Dear Friends of Mission Honduras LeMars,

We have been blessed in 2013-2014, thanks to your continued support. We hope you consider helping us again this year because the needs in Honduras continue to grow. As you look through our newsletter, realize that the lives of the most vulnerable are at stake.

“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” ~1 John 3:18

Manuel Gomez, born with cleft palate and lip. Mission Honduras LeMars, in conjunction with Operation Smile, completed successful surgery.

69% of Hondurans live in poverty
Extreme poverty 50%

Above, Francisca before medical treatment & Then Feed Just One food. On the right, Francisca in July 2014 poses with Francis Seivert.
2 million Hondurans live on less than $1 per day

2nd poorest country in the western hemisphere

8.5 million people live in Honduras

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Gehlen Mission Honduras student team, in conjunction with Mission Honduras LeMars, built two new family homes in Nueva Capital, spring 2014
More than 7 million Hondurans in rural areas live in some degree of poverty.

80% of Hondurans in rural areas drink river, creek, and pond water, causing many health problems.

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MHL donations funded 3 major water projects this past year.

More than 50 thousand children under the age of 5 die each year from diseases caused by drinking bad water.

The importance of clean, drinkable water can never be overestimated.

~ Pablo Casals

~ Richard Seivert
Then Feed Just One, working in conjunction with Mission Honduras LeMars, shipped 4 full containers of food to Honduras this past year. That represents 1,140,000 meals to the most needy in Honduras. The food is distributed to over 25 children’s homes, malnutrition centers, and orphanages, with about 1/2 going to the Tolupan children of Montaña de la Flor.

1 child dies every 5 seconds due to hunger-related causes

1.02 billion people do not have enough to eat - MORE than the populations of the USA, Canada, and the European Union combined

More than 60% of chronically hungry people are girls and women

United Nations reports - up to 40,000 people die every day of hunger-related diseases

Malnutrition is the underlying cause of more than 1/3 of all childhood deaths worldwide

Worldwide more than 1/4 of children under 5 are stunted from malnutrition. After age 2, stunting is permanent.

29% of all Honduran children under 5 suffer from stunting

If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

Then Feed Just One.

With Prayerful Best Wishes - Richard Severt, Mission Honduras LeMars

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~ Helen Keller

Gehlen Mission students fed their own TFJO food to the children of the Talanga Nutrition Center, spring 2014

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