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# Osman HOPE!

*Bringing hope to children of poverty in Honduras*

## 2014 Annual Meeting

The Osman Hope Annual Meeting was held on October 4th in Brighton, MI, the birthplace of our organization. The Board of Osman Hope meets on a conference call once a month. Every Fall, we meet face to face.

The first item of discussion was our Mission Statement:

“The mission of Osman Hope is to provide a positive, lasting impact in the lives of impoverished children in Honduras with the goal of breaking the cycle of poverty. Guided by Christ, in partnership with local churches, through the establishment and operation of day care shelters and educational scholarship programs, we provide them:

- ◆ A safe and loving environment
- ◆ Nourishment of the body and access to medical care
- ◆ Spiritual development
- ◆ Educational opportunities for the mind to equip them to succeed in the world.”

We felt there were no changes needed in our Mission Statement.

### 2014 Accomplishments:

- ◆ Fourth shelter went to full time
- ◆ Encouraged more parental participation
- ◆ Continued the Young Ladies Retreats and started Retreats for the Young Men
- ◆ Improved food costs
- ◆ Expanded Student/Sponsor communication limited to scholarship young adults
- ◆ An additional three young adults will graduate from High School

### Partial Accomplishments to be continued in 2015

- ◆ Revise operational expectations for each shelter
- ◆ Develop educational alternatives for Secondary Schools
- ◆ Pursue establishment of a Honduran Advisory Board

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## Kensy Carolina García by Baldemar George



Kensy lives in a very poor area in our community. She lives with her two elderly grandparents. She does not know the whereabouts of her mother but believes she is sick with AIDS. Her father died from HIV/AIDS. Thank God she has no symptoms of the disease.

In 2013, before coming to our shelter, she had a severe degree of malnutrition. She did not play and interact with other children. Her degree of malnutrition affected her physical development and mental level. Her teachers noticed a lack of concentration which affected her schoolwork.

Today, 17 months later, while attending our shelter, we see with great satisfaction a radical change in her physical appearance. Her skin is more

lush, her hair is healthier, her eyes no longer show sadness. Instead they are more full of life and hope. She also has the energy to play and interact with others. She now shares her collection of colored pencils with the other kids at the shelter.

Intellectually, she has had some difficulties in her learning because of malnutrition and without having a healthy home life in her first years of life. She had difficulties concentrating and assimilating in her classes. But thanks to the permanent support of Osman Hope, there has been a radical change in the future and the life of Kensy. We now see progress in her studies and she sees a life with hope and possibilities.



**Osman Hope is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit. 100% of all donations go to the care of the children**

## Annual Meeting (continued)

Not Accomplished in 2014

- ◆ Added seven Child Sponsors, the goal was 20
- ◆ Obtain three Salary Patrons

2015 Priorities:

- ◆ Add 13 additional Child Sponsors
- ◆ Obtain three Salary Patrons to help pay the wages of our salaried shelter workers
- ◆ Develop and implement a parent contract by February
- ◆ Continue Young Ladies' and Men's Retreat Programs
- ◆ Add two Secondary School Scholarships
- ◆ Pursue and establish a Honduran Advisory Board
- ◆ Add funds and a program for Honduran staff training
- ◆ Develop educational alternatives to Secondary School (vocational, etc.)
- ◆ Add two more Board Members
- ◆ Develop a program for the children to avoid dangerous situations

## Young Ladies Spiritual Retreat by Margarita Grachen, President

On Sept 5 and 6 Osman Hope hosted a Spiritual Retreat for the teenage girls from all four shelters. The overnight retreat, titled, Learning to Live for Jesus, was held at a Bible Institute in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. The retreat was intended for the girls to get to know each other and Jesus better! It included presentations on God's plan of salvation, prayer, the prayer of confession of faith, forgiveness and reconciliation, purity, the fruits of the spirit and the new creation. In addition to great food prepared by one of Osman Hope's partner churches, the girls enjoyed skits, choreography to praise music and testimonies. A worship band from a local church provided music during our closing worship. The retreat was enjoyed by all involved. One of our young ladies who participated wrote in a thank you to our President; "The retreat made me see the importance of many things that I never gave much thought. Seriously, it helped me a lot and helped me feel God's presence. Ahhh, I loved it! Really, I learned a lot...You can't even imagine how important it is for us to learn to live a Godly life." During the retreat 22 girls prayed the prayer of confession of faith for the first time! It was a Spirit filled time for all!



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## Kelvin Fernando Mejía by Beldemar George, Santa Cruz Administrator



Fernando, as we commonly call him, joined the shelter in 2008. He was 6 years old and was in the first grade of primary school. He is currently in sixth grade and is a future candidate to join the Osman Hope Secondary School Scholarship Program for 2015.

He is the second youngest son of Digna Granados, a single mother. He was abandoned by his father at his birth. His mother has succeeded to hold several jobs (domestic worker). Fernando, when he entered the shelter was a very shy child, almost never spending time with his companions. However, from the beginning he showed a good attitude towards studying.

Throughout these years, Fernando has been improving in his relations with the other companions of the shelter. He is the tallest of all the children we have and he enjoys the appreciation of others, both here at the shelter with his teachers and with the kitchen staff. According to testimonies of his teachers in school he is very applied with his studies.

In our shelter we have a computer room for the children and young scholars to perform their tasks. This is where Fernando helps us with the children in the use of the computers and he helps them to look online for their homework.

Fernando's mother, Digna, is very thankful he has had the opportunity to go to the Osman Hope shelter.



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