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Bringing hope to children of poverty in Honduras

Real Hope and Change by Peter Borg

Osman Hope has been working in Honduras for 13 years. On my many trips to Honduras over the years I have asked myself “is what we are doing really making a difference?”. We know we keep the children safe and healthy, but will they be able to reverse the cycle of poverty in their lives? The whole process seemed to take so long to see any substantive results.

Well, that changed drastically on my last trip this past June. Every trip I try to sit down individually with each child in Secondary School to review their grades and see if they have any special needs where we can help. This can be a grueling process for both the kids and myself, especially when they have financial, family or personal issues.

The first three young adults that I talked to in Santa Cruz are seniors in Secondary School. Each of them brought a parent with them to the meeting in order to thank Osman Hope for the help it had given to their children. The three have excellent grades and all have aspirations of going to University. Their stories follow in the newsletter, written by Baldemar George, the Administrator of the Santa Cruz shelter.

This IS significant as 72% of Hondurans have a sixth grade education or less and only 4.2% go on to University and these would not typically be the children we serve. Yes, you are making a difference in the lives of these children.

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Raquel Abigail Jiminez Grinados by Baldemar George

Abigail joined the shelter when she was barely 8 years old. She was a child without a secure future, without hope, like many of our children in Honduras. Abigail is the daughter of a woman abandoned by her husband for another woman who also had a child with him. Her mother had to go to work washing, cooking and cleaning private homes for a salary that barely met their most basic needs.

Today, after ten years, Osman Hope has transformed her, giving her a life full of hope. Abigail is now aware of her reality, both immediate and long term. Why? Because this year she will get a Technical Bachelor’s degree in Industrial Electricity which is an important basis for a job in any maquila (factory) in Honduras and also to continue her studies.

When entering our program in 2004 she was in second grade. Her attitude was one of shyness, insecurity and she had some learning difficulties. But soon she started feeling that she was part of a big family, the Osman Hope family, where she found she would not go hungry, she would have counseling, plus the tools needed to complete her studies. She would then have the opportunity to be part of the Scholarship Program of Osman Hope and secure a high school degree that would not otherwise be available to her. Abigail is now another person, with great desire to excel.



Alexis Romario and his father
Carlos Rivera



Alejandra and her mother
Marta Oseguera



Raquel Abigail and her mother
Digna Granados

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Alexis Romario Rivera Vasquez by Baldemar George

Romario entered our program in February 2005 when he was 9 years old and attending the third grade. He has been with Osman Hope for 9 years. Since the beginning Romario has always shown an interest in his studies. He is well behaved and obedient. Although, initially, he was more of a loner. As he started interacting with other children in the shelter he became more friendly and affectionate towards his peers and teachers.

When I think of Romario today, I wonder, what difference has Osman Hope made in nine years in the life of a child without hope? If Osman Hope had not been born in the hearts of some people who visited a dozen years ago, Romario would NOT have the opportunities he has today which are several. First, he is about to graduate which will give him the basis for a technical job and/or to continue his studies. Second, the course of his life was changed radically from a childhood without hope to a future full of hope in all aspects of his life (spiritual, nutritional and intellectual).

His mother is a domestic worker, his father, without an education, has done everything possible for their children; he has been a watchman and an assistant and collector of bus fees. Today, the whole family is involved in the sale of tortillas. Romario helps with the business during his free time after he is done with his schoolwork.

How do we see Romario in the future? It looks like an electrical engineer, but in a management position, doing everything possible, both for the company and his family. He currently appreciates the efforts of his parents to bring up his brothers and he wants to help them.



From top left:
Romario 2005, Romario 2014
Alejandra 2005, Alejandra 2014

From bottom right:
Abigail 2004, Abigail 2014



Child Sponsorships

In our last newsletter we announced that our fourth shelter in Jesus Rivera was going full time starting July of 2014. We were able to do this because of a matching grant that we received which will enable us to keep the shelter at full time for one year. During that period we need to develop 20 additional child sponsors by the time the grant money runs out early next year.

Many of you who receive this newsletter have been faithful supporters of these children and your investments are greatly appreciated. We would like to ask you to reach out to your church, families, local youth groups and friends to see if they would like to join the Osman Hope family. If possible, a Board member from Osman Hope will visit your organization.

If you are not a current supporter, we would like to ask you to prayerfully consider sponsoring a child so that their lives can be transformed. A full sponsorship is \$52 a month or \$624 per year. We also welcome partial sponsorships if you cannot commit to the full amount. You can sponsor by going to our website at www.osmanhope.org or by contacting Peter Borg at pborg@osmanhope.org or 423-247-5418.

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Alejandra Maria Reyes Oseguera by Baldemar George

Alejandra is the daughter of parents with low incomes and without a formal education. Her father is an upholsterer, working on the repair of living room furniture, which is not very lucrative. Her mother works cleaning houses.

When she entered the shelter Alejandra was a very withdrawn child. The first year and a half she spent alone, lost in her own thoughts; but following a trip sponsored by the shelter to a water park in San Pedro Sula, she showed more openness with her peers and her relationship with others improved considerably.

During her studies in primary school as well as high school, Alejandra has had some difficulty paying attention in class. However; this year, she has greatly improved, reaching an overall academic average of 87%. Although this is a good average Alejandra says she is trying to raise that level.

Alejandra has one last challenge to graduate this year: She needs to participate and comply in a National Adult Literacy Campaign, in which she must fulfill 100 hours of classroom and 40 hours of practice, making a total of 140 hours of literacy. At the end she must submit a report in November. If she does not meet these requirements she cannot graduate.

But we are confident that she will succeed and achieve her graduation. As we have seen a good deal of learning in these nine years and a particular desire in her to excel and help her parents in the future. Alejandra wants to go to University to study to be a nurse.