Nutrition Program

Wendy turned 4 last August. She graduated out of the nutrition program because she is growing so well. She was in the nutrition program for 3 years.

Christmas Project Completed

For Christmas this year we passed out bags of flour to each family in the village. This was a huge blessing to the village people. They had plenty to cook with and eat for

Safe Steps New Project

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Our prayers continue to go with her as she grows. Christmas. They send their Thanks for the Christmas blessings.

Thank you to all who support us, you made this a wonderful Christmas down here.

January 30, 2013

Dear Family and Friends,

We are now entering a New Year. Our lives change a little each year, and we learn new lessons. This year we started out a bit uncertain of our future as our permission to fly the airplane expired on December 31, 2012. After a trip to Puerto Cabezas and then onto Managua, we were delighted to again receive permission to fly. We know that God is in control of everything and He works out everything in His timing and for His will. Upon returning to Tronquera January 14, we have been busy flying again.

I am flying an average of 3 times a week with medical transports. About ½ to ¾ of them are related to babies, either the baby itself or the complications of birth. I also fly dentists and doctors to some of the villages for a day of work. Recently I flew an American team to San Carlos and they did a vision clinic. It was the first time the village of 5,000 people had ever had a vision clinic in their town. The normal trip would have taken 2 days each way from Puerto Cabezas. With one day working, this would have been a 5 day trip for one day of work. With a 7:30 AM departure in the airplane we were on the ground in the village working by 9:00. They worked all day and saw 120 patients, and were back in Puerto Cabezas by 5 PM. The people of the village were thrilled and I am thankful for the opportunity to help the vision team.

The end of this year brought an influx of donations from an organization of pilots in America called Beechtalk. Even though I fly a Cessna, several of their members follow
our work. In one week a bunch of their pilots gave us a big boost. That helped a lot with the extra expenses of the airplane renewal and the projects coming this New Year! Some of those projects are listed below, such as the village solar project. We feel especially blessed to have their support. We never asked for it, they gave of their own accord.

Since the end of November the runway in Lapan has closed. The people there need our help, so please keep in your prayers that this will open soon. The permissions for all the runway approvals and airplane permission comes from the Pacific side of the country.

About a year ago a dam broke draining a large pond between our house and the village. About ½ the village has plantations and travel across this area, often carrying heavy loads of food back to their families. We have decided to build a set of cement steps to enable them to easier cross this area. This week we started the ground work, it will take a couple weeks of digging just to get the slope for the steps. Project name is Safe Steps.

Another project we are doing now is solar lights for the village. There has never been electricity in our village of Tronquera, and the people have never had electric lights. They use their kitchen fires for light, and some use a can of diesel with a rag as a wick. Electric lights would be a large lifestyle improvement. The school children could study more in the evenings, and the adults that can read would be able to do it in the evening. As is our normal policy, we do not feel it helps people to give them things, but ask they help themselves. We are able to outfit a house with one light bulb on a 12 volt system and a small battery with a solar panel to charge it for $250. We will ask the local people pay $42, about 10 days wages. If they do not have the money, we will provide work for them to do (usually cutting grass, often on the runway) to pay for a system. People value items much more if they have personal investment in them. We currently have 4 systems that I purchased in Managua and plan to install them later in February.

Every 6 months we need to leave to Costa Rica to renew our visa’s. We plan to go there
next week. We will meet my wife’s grandparents, Stanton and Dolly Parker down there this time. We are looking forward to meeting them and also taking a break.

Our generator went out a couple weeks ago. We do use it for power tools, welding, construction, and an emergency backup. While we don’t use it every day as we have solar and hydroelectric to run our radios for emergency communication, it is still very necessary for our mission work. It costs about $1500.

Our latest church project is the Santa Rita church the village next door to us is working on right now. The building was constructed by Maranatha Inc., a group that builds churches worldwide for Seventh-day Adventist members. They put up this church frame in July this year, but they only do the roof and supporting structure. The villagers need to put in the floor, walls, windows and doors. The Santa Rita members are building theirs out of cement. They already have over 300 cement blocks made and we have received donations of $600 towards this project. It will cost just over $4,000 total. The church members are providing ALL the labor voluntarily, including hauling all the gravel from the creek and making the cement blocks.

Thank you again for your prayers and support! As one small family here, we are privileged to let the Lord work through us to bless the Miskito people.

Clint and Marilyn Hanley
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