

Glimpse of “It’s A God Thing” Team – Utila 2010

Each year I think – “It can’t get any better than this!” – but it always does. This year we had another amazing group of individuals that God put together to travel to Honduras. Each one has a unique tale to tell. Kayla, our youngest – 13 years old – was a real blessing. She came with a mission and on her first trip to the Methodist Church on Utila, she witnesses to another teenager, Stephanie, telling her of God’s grace and Stephanie accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. From that day on, Stephanie came to help Kayla by translating for her as they played and sang with the other children. Even though Kayla was stung by a large jelly fish, she still pulled her own weight and the children seem to flock to her. She quickly became known on the island as “the little singing American girl.” By week-end she sang to a packed house at the youth rally at the Cruzada church and her back-home pastor, Dale Hyche preached on “Having a Mind set on Jesus.”

One of the highlights of our trip was providing a wiener and marshmallow roast with the girls at Shalom dorm in La Ceiba. This was their first experience with an outdoor campfire such as this (understandable one wouldn’t normal build a fire and roast marshmallows in the Honduran heat.) That night was topped off with a drama from the girls and a chittie-chittie dance by our own “Big Matt” and company. The fun and laughter was contagious!

While on the island of Utila, Guf and Mary headed a very successful eye clinic as Dr. Coons and Company provided medical care for hundreds of people. Our Evangelistic Team was also on the job and saw 45 people accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, plus many more re-committing their lives to God. God seemed to be sending us seekers and two men just walked up to our devotions and prayed for salvation. There was also a young man who was the night watchman at our hotel – sleeping in a hammock outside while we were resting in a nice bed – named Hosea. Hosea did not believe in God when we arrived but after watching us closely all week, he decided he wanted to know more about the God that made us happy. On the day we left Utila, even while we were loading our luggage, Hosea prayed and asked God into his life. Without God’s hand of mercy none of this would have happened. He chooses to use us for reasons I certainly can’t understand because it has nothing to do with us – but all to do with the Master’s plan.

I’m sure Guf and Mary will share their story in their own words, but on one particular day, first day of clinic, the eye machine would not work at all. They reconnected the computer and did everything they could do to get the machine up and running. All failed. The eye clinic would have to close down without that machine. Guf called for Pastor Dale and all the volunteers to come over and “lay hands on this machine and pray!” We all did – believing that this was God’s mission, - not man’s. He showed up and showed us all once again just how true that statement is; because, immediately the machine started working and did not fail the rest of the time. That’s God for you!

In closing, I want to make a plea for all those who visit this website to consider a very real and urgent need of the AHMEN ministry and in particular Sis. Eleanor, Sandy and

the mission compound and girls dorm. They operate on a very limited budget and try their best to support all the girls at the dorm and not turn those away who need them. There are still several girls who do not have a sponsor and they need you to help. There is also a great need for support for the local pastors who are out in the field. These pastors give all they have to pour back into their areas where they minister. They are hurting and doing without some of the things they need in order to give to their people. If you can help by giving a regular offering of any amount or a one time donation, it would be greatly appreciated. To support a girl at the dorm is \$150. per month. This can be done by one individual, several who go in together to support a girl, or a Sunday School class, etc. I realize some of you will think that is a good idea, but how can it be done and what is the "How-to" to do this? **I am very willing to explain this process to you and you may contact me directly at hunterschapel@gmail.com or call me at 205.483.0087.**

Attached to this article is a picture of some of these amazing girls at the Dorm. Their lives have been changed because of the work of the AHMEN teams and supporters. Please consider getting more information and watch God work not only in your gifts to change lives for the better; but, also see how God will bless you in the midst of it all. Trust yourself into God's hands – there is safety, peace and love there. ☺Brenda Hyche



