

Helping hands for Honduras



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HOW WONDERFUL
IT IS THAT NOBODY NEED WAIT
A SINGLE MOMENT BEFORE STARTING
TO IMPROVE THE WORLD.

Anne Frank

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Last month **HELPING HANDS FOR HONDURAS** teamed-up once again with the International Children's Heart Foundation and the Gift of Life from Rotary District 7260 in Suffolk County, New York for the Seventh (7th) Heart Mission to Honduras. This was undoubtedly our most successful mission with twenty-three children receiving the open-heart surgery they so desperately needed in order to correct their congenital heart defect.



Patricia Aviles comforts her son, José

Here are some of the children who were part of the 7th Heart Mission.

Six-year-old José Sanchez lives with his mother and father and his older brother Luis in Los Pinos, a very poor barrio on the outskirts of Tegucigalpa. At birth José was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect and only through corrective open-heart surgery would he be able to lead a normal life. José is pictured here with his mother, Patricia, and when I asked him what he wants to do once he recuperates from surgery his answer was "jugar futbol"

Forty days after Javier Eduardo Lopez was born his mother noticed the child was turning blue and with each passing day his breathing was becoming more difficult. The child would actually be exhausted after each feeding. José Eduardo was then diagnosed with a congenital heart defect and would definitely need corrective heart surgery in order to live. Javier Eduardo's parents (Gloria and Lázaro) came to **HELPING HANDS FOR HONDURAS** desperately seeking help for their young son and were immediately admitted into the upcoming heart mission. Javier is now back home with his Mom and Dad and older sister and now will have a promising future.



Javier Eduardo resting as Mom looks on

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Jennifer takes her first steps with Helping Hands for Honduras President, Alba Roll

Fourteen-year-old Jennifer Ardón lives with her mother and father and four brothers and sisters in Choloma, Cortés in the northern part of Honduras. Since her birth She has suffered all these years with her congenital heart defect and only recently had it made her life almost unbearable. During a routine doctor's appointment it was discovered what Jennifer had and what needed to be done in order for her to lead a normal.

Once her mother and father made contact with **HELPING HANDS FOR HONDURAS** Jennifer was admitted into the March 2010 heart mission and within a few days after surgery La Señorita Jennifer was well on her way to recovery.

The First Lady of Honduras, Mrs. Rosa Elena de Lobo visited the Heart Mission and brought a special treat for each child. The First Lady spent time with each and every child and supported each mother and father as they watched over their child. It was obvious the First Lady was moved at the amount of support offered to her country (and in particular to each child who had undergone open-heart surgery) during the Mission.

Without your solidarity and generous sharing with the poor, **HELPING HANDS FOR HONDURAS** could do nothing! We- together with all the families of the children who were part of the 7th pediatric heart mission to Honduras -thank you and pray for God's choicest blessings upon you and your loved ones!



First Lady of Honduras, Mrs. Rosa Elena de Lobo, visits with José Escoto



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