

INROADS

INROADS is a tri-annual publication of Lunches for Learning and seeks to inform contributors and the public about the operation and success of Lunches for Learning in breaking the cycle of poverty in rural Honduras.

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Hope in Hard Times

In 2004 times were hard for 9 year-old Anabel. Times were hard for many children in this poor rural region in the south of Honduras. When you come from a household of hungry people you have to beg and Anabel was begging at the border crossing into El Salvador. There is not a lot of hope in this environment. Most that pass through are in a hurry to get somewhere else. Most have become

hardened to the poverty and suffering. One man who passed through gave her a couple of coins and moved on. But, he was haunted by the memory of her and soon returned to find out who this child really was. He found many more children just like her. With his unbridled optimism and the help of a small Lutheran church in Alabama, Lunches for Learning began to break the cycle of poverty in this forgotten part of Central America. Lunches for Learning helped Anabel find a way back to elementary



Anabel in 2005

school. More importantly Lunches for Learning fed Anabel a nourishing lunch at elementary school. Most importantly Lunches for Learning fed entire schools of children like Anabel a daily lunch. Hope began to grow. Sadly, family problems and tenuous living arrangements sent Anabel back to begging and by 2007 we feared that she was lost to the street.



Anabel in 2008

Still, we never gave up hope. In 2008 we discovered that Anabel was living with her half

sisters in a very remote area. How did we find her there? Lunches for Learning was also sponsoring a school in this out of the way village. Today Anabel is entering the 6th grade. Today Anabel no

longer has the dusty brown hair of the malnourished. Times are still hard in Honduras but there is hope. On behalf of Lunches for Learning, "Thank you for the hope you have shared with us!"

The People Who Make It Work



Kristi Holzimmer

Kristi Holzimmer is one of the founding members of Lunches for Learning. Her work with the Alabama Bankers Association provides an extensive background in administration that she has used to develop many of the operational structures that keep Lunches for Learning working efficiently. Having taken two trips to Honduras to see how things work she has been excited to see the difference this program is making in the lives of the children and the communities. Ms. Holzimmer is married and the proud mother of a smart and handsome five year old son.



Jessica Gonzalez

Jessica Gonzalez began working with L4L as an interpreter 2 1/2 years ago. She quickly became an essential member of the Honduran-Lunches for Learning team and now serves as the Office Manager. She is a native of El Amatillo and a graduate of Virginia Sapp Christian High School in Tegucigalpa. Mrs. Gonzalez is married and has a 7 year-old son and a 4 year old daughter. She is especially grateful to be using her linguistic skills to help her hometown and region.



Ron Hicks

The catalyst behind Lunches for Learning's development, Ron Hicks is the President & Executive Director of the program. He is married and has adult children. His motto has become, "There are no coincidences." One great example of this is his professional background. A long time project manager in the mining industry, Mr. Hicks has discovered a treasure of blessings in his work in Honduras. Says Mr. Hicks, "Like many I used to have a degree of cynicism about people. My work with Lunches for Learning has shown me that people are truly generous and willing to share their time, funds, and prayers."

"Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance."

St. Francis of Assisi

Join the Team!

Do you have experience with public relations, accounting, web design, marketing, or grant writing? We want you to join our volunteer team!. Whether you are a retired person who wants to make a difference, a graduate student looking for a project that will build a caring resume, or just an average Joe with a talent to share, we need your help! As Lunches for Learning continues to grow, so do the opportunities for people like you. People who know that they can make the world a better place, one child at a time. Call, email, or write us today. We look forward to working with you!



Founding Members in 2006!

Christmas in Honduras



Hondurans share many of the same Christmas traditions we do. All over the world, Christmas is a time for food, family, and celebrating Christ’s birth.

Most Hondurans will tell you that Christmas is not Christmas without tamales. Chicken is the most common filling but every family has a recipe that they think the best. If you aren’t able to make your own, many women sell tamales at Christmas time, taking orders from friends and neighbors. They are often shared with neighbors or relatives as a gift in the way that those in the U.S. often exchange cookies or other treats at this

time of year.

Las Posadas is a tradition where relatives will go to spend the night with one family on Christmas Eve. Of course, sometimes the visits can last for days. Often people will spend Christmas Eve at their church—sometimes the whole night. At midnight the people will go outside, hug each other, and thank God for surviving another year.

While many are too poor to exchange gifts, clothing is often a prized present. No matter the social status, the people of Honduras treasure the love and time spent with their families and friends.



“A new outfit of clothing or sometimes just a pair of shoes is a Christmas gift that is prized among the poor in Honduras”

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Lunches for Learning is a nonprofit 503 (c) corporation that exists to help break the cycle of poverty by providing nutrition and nutritional supplements to the children in rural, public elementary schools in the Republic of Honduras. Established in 2004, incorporated in 2005, and a registered non profit in Honduras in 2008, Lunches for Learning provides a daily meal for students by utilizing the cooperative efforts of individual contributors, corporate sponsors, and the government of Honduras.

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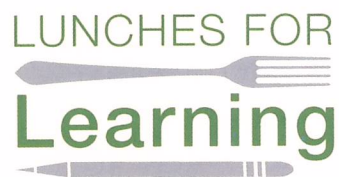
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- ◆ 2009 Total Budget- \$98,000
- ◆ 2009 Meals To Be Served- 187,586
- ◆ Schools Served- 12
- ◆ Students Served- 1100
- ◆ Independent Auditors Report for 2007-
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generally accepted in the United States of
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