

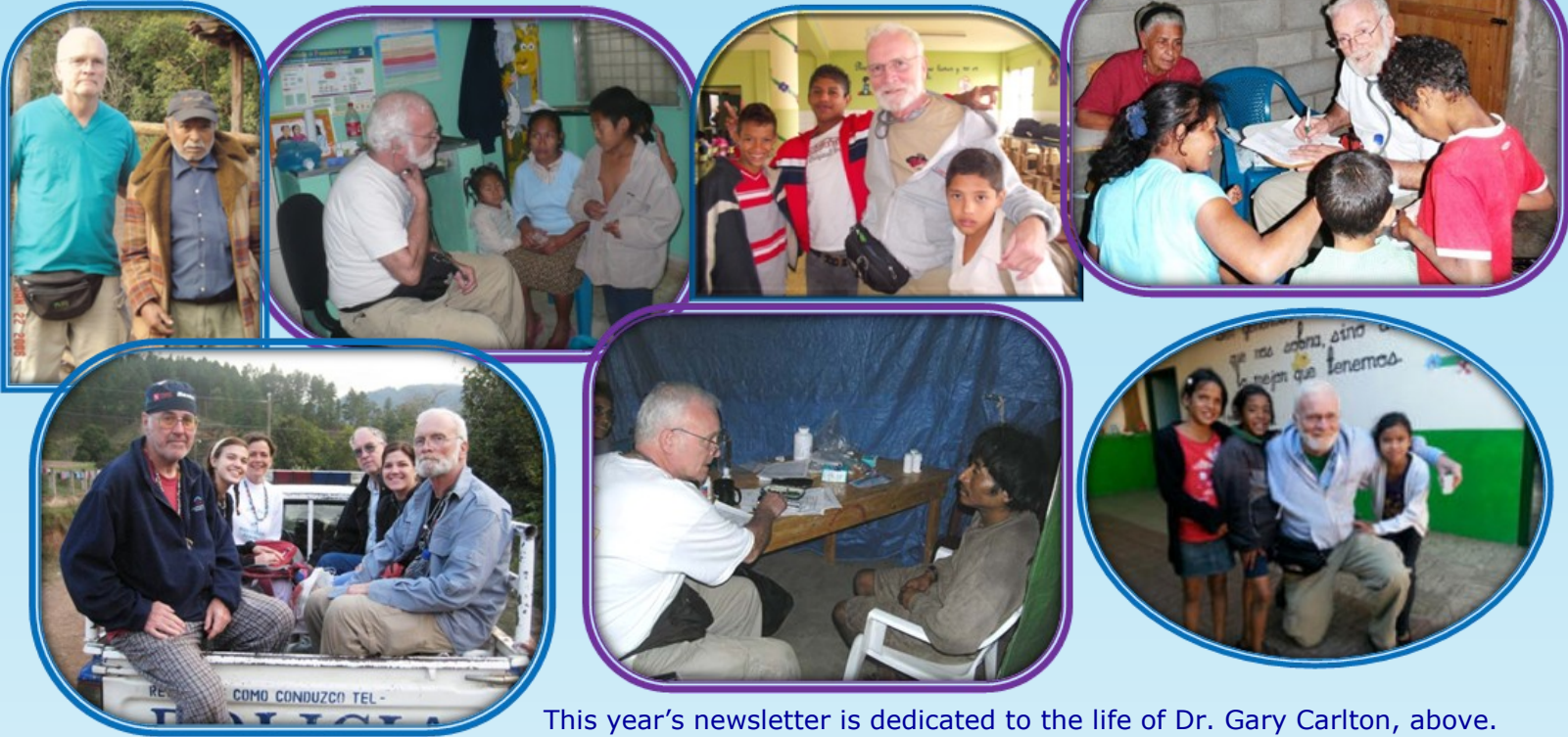
# Mission Honduras LeMars



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‘Help us make a difference where we are needed most.’ Those words continue to inspire our work in health care, clean water, nutrition programs, housing, education, and many other areas. Your support makes a huge difference in the lives of thousands. Together we can do even more. Please pray for those less fortunate.



This year’s newsletter is dedicated to the life of Dr. Gary Carlton, above. Dr. Carlton participated on several medical missions for Mission Honduras LeMars & was a board member of both MHL and Then Feed Just One. He passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, from complications of a stroke. He will be dearly missed.



Andrea assists Richard & Francis Seivert in introducing the Butterfly IQ portable ultrasound at the Children’s Burn Hospital in Tegucigalpa. To date, MHL has placed 6 of these units in various hospitals in Honduras, which has made a major difference in the fight against COVID-19 & dengue fever. These are the only such units in the entire country. Your financial help will assist in the battle to fight these deadly diseases.



**638,000 people in Honduras do not have access to safe water.**

As you read this year’s newsletter, MHL, as usual, continues to do water projects in poverty-stricken, remote areas. We are currently working in Dulce Nombre.



*The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty. ~ Pope Francis*

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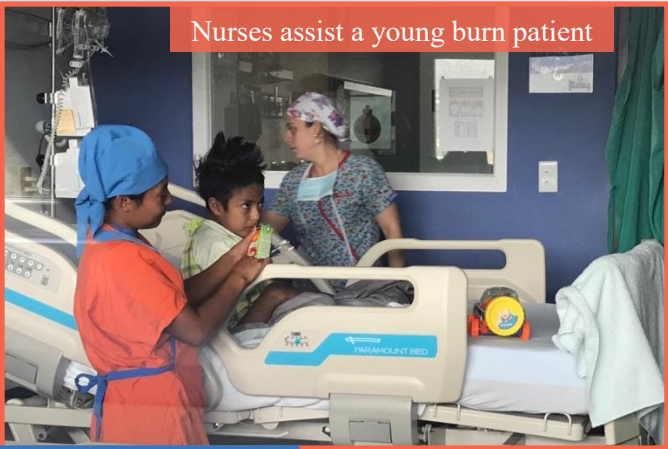
MHL has begun a new prison ministry in 3 Honduran prisons. Your financial support in this new ministry would be absolutely wonderful.

Medical supplies shown below are being sorted in the warehouse before distribution.



Above, Francis Seivert enjoys a visit with a Honduran family.

For children under age 5, water related diseases are the leading cause of death.



MHL continues to ship clothing, medical equipment, food, school supplies, and a host of other items for the poor of Honduras.



The World Food Programme recently published their analysis showing famine levels climbing to alarming rates over the coming months, even more so, due to COVID-19.

For it is in giving that we receive. ~ St. Francis of Assisi

Erratic weather patterns affect Honduras by producing extreme droughts and ruining crops.



Above, a young mother treats her child with a donated nebulizer.

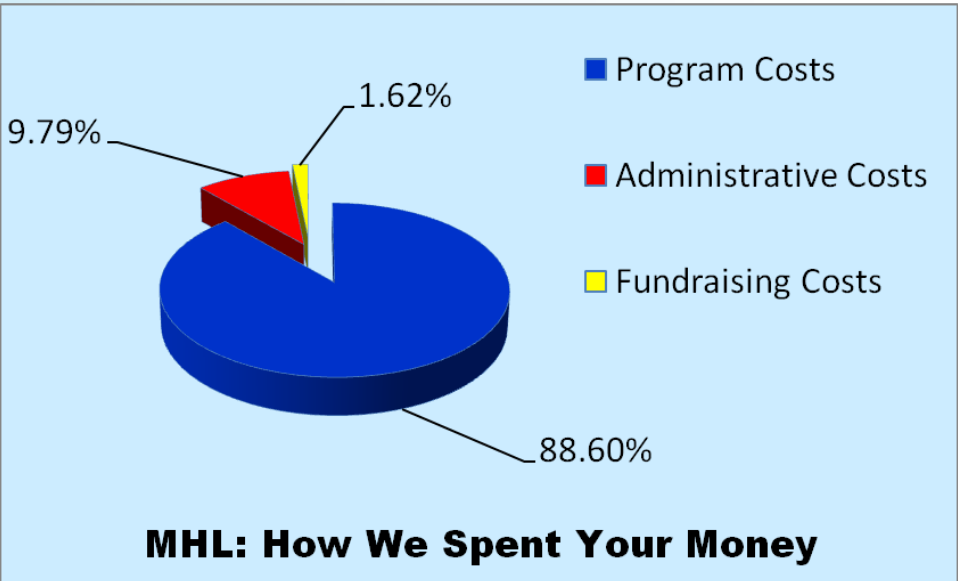


MHL continues to assist Franci with her ongoing medical issues.

Today 4,900 children worldwide will die from diarrhea caused by unsafe water & sanitation.

When we love others, we're living the truth of God out loud.

63% of Hondurans in rural areas live on less than \$1 per day.





COVID-19 has had a tremendous impact on our TFJO food packing program. In fall 2019 we packed roughly one quarter of a million meals. All was shipped to Honduras in spring 2020. Even though we continue with small family packing events at our warehouse, the loss of 800,000 meals has been devastating. We are supplementing that loss by purchasing food in Honduras to lessen the impact. Marta Sosa, director of all Honduras' operations, recently stated she has never seen so many people begging for food in the streets. We hope to be able to come back to a full program very soon.



School packing event before COVID

Packing events look a little different during the pandemic, as we have adjusted to small family packing events in our local warehouse



Current family packing event



TFJO food is delivered to the Tolupan.

No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted. ~ Aesop

A man loads his bike with his family's food.



People beg for food in the streets.



Extremely poor families are grateful for food deliveries from TFJO made to their homes.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one. - Mother Teresa



No access to food causes many Hondurans to migrate to the U.S.



23% - 40% of Honduran children are stunted, which is irreversible after age 2.



We must seek the child Jesus among the undernourished children who have gone to bed with nothing to eat. ~ Oscar Romero

According to Doctors Without Borders, malnutrition is the single greatest threat to the world's public health, with a particularly devastating affect on young children. Of the seven million deaths of children under five years of age, malnutrition contributes to at least one-third of them each year.

Then Feed Just One





Constructed more than 100 bunk beds so children would not have to sleep on dirt floors

Completed 9 water projects

Erected and planted 6 vertical gardens & built 14 picnic tables for Santa Teresa School

Distributed thousands of pounds of donated hygiene products, clothes, shoes, school materials, vitamins, rosaries, & toys

Poured concrete floors by hand, dug foundations for 2 chapels & a community center, installed fences around properties, & dug latrines

Love is, above all else, the gift of oneself.  
~ Jean Anouilh

*Serving is a powerful thing. God wants to bless you, but he also wants to be a blessing through you.*

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