

His Hands Support Ministries

Country Highlights

In Honduras the pastors are giving families food to take home for the month instead of feeding people at church.

Guatamalan schools are closed but the school is still able to pay their teachers because of sponsorship funds.

Our Mexico program was able to send additional financial gifts to help families purchase food. Many families are struggling because of inflated prices of basic food items.

Additional funds were also sent to Haiti to feed a large number of children while food is not available to be purchased in many of the smaller communities outside the cities.



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Some Good News

We have some good news for you! I understand this may catch you off guard because the news stations and social media headlines have bombarded you with the heart wrenching, painful news lately. However, His Hands Support Ministries is pleased to announce that your faithful sponsorship giving is still changing lives! Through the immense changes this world has experienced recently, our mission has still been at work. Our model of giving has continued across the globe. First, 100% of your sponsorship giving still goes toward the child/ senior you sponsor. Also, we are still able to securely send those funds to our partners in country. In fact, these funds have become even more critical to children/ seniors living in undeveloped countries.

Finally, we are able to rest in the realization that God is still in control. We hope that you find encouragement in this reminder. In fact, Corrie ten Boom says it well:

"If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look to God you'll be at rest."

We hope you find rest in Him,

Your His Hands Support Ministries team



Travel Updates

Because of the worldwide pandemic, all of our trips for the months of March through June have been put on hold. We follow the guidelines presented through reputable health organizations to determine when these trips can be rescheduled. In the meantime, we are keeping in touch with our partners in country and will be sure to inform sponsors of any urgent developments applicable to the children whom they sponsor.



Security Changes

As the world is quickly changing, His Hands Support Ministries is attempting to respond to these changes in a way that protects our sponsored children (and seniors) and our sponsors. In these efforts, we have implemented a new policy concerning communication. Beginning immediately, *All correspondence between a sponsored child (or senior) and sponsor must go through the His Hands Support Ministries office.* You may email scanned or typed letters to the country coordinator in which your sponsor child lives or you may physically mail these to the home office address. If you have questions about this process, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Letter writing is a wonderful part of your role as a sponsor. We encourage you to write letters to your sponsored child (or senior) and love to hear about the relationships that develop because of these letters!

We have also made the decision to list children (seniors) on our website by first name only and an ID number. This change will take affect throughout 2020. If you sponsor a child who is already identified with an ID number, this number will change in order to be consistent with our other programs. This change will be reflected in all forthcoming biography sheets.

Welcome Coordinators

We invite you to welcome three new program coordinators! Nichole Appleby will be the new Liberia program coordinator. Rachael Santaniello will be the new Myanmar program coordinator and Cherry Martin will be the new Cuba program coordinator. They have each begun training and will begin to take over these programs soon.



Finance Team

We are excited to announce the addition of a 3rd person to our financial team. Eileen McGuire is currently being trained and will eventually maintain records of all sponsorship payments. Welcome Eileen!

A Note from our Finance Department

As our ministry grows, we are finding better ways to streamline and improve. Here are a two things you can do to help with this process.

When sending sponsorship funds or additional gifts please include a note with the following information:

- *sponsored child's name
- *country
- *how to use the funds (sponsorship or additional gift)

You may include this as a separate paper in a physically mailed check or use the note option when giving through PayPal. If PayPal does not give you the option of including a note, you may email this information to info@hishandssupportministries.org

Also, when sending funds through PayPal, please be aware that they charge \$1.00 per transaction. As a nonprofit, we are unable to cover these fees. Please be sure to include this extra amount in your giving through PayPal or contact us to discuss an alternative method of giving at info@hishandssupportministries.org



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