

# Opportunity of a Lifetime

## And Feed the Hungry

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*"Proverbs 19:17"*

### ***FEED THE HUNGRY CHILDREN and FEED THE HUNGRY ELDERLY PEOPLE***

September 16, 1998

Dear Friends:

All day yesterday and last night I felt impressed to write this letter...and, as you read it, I pray that you will feel my burden.

Most of you have heard my story...how in 1982 I was so burdened over hungry and dying children in southern Honduras that I had to do something...I could no longer feed my own children and do the work of a missionary wife while children were suffering and dying all around me. You know the rest of the story....

Down through the years I have found that when we obey the Lord and do our part, we don't have to worry about the rest...It has been a great blessing for Bob and me to see the miracles that have taken place since 1982...and it all began with a burden and saying ***"Lord, I know it's not your will for these children to go hungry. Show me what I can do."***

From Feed the Hungry, we went to Opportunity of a Lifetime to try and help the children get an education so that one day their lives would be different. From Opportunity we went to Christian schools...then to dormitories where young people living in the villages could come and study and live...coming from mud huts, sleeping on dirt floors, to living in a nice place the Lord had prepared and sleeping on real beds, eating from a table...with nice uniforms and shoes to wear...given to them by God's people.

That Sunday morning in 1982 when a little girl, eating a green grapefruit, watched this missionary eat cold tortillas and pickled sardines (first class treatment in the village of Azacualpa)...God knew the end of the story...**He had a mission to be carried out.** *How thankful I am that He saw fit in His love and mercy to choose Bob and me.*

Sixteen years later we're seeing beautiful young people going out into the business world of Honduras...most of these young people are radiant Christians, not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, and not ashamed to say they were Feed the Hungry and Opportunity children. Gustavo, our High School Music Professor; Solomon, Director of Good Samaritan Radio; Yadira, doing all the computer work in the High School office; Many of our Grammar School Teachers; Office Workers, and others in other workplaces of Honduras. God has completely changed their lives.

About two years ago, God began to burden my heart ONCE AGAIN over the ELDERLY. **What a forgotten people...dying everyday...not knowing our Savior and His love for them.** Once again, we started out...no money, just a burden...and God has done the rest... You know the story...*Precious, precious old people...the most loving people I have ever met...* coming to a kitchen where there is a good hot meal prepared for them everyday...they've learned to sing and pray and praise the Lord...Over 50 now have been saved...14 have gone to be with the Lord (5 this year)...These old people will never be able to leave the

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kitchen and get jobs as the children have...they will be there until they die or become too sick...but the ministry is just as great...and this ministry touches hearts even more than the children...

### **ELDERLY CENTER**

My desire from the beginning has been for the old people to have a nice, comfortable place where they can come and hear God's Word everyday; a place where no one has to stand against the wall or in the doorway waiting for someone else to finish their meal. I shared this burden with you in **May** and so many of you have responded... **TO DATE, WE HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$23,734.49. The budget for this Elderly Center is \$52,000.00 – WE STILL NEED \$28,265.51**... This center will have a large sitting area, dining area; kitchen, a couple of small rooms with beds in case someone gets sick or just needs to rest a little; and a large porch **WITH ROCKING CHAIRS. To date, September 16, 1998, we have received \$23,734.49...WE STILL NEED \$28,265.51.**

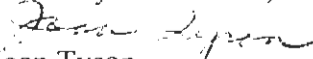
I know that somewhere out there, there are people reading this letter whose hearts will be touched. I can't imagine anyone who has been to Honduras on a trip who could not want to have a part, especially after having seen this ministry and what it is doing in the lives of these old people.

I hope I have not bored you with such a long letter, *but there's just so much to say about what God has done and is doing in the Feed the Hungry and Elderly programs.* This is truly a ministry that is bringing God **HONOR and GLORY** and **SOULS ARE BEING SAVED.** We'll really never know until we get to Heaven just how many lives have been changed.

That little girl who was eating the green grapefruit on Sunday morning died the next week... God used her little short life and her death to touch my heart and yours that feeding centers might be opened up all over southern Honduras and Nicaragua... giving food to thousands of children... whereby everyday they can learn about the ONE who gave HIS life on Calvary so that we may have ETERNAL LIFE... a home in Heaven where one day there will be no more **hunger pains; no suffering; no more dying**...

The Bible says that God will REPAY us for having mercy on the poor. *Won't you show mercy to these old people*... Do this in memory of someone who was very dear to you or in honor of someone who has been a blessing in your life. Send us a picture if you have one so that we may put it on the wall of the new center.

Sincerely in CHRIST,

  
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