



# Give Hope 2 Kids

Celebrating Our 15th Year of Ministry

*Following Where God Leads*

*A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,  
is God in his holy dwelling.  
God sets the lonely in families.  
Psalm 68:5-6a*



# We're Celebrating What God Has Done!

As we reflect on a decade and a half of ministry, we are amazed at what God has accomplished. We've grown from two newlyweds headed into the unknown, to a community of 60+ people working together to be family. We've grown from a couple suitcases of supplies, to two ministry campuses encompassing over 175 acres of land. Instead of a kid count of zero, we've now cared for over 60 kids through the years. And we're just getting started.

We're filled with incredible excitement for the future. While our original Urraco Campus is in full swing, we're just getting started in Roma. Soon this campus will be full of families too. Kids who were once abused or abandoned will now have a mom and dad, a place of safety and hope. By God's grace we are putting the fatherless into families.

As our community population grows, so does our need to provide well for our team. Through the years, we've honed in on the best projects for sustainability. We are working to expand our cattle project, as this is by far our best economic producer – we'll share more about our herd later.

Through our 15 years of ministry, we feel that we've developed a wonderful but fairly unique model for caring for vulnerable kids. We want to share this model with you as you flip through these pages. We hope that you will continue partnering with us in the future, so you can watch how this model changes young lives for the better.

You are part of how God is healing these kids. Thank you for investing in our vision, where kids can be cared for in families who love them and teach them to love Christ. We are protecting kids and giving them a chance for a very different life with a brighter future. We want to say a huge THANK YOU for believing in our ministry and helping us to keep kids in families.

Many Thanks,

*Jason & Sarah Furrow*

Directors of Give Hope 2 Kids



# Orphan Care is Changing

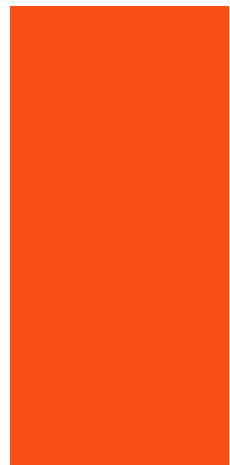
Worldwide orphan care is changing. Historically, kids were crowded into large institutions and deprived of attention. The consensus was that they would bounce back because kids were viewed as resilient. While children can be resilient, many times they are also deeply affected by the trauma, abuse, and neglect they've experienced.

As scientists learn more about how the brain works, they've discovered that the brains of those institutionalized children were actually physically changed. The regions of the brain that control the fight or flight instincts – for self-preservation – grew larger. However, the parts of the brain used for higher level thinking, impulse control, and emotional connections actually shrank in size. These abilities – for reasoning and creating relationships – or the lack there of, will dramatically affect the trajectory of a person's life.

What's the bottom line? **Kids need to be raised in a family.** They need love, physical affection, and a primary caregiver, not someone who's going to clock out at the end of their shift.

Worldwide orphan care is changing. Countries are shifting their policies. Institutional orphanages are closing. There's a major push to get kids back into families, whether they're returning to biological families or being adopted within their own countries.

But what about the kids who can't return to their biological families due to abuse or neglect? What happens when foreign adoptions are closed and in-country adoptions are so difficult they're rarely pursued? Who will care for these kids?



# What's Unique About Give Hope 2 Kids?

At Give 2 Hope Kids, working in Honduras, we've created a model to care for abused and abandoned kids in families. Our place feels like a small neighborhood. We're like an extended family, all living side-by-side, working together to care for a whole lot of kids!

A mom and dad, or a grandma, run the homes with typically 7-10 kids to a family. Each home is a mix of the house-parents' kids and those brought into the ministry. Some of the ministry kids feel just like their own and others are still in the bonding process with them. The beautiful thing about GH2K, is that when a visitor walks through the door they can't tell who the biological kids are and who the children are who have come from broken homes. Everyone is "adopted in" and cared for well, whether or not they are biologically related.

We value kids growing up in their own culture, so all our house-parents are Hondurans. The moms run the homes: directing the chores, cooking the meals, and some even teach school for the kids as well. The dads manage the outdoor work, caring for our property, the orchards, and livestock, and working on our construction projects – among other things. This system honors the culture where we serve.

We love to take in large sibling groups, who otherwise wouldn't be kept together. (Our record so far is a group of 7 sisters!) Eventually the other kids within the homes all feel like siblings too. That's what happens when you live together, work together, and play together as a family unit.

This model of caring for kids is really working. Kids are healing from the trauma of their pasts. We're watching them blossom under the loving-care of both earthly parents and their Heavenly Father, blossoming into wonderful young people who have so much more hope for the future.



# We Invest in People

We have a great history with our staff. We value them and we invest in them.

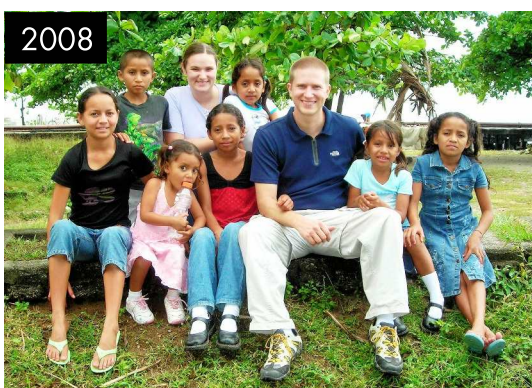
Our Urraco Property Manager, David, was a former student in our first years in Honduras. David was, literally and figuratively, head and shoulders above his classmates. He came to work with us on our 2nd week of construction, back in 2008 and he's worked with us ever since. As a kid, David tragically lost his mom and three of his siblings. He understands what our kids have gone through. He's risen above horrible circumstances, overcoming the bitterness and pain of his past with forgiveness.

In our early years we also started providing for Ruby and her five younger sisters. At 13 years of age, Ruby became the parent for her sisters, fighting to protect and feed everyone, while still succeeding in school herself. We stepped in to support Ruby and her sisters as much as we could, helping them make it through the next several years. They are family to us.

Today 4 out of those 6 sisters are part of our everyday lives. Ruby and her sister, Arely, work with their husbands as house-parents with Give Hope 2 Kids. And you better believe that they have a heart for the kids they care for! Grisel and Abi, the youngest sisters, have grown up in the GH2K homes. It's awe-inspiring to watch this family of girls succeed, knowing that God put us in their path, to be a life-changing help to them.

Wil & Sinndya were our first house-parents, and have been working with us since 2011. They are an inspiring couple who have come through a lot of trials, to be incredible champions for the kids they care for today. Sinndya's mom, Grandma Gladys came to work with us in 2016. Even though she's financially set for retirement, she chooses to spend her "retirement" caring for a house full of kids.

We invest in our staff, for they are the true heroes of this ministry. We offer them our trust and our respect and give them opportunities to learn new skills. As the years go by, we're witnessing their growth and success. It is our goal to bless them as they bless these kids.





## We Create a Culture of Family

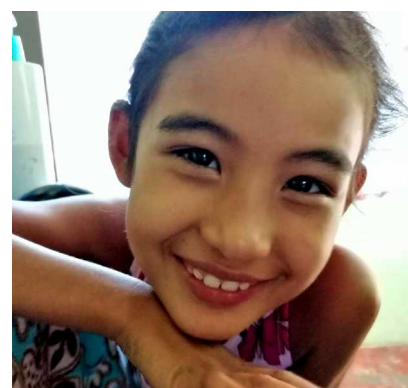
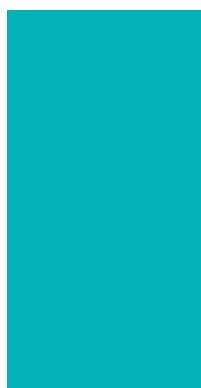
Ours is a community built on laughter and sweat – we do live in the tropics – camaraderie and hard work. We’ve walked through the ups and downs of life with our staff and with these kids and it has produced strong bonds between us all.

Our guys are famous for their jokes and the awesome nicknames they give each other. Though they’re from a macho culture, they’re not afraid to cuddle babies, hug on kids, tell them they love them, and openly worship God. We are proud of our Dads!

Our ladies are known for their tireless care of kids, their industriousness, and seriously delicious cooking. They are happy to go into “mama-bear mode” to protect any of their kids. These moms love kids they didn't give birth to and take them into their hearts, even knowing that some of them may be returned to their biological families. We are proud of our Moms!

Caring for kids is more than a job for our staff; it’s a *ministry*.

It’s amazing to look back on our God-given dreams and realize how much he has brought to fruition. All you have to do is turn the page to witness how many lives God is touching through GH2K.



# We Build Families

Meet our families. This is where the best work of this ministry happens. Here is where kids are learning to love and be loved. The fatherless are now in families, with parents and brothers and sisters. These families are restoring for them all the best things about childhood: love and family, play and chores, school and friends. And we're providing the things that kids shouldn't have to think about: safety, security, clean water, and good, nutritious food.

One reason this model of care is so successful, is that we offer our parents autonomy. Yes, they are a part of our community which provides oversight, but these are *their* kids, raised within the culture of their individual families.

This method of independent family care also ensures that our kids are growing up fully immersed in their own Honduran culture. This helps them to not flounder when they reach adulthood and enter society.

We are watching God at work in these families, restoring young lives, taking what is broken and turning it into something beautiful.

## Sinndya & Wil's Family







Ruby & Henry's Family



*This is the heart of  
Give Hope 2 Kids*

Arely & Elias' Family

Glady's Family

*Our Families*



Ruby has been a part of our life since 2006. First she was a student, and then a kid we were helping, and then she grew to be family.

From a fiery girl, fighting to keep her sisters safe, to a loving and generous house-mama caring for 4 related kids and 9 heart kids, we are so proud of this lady. She's a great example of what determination, God's love. and a bit of outside help can accomplish.



Ruby



## We Love Our Kids Like Family

Katherin

Katherin was another young teen trying to care for her younger sisters on her own – 6 younger sisters! They came to live with us in 2016, in Grandma Gladys' home, where Katherin could be the big sister again, instead of the mom.

Recently we celebrated a big 15th birthday party for her, as is traditional here. Katherin is a star 9th grader, determined to become a doctor someday. While her younger sisters were recently returned to their parents' custody, Katherin received permission to stay with us so she can pursue her studies.





Lillian came to be a part of Wil & Sinndya's family in 2011. She was a precocious and adorable 3-year-old.

Now Lillian has blossomed into a sweet and lovely 12-year-old. She's an 8th grader at Instituto El Rey.

*Lillian*



*Jeffrey*

Jeffrey and three of his siblings moved to GH2K in 2014, when he was 5.

Jeffrey is now 12. He's in 7th grade. He loves to practice his English with visitors.

Grisel is one of Ruby's youngest sisters. She and her sisters became a part of our lives when she was a shy 7-year-old.

Grisel is now 19. She's in her second year of university, studying to become an agricultural engineer. Although she lives in in our Transition Home at the Roma Campus, she travels back to the Urraco Campus most weekends to spend time with her large family there in Ruby & Henry's home.

*Grisel*



Little Daniel was born into the custody of GH2K in 2018, as part of a family group that we're caring for. He's now a thriving 2-year-old.

*Daniel*

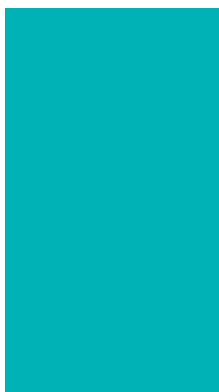




## We Believe Education Changes Lives

We highly value education. We've seen firsthand how education can move a family from hand-to-mouth poverty in one generation, to being successful leaders in the next.

Our heart has always been to help improve the education for all the kids in our area. Through the years we've offered various English and computer classes to our local schools. We also enjoy doing "School Makeovers" with the help of visiting work teams. In just a few days we can turn a run-down school into a place that students can feel proud of again. We hope to expand this work in the future, as a way to continue serving our community.





We currently educate our K-6th graders on-site at our Urraco Campus, so we can set a higher standard for their learning. Most children come to us behind in their education and this helps us catch them up and puts them on a better trajectory for the future. Once they enter middle school most of our kids attend Instituto El Rey, which is hands down the best high-school education in our area, both academically and spiritually. Graduating from this high-school, they have an advantage for getting into university later.

We are working to expose our kids to as much learning and as many new things as we can. Through the help of our staff, and various volunteers, our kids are gaining experience with many different skills and trades. They regularly milk cows, help in our orchards, and help with pigs and chickens. On Saturdays they have music lessons and compete at chess. They've assisted with oil changes on our trucks. Our older girls have taken classes in sewing, baking, jewelry-making, and cosmetology. Soon we'll be teaching our boys air-conditioning and later welding. We hope to impart in our kids a love of learning and a willingness to try new things. We want them to try many different things so they discover their giftings and passion.



# We're Multiplying Our Model

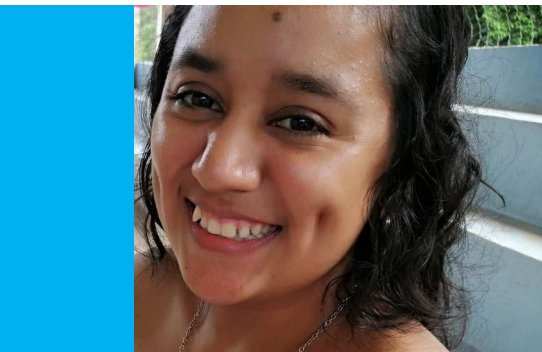
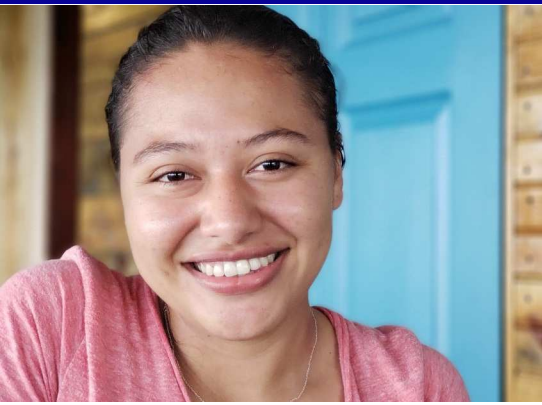
While we knew we'd eventually need to open a Transition Home for our young adults, in 2016 God started nudging us to do that and more. Through various situations and people, we felt God confirm that it was time to multiply. We created a successful model of care for kids and now it was time to expand and spread that model.

So here we are, a few years into that dream of expansion. We've purchased 50 beautiful acres of land overlooking the Caribbean, in Roma, just a half hour from the city of La Ceiba. On our land we have milk cows grazing and we've planted hundreds of fruit trees. Soon we'll be planting cedar trees as a long-term ministry investment.

Developing the infrastructure here on this campus was initially slow-going, but we've gained a lot of momentum now and we are seeing great results. We have connected with the couple we believe will be the first house-parents here and we can see God using their family to bless many children in the future. At the start of 2020, we've nearly finished our 1st Family-Home for kids and we will be breaking ground on the 2nd home soon. We're also anxious to start construction on an Activity Center, where we can launch a new church family as a community outreach, to disciple other new believers.

Eventually we will grow into another full size campus in Roma, with 4-5 Family-Homes for kids, 2 Transition Homes, the Activity Center, classrooms and other spaces for teaching trades, housing visitors, and more. Our Roma Campus will be transformed from a dream, to a vibrant community of families rescuing hurting kids.





## We Help Our Young Adults Succeed

We've already accomplished our first objective for this Roma Campus – to open a Transition Home for our young adults.

In the Honduran culture, the extended family is the root structure that supports young people as they branch out into the adult world. So much of our ministry's success depends on how we launch our kids into the world. We want them equipped and trained to deal well with life. So we're committed to walking with them into adulthood and not artificially forcing them from our care when they turn 18, depriving them of that family support system that they so desperately need. Our model is to continue housing and educating our young people, so that they are prepared for their independence.

We've recently opened this first Transition Home for our young adults. We started out with 5 young people in the home, under the care of Earl & Sharon Washburn, our long-time mentors. These young people are receiving supervision, godly counsel, and family relationships as they study and work towards a brighter future.

# We Offer Hope & Healing to Our Community

In 2009 God led us to start an outreach ministry to young people from our village, as so many of them didn't feel welcome in a traditional church. We had built relationships with the kids in our community, through a library program and English classes, and we felt that God had a greater purpose for our influence with these young people. Since then our Hope & Healing Ministry has consistently reached anywhere from 80-125 people every week.







We now have a full-time pastor, Walter Rivera, leading the Hope & Healing Ministry. He has been an incredible blessing to our work. In addition to pastoring, he also serves as a teacher for the Urraco Campus. Through his ministry we are reaching more families in our nearby villages and we're seeing God restoring lives and marriages.

This ministry has been such a great blessing to our families within Give Hope 2 Kids too. It's our church. God is the best answer for healing these hurt kids. We pray that He will stop the destructive, cyclical patterns that exposed them to abuse or abandonment in the first place, so our kids can raise the next generation whole.

In 2020 our goal is to plant another Hope & Healing Ministry at the Roma Campus, so we can begin ministering to our new community.

# We Prioritize Good Stewardship & Sustainability

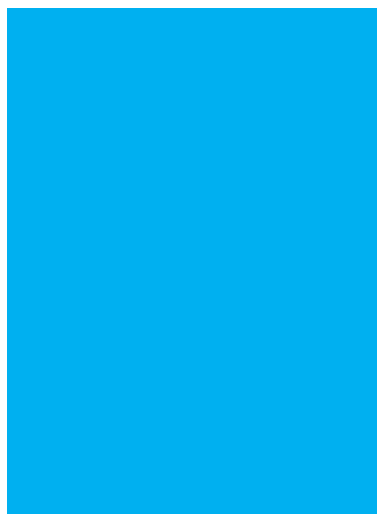
Since we planted our first mahogany seedlings back in 2007 – which have grown to fill a mountainside – we’ve experimented with a little bit of everything on our farm. We’ve worked hard looking for projects to help fund our ministry and make us more self-sustaining. Through the years we’ve narrowed our projects, growing in efficiency and focusing on what works best.

With the boom in our ministry population, we’re even more motivated to grow in sustainability so we can feed and provide for our growing number of children and staff. This has also helped us to sharpen our strategy. Between our model of care and our self-sustainability projects, we currently save tens of thousands of dollars every year.

So what is our strategy? We start by planting our mountainous terrain – which we have plenty of – in hardwoods and fruit orchards. Then, each of our families raise their own flock of chickens to help provide them with eggs and protein. Some of the families enjoy raising a pig or two at a time as well.

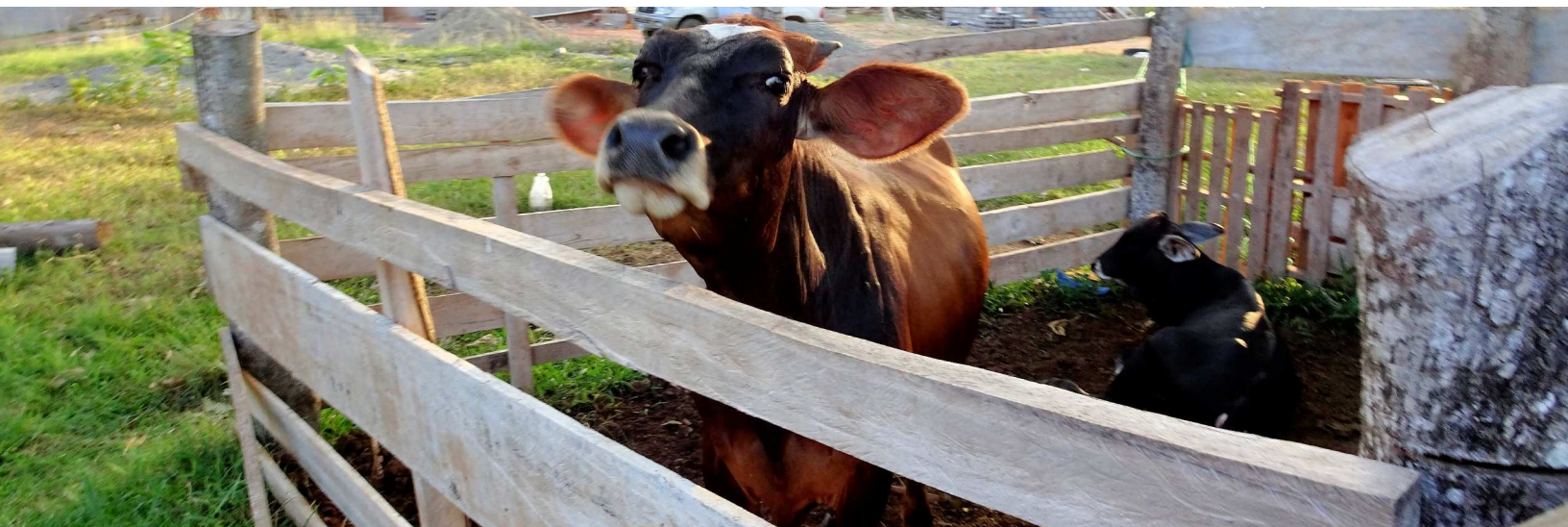
Our best projects by far though are coffee and cattle. We love our Sweet Esperanza Coffee, as do many of our supporters. But even more than coffee, raising cattle is our most successful means of generating income. Our Give Hope 2 Kids herd is now at 52 head of cattle, including the milk cows that provide most of our dairy products.

We are at the point where our land will not sustain any more cattle production. We feel strongly that our greatest potential for self-sustainability is to ramp up our cattle project, so we’re looking to invest in something we’re calling the “Cattle on a 1,000 Hills Project.”



# We're Planning for Our Families' Future

Not only are we hoping to grow in self-sustainability via this project, but we are also planning on using it as a way to invest in the families that have been with us for so many years, those who have made such a difference in the lives of the children we raise. Our "Cattle on a 1,000 Hills Project" will allow every family who works with us to raise their own cattle alongside the ministry herd so that they can start to generate increased income for their families. We want to see these families prosper and thrive as they serve others and follow God's call on their lives.





So, how will you join with us?

## Pray.

We believe in prayer. God moves when we ask Him to. Please pray for God's blessing over us. Pray that our kids come to know God, that they grow in healing and being loved, and that any destructive patterns are broken in their lives. Would you commit to praying for us daily?



## Give.

Please partner with us financially and help us further our ministry. Help us keep kids in families by sponsoring a child. You can give online at [gh2k.org/give](http://gh2k.org/give), or send a check to our US office address (see back cover). We can't say thank you enough to those who donate and make our work possible!

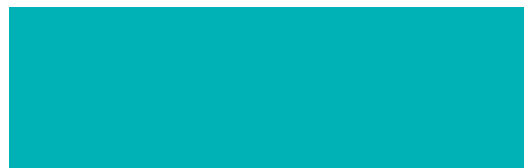


## Share.

Help tell our story. Give Hope 2 Kids thrives when people share our story with others. Let your friends know why you think GH2K is a worthwhile investment. Spread the word on social media.

## Serve.

Do a fundraiser for a GH2K project. Collect donations of clothes or other supplies to help care for our kids. Come and serve with a team, helping with a construction or "School Makeover" project. Or come to volunteer and give a season of your life to helping these kids. Great people coming to serve makes such a difference in our progress as a ministry!



# We're Excited for the Future

As wonderful as the past decade and a half of ministry has been, we feel sure that our best days are still ahead of us!

We are full of great ideas for the future. We are exploring many new possibilities: starting a missions camp for families, doing several "School Makeovers" each year with our groups, opening a home for young teen-moms, pioneering a training program for young leaders, and perhaps even helping institutional children's homes learn how to transition to a family-style community.

Whatever new initiatives we feel God leading us to, we will always be centered on the values presented in this book – serving God, raising kids in families, investing in our people, and preparing for the future.

Thank you for believing in our vision and for partnering with us in our work. We are consistently reminded that we rely on God to equip us for His work. And we rely on His people to partner with us to make it happen. We appreciate you and pray that God richly blesses you!



Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:27





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