



"United by the Same Blood"

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Dear Fellow Sponsors and Friends,

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

We want to bring you up to date on several exciting additions to the Agape Promises education program.

University Education

The AP program now includes the opportunity for high school graduates to go on to University. The annual costs vary but range between \$1500 and \$2000 per applicant, per year. If they are interested, they must take the university entrance exam; submit an application to the AP Higher Education Committee along with their grades and a recommendation from the AP administrator in Honduras. If approved, the Higher Education Committee will solicit funds from their sponsors, and other interested contributors.

Currently two young women have entered their sophomore year. We have one young man; Carlos pictured here, graduated high school in November and is pursuing an Industrial Engineering degree. Another application is in process from a young woman who also graduated in November. If interested in providing financial support for these young people, please send a check in any amount to HAF, University Program, and P.O. Box 6315, Aiken SC 29804.



A part of this arrangement is the agreement to offer community service during weekends and school breaks. This could include assisting with the weekly Bible study, helping in the office or assisting with the medical brigades.

Agape Promises

This program is designed to create a long term relationship with a child in Honduras. An annual payment of \$375 - \$525, depending on grade, will provide for their registration fees, books, health and dental care, a Bible, weekly Bible study with a snack, and a stipend for achieving good grades.

Currently we have 48 children in the program with sponsors. Our initial goal is for 50 children. If you know family or friends who may be interested in sponsoring a child, please let us know.



At the left are some of the elementary school youngsters during Bible study.

Education Beyond 6th Grade

In two of the small villages HAF supports, La Montañita and Teo, children only have the opportunity to complete 6th grade. To continue beyond 6th grade they must travel 45 minutes to attend school. The costs involved are a roadblock for these remote communities. As a result after graduation from 6th grade, the boys help their fathers in the fields, and the girls help their mothers at home, get married and have babies.

HAF has made arrangements to send 7 of their sixth grade graduates onto the 7th grade. The children were selected by the community leaders based on need, grades and desire to achieve. The cost per child is \$200 per year. The hope is, through education, the crushing cycle of poverty can be broken. Here you see one scholarship recipient, Eduar on the right, with his family.

Potential Honduras Trip for Sponsors

One of our AP sponsors is interested in taking her family to Honduras during the winter break between Christmas and New Years. They felt it would be a great opportunity for the family to get to know their child better, meet the family, and work in the villages HAF has adopted. There is nothing official, and approval has not been requested from the Board. At this point, we just would like to know how many of you would be interested in going. Please let us know.



*“Train a child in the way they should go: and when old, they will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6*

We appreciate your prayers and support to the children of Honduras. They are the future of the country and education is the way to enable change.

Blessings, June and Ken
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