

## “Glimpse”

### Why Sponsor a Girl at Shalom?

Many of us have enjoyed the company of two sisters – Marlene and Florence – as our translators while we have been doing mission in Honduras. While Florence “NaNa” is the older of the two, while they were growing up – “she couldn’t do a thing with Marlene.” When I asked Marlene’s permission to tell part of her story, NaNa filled in some of the blanks. Florence and Marlene have some truly amazing things to share and they love to give God all the credit for the way He has protected and provided for them. This year many on our “It’s a God Thing Team” did not know that Marlene came to be the wonderful woman she is today partly because of the intervention of Sis. Eleanor and living at the mission compound. At that time NaNa was married and lived on the island of Roatan. Their mother passed away when Marlene was 14 years old and as we southerners would put it; “she was head-strong,” meaning – in her words – “nobody was going to tell me what to do ever again!” Mama Eleanor had other plans – and so did God. There was a transformation which took place deep inside Marlene’s heart and she fell in love with Jesus. Her life changed and all of us who know her – love her very much. She is truly a remarkable and talented woman.

You may not have had the opportunity to spend much time with the girls who live at the dorm at Shalom, but they are all just absolutely delightful. They appreciate having a place where they belong and where they can grow to be the women God created them to be, using the talents He has given them. All that is needed is the opportunity. Maribel and Jenny are two of these girls who are waiting for you to consider sponsoring them so that they can continue their education and be equipped to help their people, as well as others whom they come in contact with – like me and you. They have so much love to give. If you wonder if the girls dorm really works to change lives – all you have to do is to look at Marlene Lawrence and answer that for yourself! We love you Marlene and Nana!





**Marlene**



**This is Jenny – She** wants to go to college to become an English teacher. She is a Sunday School Teacher in the Church and she likes to play volleyball. She speaks a little English and would like to go with teams to help interpret. Would you like to sponsor her?



This is **Maribel**. **Her** mom is a widow, and she is very happy to have come to the mission to live because it has been a blessing for her life. She says that she knows God as her only Savior and wants to have a profession where she can serve her family and others. Maribel likes to sing, play the guitar, read and go fishing in the stream. Her heart's desire is to learn to speak English and to continue her art work and graphic design because she likes to create new ideas. Would you like to sponsor Maribel and help her dreams come true?

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