that work for a short time.

Before going on the mission trip, we had plans to

replace an old, family vehicle. However, after our experience in Honduras we realized the impact the monthly sponsorships had on the village, we made a family decision to instead support one of the young men we met in the village with both a monthly sponsorship (for food) and educational help so he could go to trade school. We are a family that believes strongly in higher education, so we felt the financial help, especially for education needs, would not only benefit the young man but eventually the entire community with the skills trade he would learn and bring back to the community.

Our family witnessed first hand the work being done by Give2GiveHope representatives and the impact the sponsorship support has on the people of Sapadril, Honduras. New vehicle OR contribute toward a better future for an entire village? Give2GiveHope truly gives hope to the people of Honduras for a better tomorrow, and we are honored to be part of it.

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