



A Place to Call Home: Blanca's Life Project

If you've been on a mission trip to Honduras with us recently, you may have seen a young woman helping to cook and clean at the mission house during your trip. This young woman always has a smile on her face, ready and willing to serve wherever there is a need. But behind that smile, she hides the struggles of her challenging life, which has been full of pain and obstacles. **This young woman is Blanca Sabillon.**

Blanca (pictured right) is the single mother of two young children, and she also takes care of her own mother. **She works multiple jobs in order to provide for her family, and her fierce determination to continue to strive for a better life is an excellent example for all of us to follow.**

In a conversation with her earlier this year, she shared with us that **she has been working extra**



jobs and saving almost all of her earnings for the last 3 years with the goal of being able to build her very own home. She was ecstatic to finally have enough funds to move forward with her project! As we talked with Blanca, her desire for a home for her family was so clearly evident, and **yet she never asked for additional support. She only thanked us for the opportunity to work and have income.**

This conversation with Blanca took place during a trip to Honduras earlier this year **involving a few volunteers from a local Christian radio station, WordFM (pictured left).** WordFM has done a few trips with us this year, including a trip where they hosted a leadership development training for the Staff of Healthy Niños. **Their desire is to reach people for Christ through music, ministry, community outreach, and missions.**



When hearing Blanca's story, **they realized that this was a great opportunity for their listeners to support Healthy Niños's Staff in a meaningful way.** During their time in Honduras, Blanca's dedication and love for missions was clearly evident as she worked to provide healthy food and clean housing for the volunteers while they served. **Upon returning to the U.S., WordFM began asking for donors to help provide additional assistance for Blanca to build her home.**

We are so grateful for the support for Blanca and her desire to provide a home for her family, a better future for her children, and have a full-time income through employment. **Blanca can see how God opens doors when she is faithful to His calling.** She was able to purchase a plot of land, and soon followed up with beginning the construction of the house (pictured left). **She is now finished with a large portion of the project! Despite the adversity she has faced in her life, she continues to be a hard-working, compassionate woman, with a smile always on her face!**

Thank you to all who support us, our mission, and our Staff, as well as for helping us in continuing to provide assistance to the communities of Honduras.

Dr. Herman Sagastume, Executive Director



You Are Invited to Our Annual Banquet & Silent Auction!

This event will be taking place on **Saturday, November 11th, 2023** with doors opening at 5:00 PM.

Check the insert included with this Newsletter for more information, or contact Alena at office@healthyninos.org



Taking a Stand Against Preventable Deaths



Andrea started working with Healthy Niños about two years ago. Since starting with us, she has grown in her roles, coordinating the operations of several programs within the organization. **Although young in age and experience, she has a strong drive to learn and meet her goals, and an even stronger desire to provide assistance to the people in need in her home country.**

Over the course of her time with us, Andrea has seen many sad and difficult circumstances in the villages. But on a recent visit to a new village, Andrea faced an experience that nobody could have prepared her for; **a child under the age of 5 had died the day before due to a complication from intestinal parasites.**

As she listened to the sorrowful mother sharing her story, **Andrea could not imagine having to deal with this kind of tragedy.** It was hard enough to deal with the loss of a child, **but dealing with the fact that the death was preventable was unfathomable.** As she returned to the office in San Francisco de Yojoa, she kept thinking about her experience in the community.

When Andrea shared this tragic story with us, we remembered the importance of the work that we do. **No child should die from intestinal parasites, not when it could be prevented by providing healthy drinking water and deworming pills every six months.**



Healthy Niños Honduras is committed to ending the suffering and death from preventable diseases in children. Through community education, we teach people of poor, rural communities the importance of deworming, using water filtration systems, drinking clean water, and having good hygiene (like washing hands).

Andrea and the Healthy Niños Staff are devoted to offering all children a chance to survive and thrive. **Providing those medicines and deworming pills isn't free, though. We need your help to continue to provide life-saving care to those in need in Honduras. Consider donating today!**

Clean Water and Intestinal Parasites

Almost since the inception of MAMA Project (who started work in Honduras in 1987), **providing safe water in remote areas of Honduras has been of utmost importance.** Through the years we've provided various different systems for water filtration and opportunities for education. More recently, Healthy Niños has begun using a new system for water filtration. **A five-gallon bucket with a water filter! This new system is not only easy to maintain, but the families can use it for many years.** In the beginning, many people in the villages didn't believe a little filter could make a big change in their life, but now **we hear many stories from village leaders about how the children aren't getting sick from gastrointestinal problems like they used to before.**

The challenge we face now is that leaders are asking for a water filtration system for every house in their village, which is usually 50-100 filtration systems. This is a challenge that we will strive hard to meet as we know how important it is to the health of the people in Honduras. Felix and the rest of our staff are eager to give away as many water filtration systems as we can, and are also happy to teach the leaders and families about all the benefits of safe water at home.

In the past year, Bally Mennonite Church, Line Lexington Mennonite Church, and Lacher Insurance held fundraisers specifically for this project. We have also received generous donations from other individuals to help us provide safe water to more families. **Will you consider joining us in this mission to reach more families with a water filtration system?**

***For Only \$40, YOU Can Provide Safe Water for a Family for 60+ Years!
Donate Today to Make a Difference.***



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