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Excavated Diamonds

Ever since I read about Heidi Baker and her outreach in the dumps of Pemba, Mozambique, I wanted to do something in our Tegucigalpa dump. But how? God answered this prayer through missionary Evelyn Klingler who teaches one of our discipleship classes. She and her husband started a church in the dump outside the city and she invited the Jericho women to come and teach the women living near the dump to sew. Marlyn, our beloved missionary in training, helped our women to make a teaching plan and got everyone organized to teach a six week sewing course to these women Evelyn calls "excavated diamonds." It was definitely a God thing and He encouraged our women as they shared what they had learned with women who were thirsty, not only for a new skill, but for the Word of God as well. We rejoice in

how the Lord is leading the Jericho women and using them to bless others in need.



Marlyn(center) leading the women in a dance to celebrate the 7th anniversary of Jericho Ministries.

Reaching out to the Lencas

Our Pastor announced the trip and it was just one of those things that I knew immediately I was called to go. Twenty four of us from our church including my two boys, Noe and Juan Carlos, went to a place called "Esperanza" which means "hope". In La Esperanza live the Lenca Indians, an indigenous tribe who live in a very mountainous region of Honduras. Many have not had the opportunity to hear about the amazing

love Jesus has for them. We spent four unforgettable days watching the Holy Spirit touch these families. I was so blessed to see their thirst for God. Their humility and childlike reception of the Kingdom of God was well...heaven touching earth. Please pray for these dear people.



Under the wide brimmed hat I am sharing the Gospel with youngsters using a tool called "Resurrection Eggs." Each plastic egg holds a symbol to tell the Easter Story. We were all fascinated as each egg was opened to reveal a surprise symbol!

The Rehab Center Update

I am so happy to report that Fito, who directs the construction at Jericho Villa, says we are 80% done on the rehab building. **Our target inauguration date is the second week of January 2007.** The Rehab center includes workshops (baking, hair styling, sewing, and weaving,) as well as a clinic and counseling areas. We will then continue with the chapel and the women's homes once construction of the Rehab Center is done. We thank God for the way He has provided for the building. Time and time again as we get



View from the entrance near the bell tower



View from the second floor window of the rehab center

to the end of what has been provided, God puts our needs on someone's heart and we are able to continue. Recently one of the men in Fito's discipleship group donated 2,000 feet of Guanacaste wood which is a very hard and durable wood. We are so thankful for the teams and volunteers who have helped us to make adobe bricks, cure wood, put up beams, and paint the roof tiles. If you or a group from your church are interested in coming to invest some construction time out at the land please contact our amazing director of teams, Michelle Crotts. Her e-mail address is bomberboo@hotmail.com.

"He, all dolled up like a she, was now protecting me."
(See below)

The Vision Grows

The beauty of the land that God gave us for Jericho seems too lovely to keep to ourselves. We have sensed that we need to build a retreat center once the buildings for the ministry are finished so that others can come on retreat to seek God in this peaceful place. We have plans to make many prayer trails through the hilly land which even includes a cave and some natural springs.



Sheep without a Shepherd

I was standing there minding my own business trying to worship and certainly was not thinking about the transvestites that we had just encountered on the streets the night before. Well, perhaps I was thinking a bit about them because one man in particular, all dressed up in high heels, a short mini skirt, and a wig begged me to sing Jaci Velasquez songs with him while we were sharing on the streets. We were belting out these songs in Spanish when an angry client drove his pickup onto the curb where we were all standing. I should have taken off screaming with the rest of the women but something in me pushed me towards the man who was high and furious. One of the women had stolen his credit card. It was then that my singing partner stepped between me and this potentially violent man. **He, all dolled up like a she, was now protecting**

me. I had seen this very confused man for years on the streets while we witnessed to the women. But that night I saw him with new eyes as he tried to help me! The next morning during worship God spoke to my heart. He said, "They are sheep without a shepherd, Betsy. Will you be willing to go to them as well as to the women? All you have to do is be willing, I will do the rest." I wrestled all week long and even went to all the men's ministries I knew to ask them if they would reach out to these lost men. They all said no. I wanted to see if hopefully I had misread the Lord. Actually I was looking to flee the call because of what a missionary named John Green calls the "ick factor." And of course there is the question of how on earth a group of women who reach out to women were going to make an impact with men. But God spent the next three weeks confirming this call with scripture after scripture. It seemed that (continued on back)



Adam and Aaron, twin sons of my dearest friend Vicky from High School, came to help out at the Villa and at Jericho House. Their time with us coincided with the Korean team from Houston and we all had a magical time working together for His glory. Here they are pictured with Elvia, the director of our school.



Our after-lunch gathering included testimonies and sharing one-on-one and lots of singing.

A Day Without Equal

One of our desires is to be a witness to the men who work daily on the construction site. Most of the workers are from local villages and bike to the site. Fito and his foreman are all strong men of God and have daily devotions with the construction workers before starting



Hugs were freely shared

work. The teams who come not only work hard on the building, but also pray to be a channel of Jesus' love to the construction workers. In June, we had an unforgettable outreach with a team from Houston, TX. No one could resist the unified power of His love through this group. This particular day they made typical Korean food for the workers and then we

gathered to sing and share the Gospel. The Holy Spirit began to move in our hearts and the men were deeply touched through the concerted outreach by the Koreans, the Jericho women and Adam and Aaron (see photo above).



Richard and Joonhee shining with the love of Christ as they sing

The Children's Gala Event

It was Elvia's idea (the director of our school) and I wasn't really sure it would fly. The children were used to doing dramas for their chapel on Friday mornings, but would people actually pay to come and see them act and sing and do mime? Elvia assured me that they would practice enough and pray enough to make it worth the while. The event had a two-fold purpose: 1) To raise money for a four day



Growing in stature and favor with God (Carmen in middle)

field trip to the North Coast 2) to be a channel of blessing to those who came to offer support. Both objectives were more than fulfilled. The best part was watching the Lord use different friends of the ministry to help with props, lighting, scenery, food, costumes....you name it.



Jericho's treasures decked out in their finest for the show. Nicole is the littlest one in front.

God brought just the right people to help. The Jericho High Schoolers helped out with running the lights and the technical aspects, and the Jericho Moms made the dresses and made food to sell during the event. The children were brilliant and little Nicole (2 years) stole the show as she lifted her hands to Jesus and closed her eyes during the praise songs. The dramas were touching, especially the one where Carmen gets a missionary call to Iraq. I wish you could have seen the children! It really was a night of glory.



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Cont. from "Sheep without a Shepherd"

everywhere I turned, the Lord was speaking to me. A week after that moment in church, God provided a quick trip to the States which included a free Joyce Meyer Conference. The first speaker, Bryan Houston from Hill song Church in Australia, spoke on Gideon's call in Judges 6:14. In this passage Gideon is questioning God's presence with him and His choice to use such a weak vessel (boy could I relate to that) but God responds saying, "Go in the strength that you have been given and save Israel out of Midian's hand." Over and over again Pastor Houston kept saying, "Step out in the grace you have been given." Suddenly it hit me like a ton of bricks.....God has given us grace on the streets and we just need to keep walking in the grace He has given us and trust Him to lead us just as He has in the past. My fear and Jonah-behavior were transformed by God's relentless confirmation of this call into an excitement to see how HE will reach these men for His glory! Please join us in praying for these men so in need of Jesus.

For Praise

- ◆ Hae Young's safe return from Korea after a great furlough
- ◆ Miguel finally potty trained!
- ◆ A blessed trip to the States
- ◆ The young volunteers who helped out this summer: Drew, Amanda, Adam, Aaron, Lorin, Shauna, Rik and Christina.
- ◆ Noe's baptism
- ◆ Korean volunteer Heeju now here



Juan Carlos, Aaron, Shauna, Lorin, Betsy, Marilyn, and Susana at the Villa

For Prayer

- ◆ Male staff to minister to the male prostitutes
- ◆ Funding for the buildings still to go up on the land
- ◆ The growth of our women and their children, especially in the area of leadership
- ◆ The possibility of buying the house which is for sale in front of Jericho House for the men
- ◆ For Wendy, Lorena, Tita, Jessica, Miriam, Marixa, and the many women like them who are still trapped in prostitution
- ◆ Protection: my computer was recently stolen at gunpoint
- ◆ A volunteer skilled in upholstery work