



Some of the team loving on the orphans



We built this house



Provided fluoride treatments

September 25, 2008

Dearest friends, family, and neighbors,

We have been back from Honduras for over two months and we are still "processing" the experience. Words just fail to express the depth of our love for the precious people of Honduras, especially the children, for whom it was our great privilege to serve. It was our honor to partner with you in bringing the love and care of Jesus to "the least of these."

Your prayers were ever with us as our whole team of over 40 people traveled and worked without anyone being lost or injured, or even sick, despite the fact that we arrived in the middle of a Dengue Fever epidemic. The day before we were to leave, God "upgraded" our accommodations by providing us with an amazing place to stay- a nursing home still under construction, but complete enough to have beds for all, running water and electricity and NINE bathrooms! We were SO grateful!

The children of Honduras stole our hearts as we worked in two orphanages, the hospital in Santa Barbara and on the street where the construction team was building a house, putting a cement floor into another house and digging a latrine. We played and sang and danced with them, and fell in love. We bought food and ice cream and new shoes. We brought clothes, toys, diapers, and numerous other donations, which totaled over 3,000 lbs. We provided dental fluoride treatments, arranged for dental appointments for children with urgent needs and conducted impromptu "street clinics" whenever we saw the need. Our construction team also poured a much-needed concrete walkway at a center for young women (13-18yrs. old) who have been sexually abused. While the men were doing that, we had a small team of women ministering to the young ladies in that facility. From the beginning to the end of this trip, our hearts exploded with a love and compassion that surely flowed from the heart of God.

We can't begin to express our heartfelt gratitude for each of you who made this trip possible. We are hoping to have a slideshow available on our church website within the next month or so. Please be watching for it, as there will be many more pictures and video's available from the mission trip.

<http://www.gaithersburgnazarene.org/GCNweb/Honduras.html>

From the entire mission team we'd like to say THANK YOU and may God bless you abundantly for the love you have shown.

Sincerely,

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Pouring sidewalk



Latrine



Orphaned girl at Nueva



Our team & those who supported us on the ground in Honduras