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Message From Liliam

A visit that filled us with great hope, realizing once again the importance of our children feeling loved and happy when they are hugged, listened to and visited.

We began Lent with the imposition of ashes on the 37 children, who received it knowing its meaning.

Our children have already started their school year, virtually, waiting for the vaccines for the little ones in the coming months in order to achieve face-to-face education throughout our Honduras.

We continue to encourage you to visit us and join this beautiful project so that together we can continue with this beautiful work of love that undoubtedly needs each one of you.

We embrace you with much love, wishing that this Lent be one of reflection and asking God for a lot of health, and above all, a lot of peace for the whole world. We love you!

Thanks again Julie and Dan for your visit on the 18th Anniversary of Hogar Suyapa.

~~Liliam E Handal *HOGar Suyapa Administrator*



We will be welcoming 4 of our sister parish members for a visit this fall. (Oct 15-19. Liliam, Desi, Alicia and Padre will arrive Oct 15 and depart Oct 19.

We will have a meeting to organize plans for them while they are here. Please jot these dates down and plan on attending the events!

~~Linda and David Waggoner

A Visitor's Experience

To fully understand and appreciate the beautiful relationship of Prince of Peace with Las Mercedes requires a visit. Unfortunately, due to Covid, there had not been a Prince of Peace visit for 2 1/2 years. Fortunately, two visitors recently got to spend five amazing days surrounded by the love and beauty of this incredible community.

We were so relieved to find all the children excelling despite the COVID pandemic and the two hurricanes that hit in the fall of 2020. What a testament to the dedicated staff to help them not only survive but thrive during these most difficult of circumstances. Education is still virtual and that is a ton of additional work for the teachers/staff. There are many additional expenses created by the pandemic.

COVID precautions certainly altered the visit but didn't diminish it. Trips were in smaller groups and with masks and all necessary precautions. The visitors were able to celebrate the 18th anniversary of the orphanage/Hogar, with pizza, cake and a dance party. They visited the beautiful Lake Yojoa with three of the children and three staff. They had a day full of laughter and smiles at the beach with 5 of the Hogar children and more staff. Celebration of Sunday evening mass with six of the Hogar children and the Bishop was very special. Reuniting with children new and old at the Nutrition Center was especially meaningful. It is so hard to hear the many tragic stories of these fragile children, but so heartwarming to see them benefit from the love and support. The incredible life of Denise Colcutt was honored in a ceremony led by her Goddaughter at the Hogar.

It is just impossible to put into words the joy warmth and love experienced during a visit. It was great to visit again and bring back ideas to further love and support this faith-filled community.

~~Julie Messer



Left: Imposition of ashes Above: Celebrating 18th Anniversary

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