



# News from Norma

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Dear friends of the Norma I. Love Foundation, Happy Thanksgiving and holidays from the rainforest of Honduras! This is our 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary working with the indigenous people to propel forward the application of their natural resources and the education of the youth; every year of which stands as a witness to the beauty of the human spirit. We pray that all of us can have a wonderful, abundant Thanksgiving and remember how blessed we are with the basic things in life. May the Christmas spirit be ignited in our hearts to share with those less fortunate than us. Their thankfulness is a gift that I treasure for myself, and that I eagerly share with you, my fellow benefactors.



2011 was a year in which we labored extensively to maintain the basic objectives of the foundation and keep it moving forward, slowly but surely. It was not easy and we are thankful for the donations, visitors and help that we did receive. Currently we are in great need of much more support in the form of financial donations. The reason for this is because of the rising prices based on a western economy that are forced upon us in this remote region by those who control the economic resources in our area.





The children are the ones who suffer when the ever changing local economy compromises their opportunities for an education, suitable health care and a stable natural environment.

Despite our hardships this year we have been able to distribute school supplies, computers to the high school in Puerto Lempira and the hospital, and soccer balls to villages that had nothing, such as Wahabisba. One of the favorite donations this year was the recorders and harmonicas donated by Peter Nicholson, Duncan Phillips and friends from Gigi Love's Facebook community. The children have had the opportunity to learn to play these melodic instruments, thus enhancing their musical abilities.



In February we had a brigade of doctors, nurses and volunteers from Friends of Honduran Children, from Canada. They helped more than 2,000 people from Mocoron and surrounding villages. Medicine, health kits, clothes and many other supplies were distributed to hundreds of people. It was a huge blessing to the whole indigenous community.



We really miss Jason Fry, a student from Utah who stayed with us in the village of Mocoron for 6 months helping in the medical clinic and uplifting the people. We welcome more medical students to come volunteer and spend time with the indigenous people, assessing their needs and healing their wounds. Now more than ever the indigenous people are becoming aware of keeping their land safe from fires and unlawful possession. Other people from outside of La Mosquitia are coming into the area and are trying to take possession of the indigenous land, unlawfully and without the permission of the land-holders. These lands have been in indigenous families for generations and they are currently seeking legal help to confirm their ownership and rights to their land.

## **We'd like to thank:**

The LDS Church from Arlington, Texas that donated hundreds of jars of peanut butter for the children who are malnourished.

South West Kiwanis from Arlington, Texas donated first aid medication.

The Rotaries of Arlington, Texas donated financial aid for the children to have a great Christmas party 2011.

Debora Singleton from Hurst, Texas has been a faithful donor since the foundation began, has continued to help us in any way possible.

Dr. Wallace from Arlington, Texas donated dental hygiene products.

We are very grateful to Peter Nicholson from Oahu, Hawaii for the multiple donations he has given us this year to support the foundations expenses and to help the indigenous people.

From Honduras we thank PNUD for their continued vision and research on hydroelectric power in La Moskitia.

CEPUDO's director Linda Coello for donating a sewing machine for the Womens Organization and other supplies for the people.

We thank Academia Americana from San Pedro Sula, CA for donating toys, clothes, and school supplies for the last 5 years for the children of Mocoron and surrounding villages.

H.P. Corps of Engineers for finishing the beautiful kinder of Cocota

US Aid for continued help with the potable water

If there is anyone we haven't mentioned we appreciate your help, prayers and support in any way that you have contributed.



### **My heart's desire for the children this Christmas**

Let's not forget about the most joyful day of the year for the children and parents of the six villages- Christmas Day! The tradition of the Foundation has been to celebrate Christmas day with piñatas, bread, cookies, candies, refreshments, and balloons. In Hebrew 13:16 it reminds us, "Don't forget to do good and to share with those in need." My dear friends, these are the sacrifices that please God, for in giving, we ourselves receive. We need financial donations to purchase all the ingredients and supplies to make more than 1,000 families happy on this special day. Please send your donations for Christmas on the PAYPAL link on our website, or mail a check or money order to our foundation address in Texas.

## **GOALS OF 2013**

1. A Vocational College: As we assess their current employment opportunities, we are concerned both by their rural struggles and by the easy money offered in the black market of large cities, and we expect specialized training to broaden their career options, alleviating the moral dilemma at which they currently struggle with. An additional school building is needed to provide the space for the educational extension. This would also provide a potential ground base for aid and shelter in the event of a community emergency.
2. Hydroelectric project
3. Potable water, latrines, and solar panels
4. Galvanized Silos for food storage
5. Legalization of the indigenous land (rights given to them in 1989 by the O.I.T. Organization); the government is holding this treaty.
6. Establish a seed bank of basic grains to assure these indigenous families have seed to plant in this unpredictable climate.

## Needs of the Foundation

1. **We need a new main house.** The compound is 30 years old. It needs a complete overhaul and we are in dire need of a new main house with a concrete foundation. \*After Christmas, this is our number #1 priority. This is our main meeting area, hosting area, and kitchen area where Norma works and lives while in Mocoson. Please help us rebuild it.
2. A new fence with cyclone wire
3. New septic tanks for the Norma I Love compound.
4. A freezer that can be ran by solar energy through the use of solar panels and batteries or by butane gas at the main compound.

May this letter find you in good health and feeling loved this holiday season. My wish for you is that life will bring you much joy and peace. I hope that you may see that all we have accomplished is because of **YOU**, my dear friends! Please think of the children of La Mosquitia and know that you have made an impact on their lives every day because of your donations. May the Lord bless you and keep you safe.

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