



## RUP HONDURAS

Proverbs 16:9 The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

A few years ago, shortly after we arrived in the village of Tatumbla, we met a young man who was roaming the streets during normal school hours. After talking with him, we decided to try and help him get enrolled in the local high school in the village. Through the ministry, we had a sponsor who was willing to help. His Mom seemed so happy that this would be her first child, (being the youngest of many older siblings) that would graduate high school. We paid his school fees, bought school supplies and took him to the city to get fitted for his school uniform. And then one day we found him in the streets once again. He said he had been swimming in the cold creek and had a sore throat and could not go to class. So we took him to the Doctor who gave him medicine and an excuse for missing his classes. Shortly after, we received a call from the High School Director who informed us that he was still not attending classes. After visiting his mom, she informed us that her son needed to stay at home and help run a small shoe repair business. God broke our hearts and opened our eyes to the many children who were probably in the same situation. We had already begun the Manna Feeding Project in some of the schools in the village and now many students may not make it past an elementary education that could help end this cycle of poverty. After much prayer and seeking God's direction for our next steps, we were approached by Maira, a teacher in one of the primary schools. Her hearts desire was to begin an alternative high school, one that would be taught on the weekends for the many students with hardships that prevented them from attending classes during the week. We knew that God had brought our hearts together and He had big plans! Hope for the World High School began with the theme verse from Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." The school is now in its 7th year with an enrollment of 131 students, and Maira as the school director. We have seen lives changed, and many have given their hearts to Jesus! The teachers, parents and students are so grateful for the opportunities the ministry has given them. Here is a portion of a message that we recently received from a student:

Hello Dear Larry, It is a pleasure to write to you and express how grateful I am first to God, and then to you, for your great support and for allowing me to be in this beautiful school studying. I am very happy. This is my first year and I am in the seventh grade. Lots of hugs. May God bless you and protect you from all harm. May He grant you good health. Sincerely, Heidi

We recently held graduation with 38 more graduates. We also added the following annual awards in addition to the quarterly academic awards: Student Character Award, Leadership Award, Service Award, & Academic Excellence Award.

Thank you to all who pray and support this ministry financially. God continues to do great things in the village of Tatumbla as we follow His lead, and your support is greatly appreciated. Serving for His Glory,
Larry and Marsha

















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