



Hola Amigos,

Thinking warm thoughts of you these days. It's been raining and windy for weeks in Trujillo, but I'm managing to keep warm and dry. Most flooding has abated, but some families are still displaced. Even though the temperature is in the 20s, a dampness pervades the cement block houses and chills one through. Can't imagine what it would be like to live in a mud house with no doors or windows. I've been sleeping with a sweater on, and some of the locals even wear toques!

We were so grateful for a couple of clear days that allowed friends and family to travel to Trujillo and celebrate our graduation.

***Class of 2017 - Our Grads (seated, in front) and a dozen***

***first-years***

***(standing) set to return next year.***

***They're all beautiful in gorgeous gowns they made themselves.***



The school year finished with a flourish this year. In our November Grad we celebrated 15 years of God's

faithfulness towards our Training Centre, "Mision Verdad y Vida" (Mission of Truth and Life)!

Our 10 graduates have moved on to the next chapters of their lives equipped with life and vocational skills, and empowered with God's Word hidden in their hearts. Their two years with us will likely be remembered as some of the best of their lives.

***Fany, an amazing seamstress, is helped by long time Board member Bob Foster with the gift of a sewing machine to take back to her mountain village. The treadle machine will be ideal there as her family doesn't have electricity.***

Some grads, like Yaki (Jacki) and Delmi who want to be nurses, will qualify for our scholarship program, and go on in formal education. Others, like Fany and Daniela, will use the sewing machines they earned from us to start a home-based business and help their families. 15-year-

old Dunia said several times that she plans to teach her younger siblings to sew as well. All of the girls have been changed by the love and discipline, teaching and mentoring they have received from us, and that will no doubt impact them and their families for generations.



***We were glad to have our Founders, Board Members, Pastors, and friends of the ministry from Canada and the US join our ministry team in celebrating the 15th Anniversary of the Training Centre. Thanks for coming everyone!***

Besides almost 300 of the girls' family members, friends, and community members who attended the graduation, 20-some friends of the ministry travelled from Canada and the US to celebrate with us, including our Founders, Board members, Pastors, and hands-on helpers. One highlight of the visitors' trip was a prayer walk around the ministry properties. We staked the corners of the land, recommitting it to God's care and purposes, and praying for His direction going forward.



***The team took to staking out the land and praying over the property. Here we are praying over the running water supply and standing water swamp at the Centre.***

In September we were also blessed by a visit from two of our long-time friends and supporters, Maralee and Judy. They came to pray and minister and help refresh my weary soul. Ventriloquist Maralee Dawn brought her puppets, and performed and preached in five special events for our girls and the community. We are so grateful to have such faithful committed supporters, all of you, giving and praying to impact the lives of young Honduran women, their families, and communities.



***What a blessing it was to have Maralee and Judy come and minister to deep spiritual and emotional needs of our students and staff.***

Now more than ever we need to train up the next generation to be leaders with integrity. Perhaps you've been following the political situation here: A recent Presidential election is in dispute, with two candidates claiming victory. Increasingly violent protests are spreading throughout the country, and most major roads are blocked off, including the only road to Trujillo, threatening our supply of food, fuel and funds. Internet and electricity may be at risk and I may not be able to respond to you

individually about the situation here, but I will continue to post updates on my personal Facebook page and my ministry page (link below) as I am able.



Please continue to pray for this land, as we also pray for yours. May God have His way in this broken, sin-stained world. In fact, He did just that 2000 years ago, coming to Earth in the form of the lowly Babe, and giving His life as a ransom that we may no longer be held captive, but experience peace in the pain, love in the longing, and joy in the journey. May God richly bless you and yours this Christmas, and fill your heart to overflowing with His greatest Gift of all, Jesus.

Working together with you, it is this hope we offer our students, both for this life, and for eternity.



***Please pray for our grads who have moved on, for our returning students and staff, and for the new girls God is preparing for next year.***

If you would like to make a tax-deductible year-end or monthly donation to help continue my ministry here, please see the links below. May God richly bless you and all that you sow into this work.

Feliz Navidad, and a joyous and prosperous New Year!

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*Reaching and Teaching Teenage Girls in Trujillo (Tru-HEE-yo), Honduras*