



# Children Of Honduras Trust

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## A CHANGE IN DIRECTION

On behalf of the Trust can I please extend to you our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Thank you also for the tremendous support you continue to give us, as we seek to assist the Lord in His work among the poorest of families and children in Honduras. As always this year has provided its share of achievements and challenges, not least the problems of import into Honduras.

In recognition of our advancing years and the escalating problems of import and cost effectiveness, the time appears to have arrived when we must retire from sending containers. Over the years the Trust has sent more than 80 forty foot containers of aid to help Honduran children. I think it is fair to claim that we have benefited the lives of many thousands of children in respect of nourishment, education, health and attitude to life. We still wish to carry on this work, even though it will no longer involve containers.



- A FAMILY RECEIVING ITEMS -

What we can continue to do is to provide funding and management oversight to our volunteer supporters in Honduras to carry on with the work. This will include the current activities of sponsoring child education, maintaining the feeding/health programmes and investing in the various sustainable projects such as tree planting, chicken rearing, small scale market gardening etc. We would also like to continue to support specific projects like the house building programme and other needs as they arise.

The containers we send in March 2015 will be the last. However, I trust and pray that you will continue to provide the same generous level of support we have enjoyed over the last forty or so years, so that we can continue with the task. Without that support we can do nothing. Our vision to help and bring about change in Honduras remains as strong as ever but our bodies cannot keep up! The change of direction, as outlined, will enable us to keep our shoulder to the wheel for a few years yet.

### GLENDA MEMORIES

At the last Honduras Evening, Glenda told us that she remembered wanting to attend school at the age of six. She and her two younger sisters and brother lived with her grandmother, who struggled to feed and keep a roof over their heads. One day her grandmother bought her an exercise book and pencil and so she was finally in a position to attend school. When the exercise book was full, there was no money to replace it so that was the end of that spell of education. Glenda also remembers that she could not settle to school as she had to help her grandmother to find shelter for the night when they could not afford to rent a room. When the family were taken into the Orphanage, it opened up great opportunities for them. They had a roof over their heads every night and food at least twice a day. They were safe and Glenda was free to dream and get the education she craved. The family made good use of their education and went on to University in adulthood. Glenda, here in England, is a state registered nurse. Her sister, Lourdes, is an accountant. Adalicia, her other sister, is a solicitor and brother Cesar a head teacher. Education does not guarantee paid work in Honduras but it helps to gain the few jobs there are.

This story reminded me that exercise books are too expensive for many poor families to provide for their children. These are used in class and for homework. After next year's containers, we will continue to help provide exercise books for many of these children by purchasing them in Honduras.

## ACCESSING EDUCATION

The young people of Honduras and their parents have to work very hard to access education. The first immediate problem is the location of the nearest school. In the case of rural areas, Colegio (for secondary education) can mean a four hour walk there and four hours back. Even the little ones can be walking for an hour or more. The walk is often on steep earth paths, which turn to deep mud during the rainy season. Just as in England, when the primary school children have to walk home, you can almost guarantee that the rain will begin. Honduran rain is generally the 'stair rod' type. We like to send out wellingtons to help them cope with the rainy season mud. Ordinary shoes just will not cope. Wellingtons are often referred to as winter boots, as the rainy season is regarded as winter. Walking boots are also good to send as they are very durable. I sent a pair of work boots for the man who builds our houses because he was moving large rocks and performing other heavy duty tasks while wearing sandals. I did not achieve as he considered the boots were too good to work in. He was keeping them for best and to walk home in!

Education is free but not always easy to access. The child needs to have a school uniform, including shoes. These are very expensive for a mum struggling to feed her children. Senior education can also have its problems as there are not always enough places, even with large classes. This means that a student may be able to attend Colegio one year and be unable to obtain a place the following year. This unpredictability gives Jenny problems with some of the sponsored children who are suddenly discovered not to be in education for a year. The university has a similar system. At the beginning of the academic year, the students have to queue overnight in order to secure a place on their chosen course. Another thing we would find strange is that a classroom might have no desks or chairs for the students to sit on. They have to sit around the edge of the room with their books on their knee. If this happens to a whole class it is not too bad but if it only happens to one child in the class it can greatly lower self-esteem.

## EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROJECT WILL CONTINUE BEYOND 2015

The one-off sponsorship scheme will continue after we stop the container shipments. £50 purchases everything a child needs to attend a state school for one year; (there is also a £25 option where CH Trust will match two sponsors to the same child). Sponsorships are awarded to children from the poorer families where, without financial help, they would not be able to purchase the necessary items required to go to school. If you would like further details we have an

introductory pamphlet which we will be pleased to send to you. Contact details are on front cover.

We are often asked how we select the children to be sponsored. The simple answer is we don't. Our co-workers in Honduras, the pastors or teachers who run the scheme on our behalf, make the decision. It is not easy for them as the need is so great. However, these are the people who know their community best and can identify families with the greatest economic need.

The following sponsorship stories show how Cristo Centro have made that difficult decision for two of their pupils.

Seven year old Betzaida lives with her grandmother in a wooden house built by missionaries. She is an only child. Both her parents are deaf and mute and unable to find work to support their family. Betzaida's grandmother was given custody, even before she was born, because her mother was compelled to approach the church project demanding food for herself and her unborn child. When she was unable to make herself understood she became very agitated and angry. Betzaida was given sponsorship as soon as she was old enough to attend school; this gave the project leaders the opportunity to make sure she was adequately cared for. She is a very sympathetic, caring child who applies herself well to all her lessons. Her future is bright thanks to the kind people who sponsor her.



**- CAKES IN THE OVEN AT CHOLOMA -**

Six year old Belkis has 5 brothers and sisters. She is the third born and lives with her parents in a poor district of the capital city. Her father is a bricklayer working on minimum Honduran wages. As any construction work tends to be seasonal, their income is very small. Her mother is unable to read and write and does not work outside of the home. The family are unable to provide for all of their children to attend school but the two eldest ones attend regularly. Their home is a one-room plank house with a dirt floor. They have two mattresses and a small wood stove. They have no electricity. All good enough reasons you would think to give a sponsorship to Belkis. But added to this is the fact that she is suffering from severe malnutrition. The church overseeing sponsorship for this area will try to keep a close eye on her and provide her with some extra food and medication.

We received this letter from a grateful Mum.

*"May God bless you for your kindness to us. My name is Gloria and I am a mother of 9 children. This year my daughter received a school sponsorship for the first time. I thank you so very much. She received a blue rucksack, grey skirt, white blouse, blue sweatshirt, white polo shirt, black shoes, white trainers, socks, exercise books, drawing books, work manuals, maths instruments, pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, glue. Everything she needs for school."*

Also, a letter from one of the scheme administrators:

*"Your help means a lot to us and I hope you will feel encouraged to know that your hard work is changing lives and providing opportunities of a lifetime for children who otherwise would be deprived of an education. Long may it continue; it has not only raised the level of education for our children above 6th grade but has raised the whole level of pride within the Honduran communities".*

If anyone would like to sponsor a child's education in 2015, it would be a great help to us if the donation could be sent before Christmas. There is no obligation to continue for more than one year.

## CHOLOMA CHURCH

This church delivered food and supplies to families in Copan. Many of these families had had nothing to eat for more than 6 days. We certainly made a difference there.

One of the church's activity groups is baking. Some of the food cooked by the group is sold to help provide for their families and some is given to the children

at the church. They make bread, banana bread, cakes and pizzas. Last year we sent them a six burner stove with a large oven to help with this project. Blanca (the Pastor's wife) has asked if would be possible to assist them, this year, with a commercial mixer and blender.

The Church is also launching a sewing project with the women. They have requested an overlocker to help with this venture.

### A NOTE FROM PENIEL CHURCH\_\_

Ilamapa is a small community that is located 40 minutes from the capital, Tegucigalpa. Peniel Church has a daughter church here. The members walk for one to two hours to get to the church, which is located high on a hill. This community is inhabited by families with very few resources, who still choose to stay there. They have no electric light, no running water but are a people who love God. They have received food, clothes and shoes from our containers.

Food and harvest gifts are a source of great blessing. We fortunately do not know what it is like to have no food in the house to feed our children but many do in Honduras. Your gifts will give that much needed meal to many families. They praise God for the gifts given to them by people from across the world, who still give, even though they do not know them. Thank you for being part of that provision.

### A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY\_\_

This child has mental problems and had no more than a broken wellington. We delivered food for him and new wellingtons. He was very glad and ran home saying 'Thank God. Thank God'.

### LA CEIBA CHURCH\_\_

Jeronimo writes from La Cieba, on the north coast, of their great happiness at the things given to them from the containers. He says that the children are even happier, as they sit on chairs and eat at tables that we have sent out to them. Here in the UK it takes a lot more than tables and chairs to excite and make our children full of joy! Suanny, the Pastor's wife, together with the church members, put together and distributed bags of food made up from the supplies we sent to them. The bags contained oats, milk, coffee, canned food, flour, pasta and soup. Some brothers in one family and other children were given shoes because they had none.



**- I NOW HAVE NEW WELLINGTONS -**



**- WATERMELLONS GROWN BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE  
AT LA CEIBA -**

This church is blessed with people skilled at market gardening. They sent photographs showing the superb crops they grew from the seeds that we sent out in the previous year. They also sent this following comment:

*“This year we have planted sandia, chile, corn and rice. With the help of God they will do great and beautiful things.”*



### - QUEUING FOR THE ORICA CLINIC -

#### ORICA CLINIC

On the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, we held our last medical clinic of 2014. The team went to the Opalaca Mountains, which are in La Esperanza. We had a great time in Opalaca. It is a very far away town from our church. For the first 6 hours we drove by bus. Then we had to transfer into trucks to drive the last 4 hours. The road was a disaster, we had problems with the vehicle, but we made it!

We deployed several teams this time: 8 doctors, a pharmacy, evangelism, kids evangelism, clothing, haircuts, dentists and food supplies. We attended more than 1,000 people! It was such a beautiful time. We all agreed that it was the best brigade yet. God is good.



- SCRUMPING UP THE MAMOON TREE -

### FRUIT ORCHARD AT VICENTE COLLEGE

Many of you will remember the programme to plant trees at the college and elsewhere. In fact many of you have bought gift cards in order to purchase them. Vicente College was the first to start this project. Five years ago Luis planted the first trees that we had bought. He has now planted more than one hundred trees. The variety of trees includes different types of oranges, lemons, plums, mango, nectarines and others.

I received this picture of a large tree with clusters of what looked like small lemons. I was told that these were called ‘mamones’, a native fruit of Central America, which are traditionally eaten out of the hand or used to make drinks, desserts and jellies. The seed is quite big and the flesh clings to it firmly. So the best way to eat the mamone is to suck on it for a while, sort of like eating a tropical lemon candy drop. It tastes like a cross between a lychee and a lime, tangy and a little sweet. As the tree was heavily laden with fruit, some lucky students had been selected to climb up it to collect the fruit. I am sure they are a good source of vitamin C for children who rarely get fruit.

## FOOD BAGS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Each year we provide many needy families with a bag of basic foods. The bag usually contains a bag of rice, flour, sugar, milk, coffee, pasta and stock cubes. These are given out at various times of the year. We try to provide about 500 during the Christmas period to give the families something to make this time of year special. The need is so great in many rural areas where the whole community is malnourished. This means that a decision has to be made as to which community will be blessed with food bags this year. I am so glad that I do not have to make that decision.

This year, Cesar has again taken food, clothes and other essentials to the hill tribes in the Yarula area known as the Lenca. Because they live high in the mountains, these communities get little help as they are very difficult to reach. They have progressively retreated into the mountains as their land has been annexed by the large scale farmers who want to exploit the good lower lands for food production. Malnutrition in the tribe is the norm. We also provide some supplies for the schools in this area, which again get little government help.

It is a very long and difficult journey to reach these people (this is why they get limited help). We are able to borrow the vehicles from various organizations including the First Ladies office but we have to pay for the fuel. This is quite a bill, as the vehicles are pulling a lot of weight up the mountain.

This year the trip was made even more difficult because it was the rainy season. Cesar usually manages to make the trip earlier in the year but was delayed by work pressures. Deep mud on the road, in some cases, resulted in the lorry becoming stuck and preventing them from reaching some villages. In such cases, a motor bike look out was dispatched to tell people to come down to the road. They also off loaded some supplies into another vehicle to help. They gave out oatmeal, pasta, milk, seasoning, oil and coffee, some water barrels and blue bins to collect and store water. They also gave out clothes and shoes, a mattress and portable crib for a new born baby. In all, they gave help to about three hundred needy families.

Cesar also told us that medicines were given to a Lenca health centre and a centre of basic education visited, where they gave material for the science lab and computers. They equipped the education centre with barrels to store water, when informed that water was delivered only once a week. When there was no water the centre had to be closed.

From the photographs I was able to observe the school garden, where they had planted cabbage, radishes, beets and other vegetables from seeds delivered last year (it is very pleasing to observe that they are trying to help themselves). I was also fascinated to see the drum of oil being shared out into plastic bags as they had no bottles. Many of the items given out were bought with your money, pasta, oil, milk etc.

Our supplies also reach other tribe members via the other ministries that we supply. The Talapande tribes, on mount Flora, receive items from England when health brigades are deployed into this area.

We hope to continue to give food parcels at Christmas and at other times to the tribe people when the containers are no longer sent.

Although the gifts for each family are only small, they are a gift of hope of better things ahead. We all need hope. We wish to continue to provide this supply of hope.



**- THE GARDEN AT THE LENCA SCHOOL -**



**- DISTRIBUTION TO LENCA FAMILIES -**

**HOUSES - IRIS'S STORY**

Iris tells us:

“We have had many problems due to having nowhere to live. My husband could not afford to pay the rent and we were living in houses which were lent to us, or which we were looking after, as is the case now. We have suffered much humiliation and bad treatment. My husband is chronically ill. He has suffered for 22 years with this illness, which prevents him from being able to work. He looks after a house but only earns 2000 lps (£60) a month. He is caretaker for another, which pays the same. He suffers a lot from depression as we do not have anywhere to live, nor the means to buy what our children need. Now you (CH Trust) have helped us. Thanks be to God. Now we have hope, happiness and the will to carry on struggling. Knowing that our great dream is being fulfilled by you, words cannot express the joy we have. To know that we will have our own roof over our heads and that our children will be secure and nobody can harm us anymore. We had nothing and now we have faith and hope. God bless you greatly for what you have done for us. There are so many feelings I want to express, so much I want to say from the bottom of my heart, which I know a mere thank-you cannot convey. There are many things I would like to say when I look at the new house which they are building for us, I feel like crying. My children are happy and it is thanks to you. God bless you greatly.”

NB. Their eldest son interrupted college (senior school) so that he could work to help the family with the household expenses.

The house building project has gone very well over the last three years. When the six houses currently under construction are completed, by about Christmas time, we will have built 38 houses and helped with others. That is 38 families whose lives have been radically improved for the better. They no longer have to worry about finding the rent money at the end of the month, or be out on the street, without a roof over the family's heads.

Lack of rent also releases money for food, school supplies and medicine. What a lifetime gift for the family and its future generations.

This project has come to a standstill at the moment as we have run out of funding. We only use money specifically given for house building. I am sure we will be building again sometime during 2015. The cost of a house is now £1300. If we can get electricity to the site, to enable welding, the houses are now built with metal roof supports. The kitchen area and pila are now included with each house, whereas before they were extras. Gift Aid on some donations for houses has helped to cover this extra cost. As with the rest of the world the cost of the basic materials steadily increases year on year. Cesar did suggest that we could save money by not skimming the block walls inside and out. However, I like the product we are building. The rendering stops insects burrowing into the block. It also makes the insides of the house nicer and lighter. Many houses will not have electricity, so natural light is important.

### KEITH PLAMPING

It is with regret that we report to you the death of our friend Keith Plamping in January of this year. Keith has been a long time supporter of CH Trust. In 1989 he visited various parts of Honduras and led a work team at La Finca orphanage, where many tasks were undertaken. When CH Trust became a registered charity, Keith undertook much of the work necessary to achieve this and continued in the role of Trust Secretary up to his death. He also managed the bureaucratic task of claiming Gift Aid. As a good friend of many and a key Trustee for CH Trust, Keith is greatly missed.

## **DOWN TO BASICS**

### **SCHOOL MEALS**

Large saucepans, frying pans, jam pans or pressure cooker bases are needed for cooking lunch in the school, especially very large (catering size) frying pans and saucepans.

### **STACKING CHAIRS**

Our chairs are shared amongst a number of schools, colleges and churches in Honduras.

Small stacking metal/plastic chairs for primary age children have been asked for by six ministries. Unfortunately we get very few, as they usually come from a primary school refit. Are there any near you?

### **STUDY CHAIRS**

We have been asked if we can supply any study chairs. Such chairs have a little table attached to write upon. They find them very useful in schools and in the large teaching churches we supply. Does anyone have any chairs of this type to donate?

### **MAJOR FOOD NEEDS**

With all food needs, quantity is preferred rather than quality. If you have nothing to eat the brand name is not important. It is better to feed two children rather than one. Anything with a sauce e.g. meatballs, tinned spaghetti etc will mix well with pasta.

- Dried Pasta and Spaghetti
- Tinned meatballs, sausages, and tuna
- Rice and Oats
- Powdered milk
- Cooking oil
- Cereals (cheapest)
- Tinned tomatoes and baked beans
- Tinned vegetables and soups
- Rice pudding
- Plain flour
- Sugar
- Drinking Chocolate

**Expiry dates are important. The food needs a date of at least September, 2015.**

Food blenders have been asked for by the feeding projects.

### **PLASTIC BOWLS AND BEAKERS**

These are still a priority item required to feed the children.

## **PENCIL CASES AND COMPASSES**

A number of our made up pencil cases are given out in school. Any compasses are kept in the school to be available for all to use. This is a novel way of working in Honduras, where the schools usually provide nothing. We are trying to provide compasses to most of the schools we work with, as it is impossible to provide sufficient for all the pupils to take them home.

## **LAPTOPS**

Laptops have been requested by school teachers as a means of moving data around between their classes. This helps to reduce the consumption of paper, which is expensive in Honduras. The laptops must be in good working order as we are unable to repair them.

## **WELLINGTONS**

Wellingtons are in great demand as they are the only footwear that will cope with the mud in the rainy season. The children usually go bare foot but then they are susceptible to cuts and grazes as well as intestinal worms from the contaminated soil. So any wellingtons we can find will be good. The little ones love the bright colours of our children's wellingtons. Larger wellingtons can be used by all the family for work in the fields.

## **WELLINGTON WARS IN THE LOCAL CHARITY SHOP**

The ladies in some of our local churches have made finding and buying wellingtons their mission. One lady went into a charity shop and asked if they had any wellingtons. The answer was yes but a lady was already looking at them. However, they may not be the size she wants. So, June approached the lady and asked "are they the size you need?". "Yes" said the lady, "any size will do as they are for a charity". June said "would it be Honduras?" "Yes". June said "you buy the wellingtons and I will buy the children something else".

## **UMBRELLAS**

It would be nice if we could send as many umbrellas as possible to Honduras this last year. They are so useful against the tropical heavy rain which falls during the rainy season from May through to September. Walking to and from school or work can be a very wet experience. It is too hot to wear a mac. The umbrellas are also used in the summer months to protect against the strong sunlight. They can last a long time in Honduras, which experiences little in the way of strong winds. How many can we send?

## **JEANS CLOTHES FOR SCHOOL**

Jeans are now used as school uniform by many of the rural schools. Here in England, children's jeans can be purchased from the large supermarkets, ranging from £4 to £5. We need ages six to fifteen. If anyone wants to help a child attend school, this would be a good purchase. They start school at the age of six.

Whatever we send will fit someone! Second hand are also good.

Black shoes of any description, second hand, new, even plimsolls allow children to access school.

## **DRUMS AND THINGS**

We have been given three part sets of drums. We are looking for the following items to hopefully make the sets complete.

- Base Drum foot pedal
- Cymbal and stand
- Snare drum and stand
- High Hat stand and cymbals
- Drum sticks, brushes etc

## **WANTED - PETROL STRIMMER OR HOVER MOWER (FLYMO TYPE)**

One is needed to cut the grass of La Joya Medical Clinic. At present, we cut it with machete but it is very hard work. There are also snakes! The ground has to be cleared because we provide Sunday school on this site to a good number of children from the area.

## **TOOLS NEEDED FOR BUILDING**

Now that we are involved in building houses in Honduras, we have been asked for help in providing a large variety of tools. In the process of building the houses, young men are being trained in a range of building and plastering type skills. To do this they need the relevant tools, as used by the already skilled people.

- Wheel barrow
- Generator
- Spirit levels
- Garden hose
- Trowels
- Other relevant hand tools

## **LOCKS AND KEYS**

Many homes in Honduras do not have door locks. This means that their homes are insecure when they have to go out. Any locks with keys, mortice or padlocks, would be appreciated along with door hinges and handles.

## **TOILETS**

In the future we hope to provide toilets for the houses we build and for others who lack this facility. This requires some expensive construction work because there is no mains sewage system. To help offset some of the cost we are collecting as many second hand toilets as possible to send out in this last year.

## **SHOWER CURTAINS**

Although most homes we supply do not possess a shower, they would welcome a shower curtain. Many homes have an outdoor area set aside for personal washing, where they have a bucket of water. The shower curtain will help to provide a degree of privacy.

## **HAND AND GARDEN TOOLS**

Hand and garden tools are asked for by many ministries. Many work the land to grow a little food. Many can earn money with woodwork and construction but need the tools. Pick axes are used to break up the hard soil.

## **GAZEBOS AND TARPAULINS**

We are still looking for gazebos and tarpaulins to guard against the strong rays and heat from the sun. Lorry curtains would also do the same task.

## **LEATHER AND BAKING TINS**

One ministry is trying to provide employment for their youth and church members. They are asking for Leather and shoe lasts with which to make and repair shoes. Several churches are setting up baking groups as a way for a group of ladies to earn money to support their families. They are asking for baking trays, bun tins, big saucepans, bowls, mixers and kitchen knives.

## **LEATHER SEWING MACHINE**

To work the leather they have asked for a leather sewing machine. This is very similar to an ordinary old fashioned machine but very heavy duty. Can we find one?

## **SEEDS**

We had hoped to receive end of year seeds from Suttons as we have in years gone by. This has not happened to date. So, we need packets of commercial produced seed to send. Seeds saved from your garden and allotment upset the customs so only bought seeds are acceptable. They would like, carrots, peppers, chillies, tomatoes, lettuce, radishes, peas, beans, aubergine and melons.

## **COMPUTER MONITORS**

Flat screens only please

## **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

Recorders are an item asked for by many schools. They have recorder groups but lack enough recorders for the children. Guitars are also needed, both acoustic and electric.

## **SOUND EQUIPMENT**

Several churches are asking for sound equipment for their churches. They are looking for amplifiers, speakers, sound desks and electric guitars. Unless they can be heard in the next village it is not a good meeting! In the rainy season you need a microphone to be heard at all, when the storm rain hammers on the tin roof. They change the times of the service in the rainy season to try and avoid the worst of the rain but, as we know very well in England, predicting the weather is not an exact science.

## **TOYS**

Skipping ropes are popular with the girls. Also dolls, baby or Barbie are greatly loved by the girls. The boys go for footballs and cars. Football kit and football boots are always wanted, also the footballs.

## **BABY COTS**

Cots, mattresses and bedding for the little ones. Educational toys are also a benefit for the children.

## **APOLOGIES TO SOME OF OUR BENEFACTORS**

Jenny Smith and I would like to apologise to those who are still awaiting letters from us. Although CH Trust has continued to grow, our ability to keep up with all the paperwork has not. Please be patient. We will get there in the end.

## **PACKING, RECEIVING DAYS 2015**

This is a month earlier next year as we have to get everything sorted and packed for Loading Day. Each year some items are rolled over to the following year as we have run out of time. This is not a possibility in 2015. We also want to send some of the infrastructure of the unit and items that we use daily.

Our warehouse will be manned on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January. We will **NOT** be open at the unit every day during that week.

Please note that everything needs to be in Derby by the 10<sup>th</sup> January

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We would appreciate your prayers for the CH Trust team as we work to send the final 2015 containers. There is a lot of work ahead.

We need your prayer for all the team who work each week at the unit.

Please pray for good health and strength, mentally and physically, for all those helping, as we approach loading day and all that entails. For Loading day we need favourable weather and safety for all the workers and those travelling to and from the site.

We have a prayer request from Honduras:

*“Please pray for Honduras, we are one of the most dangerous countries on earth, things gets worse every day. This is very sad. Thanks for caring for Honduras.”*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE TASK OF UNLOADING**

We need prayer for the safe unloading and delivery of the containers. Also, an import without problems and all those expensive delay charges.

Last year we unloaded into the Valle de Angeles Park. This favour was granted by the Mayor, Will. He closed the park solely for the use of CH Trust to unload the containers. This was a great blessing as they have acres of grass land on which to unload. Toilets and refreshments were also provided at the park, a benefit particularly appreciated by the customs officers. Last year they were reluctant to travel up the mountain but had such a good time that we hope this year they will be happy to repeat the experience.

Please pray that this facility will be made available to us. It proved to be such a blessing to the task of unloading.

**LOADING DAY**

Next year Loading Day will be Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 2015



**- AN IBC MAKING ITS WAY TO ITS NEW HOME IN A SCHOOL -**



**- THESE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN GIVEN EXERCISE BOOKS -**