

The Micah Project - February 2013 Monthly Photo Update

First Day of School - 2013

February is the start of the Honduran school year (which runs from February through November). Seeing these young men with their new school uniforms, sharpened pencils and empty notebooks just ready to be filled may seem mundane at first glance, but when you recall that many of them came to Micah from the streets without even one day of formal education, it is truly a miracle to see them ready for a new school year! That is just one of many blessings that February held for the Micah family! A team of servants from the Honduran Dental project, so many people in St. Louis that showed a tremendous heart for Micah, and SO MUCH love shown to the children still on the streets: God's blessing truly filled us to overflowing! Take a look at the pictures below to share in that blessing yourself!



Axel gets ready for a year full of learning and growth!



Here Paty gets ready to start the First day of school with our sixth graders: Manuel, Yonni, Axel, Jose Luis and Raul!

Since most of our boys missed many years of school before coming to Micah, we home-school them through the tenth grade at the Micah House. Wendy, Paty, Nohemi and Ana are talented teachers that provide an individualized education for the boys, and our entire missionary staff pitches in to give them the best education possible.



Our Micah Tech program is another aspect of the Micah Project that is growing in 2013! We have partnered with another organization in Tegucigalpa that has a crisis center for street kids, and they have enrolled 12 of their boys in our Technical education program. It is awesome to hear the saws grinding and the welders buzzing and realize that all of our students are learning practical skills that will help them in the future! Below, our Micah Tech coordinator Franklin teaches some basic lessons on measurement to the students. And here also, is our new group of Tech students for the 2013 school year!

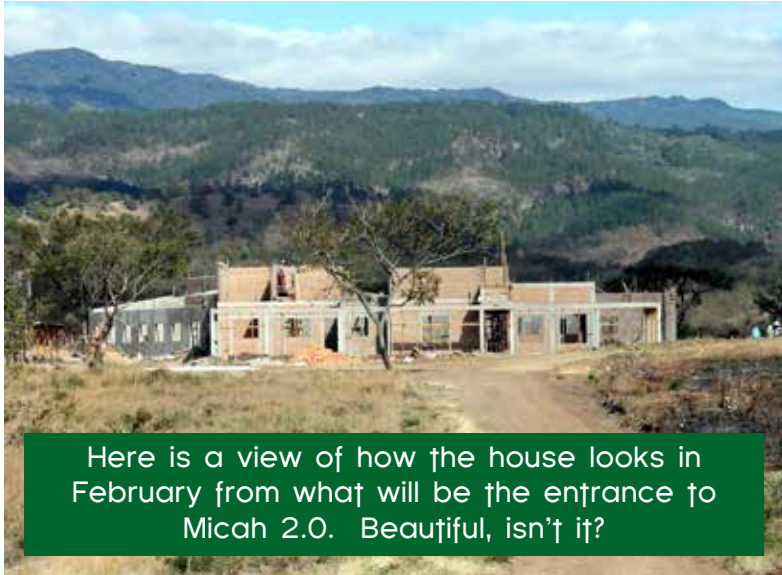
Once the Micah guys reach the tenth grade, they transition out of our home-schooling program and into a formal school. Yeison, Yoel, Moises and Pedro Luis are all attending a Christian high school not far from the Micah House. Yeison is a senior this year and the rest are juniors.



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Micah 2.0 Progress

Another thing that grew in February was the new Micah House at Micah 2.0! Our workers continued to raise the walls up to the level of the roof, and they began installing the beautiful wood beams that will form the ceiling.



Here is a view of how the house looks in February from what will be the entrance to Micah 2.0. Beautiful, isn't it?

To the right, father and son team, Javier and Emerson Castro (who live in the Villa Linda Miller community) work on varnishing the wood beams in front of the new house! Check out our February Update video here: <http://www.micah2point0.org/#/micah-updates>.



This is the first ceiling to be put in place in the house. We are using wood beadboard to reflect the beautiful Spanish colonial style of Honduras' origins.



A Heart for Micah Event - St. Louis



The love that we feel from the extended Micah family was yet ANOTHER thing that grew in February! This was especially evident at the "Heart for Micah" event on February 9th. We felt SO encouraged and loved by all of those that came to the event to support Micah and to hear the continuing story of how God is transforming these once-lost lives. Thanks to the team of volunteers that put in long-hours to plan every meticulous detail of this awesome event!



Julie Kraus, Cari Lowe, Becky Shifflett and Donna Beis (Becky and Donna not pictured) made all of the delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts from scratch...and they were AMAZING!

Project director Michael Miller chats with two LONG-TIME Micah champions: Neal Nielsen and Randy Mayfield! Both men have been instrumental in sustaining Micah throughout the years, by leading so many others to become a part of the Micah family through their prayers and support!



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2013 Honduras Dental Project

The Honduras Dental Project has come to Honduras to work with the Micah Project every February for the last 14 years. They set up a fully-equipped dental clinic in the building they built in the Villa Linda Miller community and were able to see hundreds of patients in the week they were here.



Kim Martin, a dental hygienist from Houston, has come to Honduras every year with the team and has been instrumental in forming the Honduras Dental Project. Here, she smiles with Jerry O'Brien as she gets ready to work on Jefferson's teeth!



Above, the hygienists hard at work in their section of the Villa Linda Miller clinic!



Dr. Tom O'Brien has come with the team since the beginning. Here, he gets ready to work on the teeth of a young girl from the Villa Linda Miller community.



Becca Bell came back to Honduras to help us coordinate logistics for the dental team...and for the start of the new school year! Here, she smiles with her Micah boys at a special dinner on the last evening of the dental brigade.

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Focus on Street Kids

Our street ministry continues to be an integral part of everything we do at the Micah Project. Our street ministry coordinator Stephen Kusmer is so intentional about meeting the kids where they are at—about seeing through the grime and glue fumes to the broken child of God that is beneath. As we get to know them better and better, we are beginning to pray for them to make the decision to leave the streets and become Micah boys. Junior, Oscar, Ismael, Eduar, Noé, Axel...all boys that desperately need to understand the hope that they can find in the Micah Project.



Stephen smiles with a group of street boys before our street kid soccer ministry gets underway.



The boys wait by the wall of the soccer field to be picked for their teams during street kid soccer. These boys need to feel loved and accepted before they will trust us enough to leave their glue bottles behind and enter the Micah family.



Volunteer Brittany Roode hangs out with Junior, Noe and Eduar during our street kid soccer ministry.

Another Micah Success Story

Micah's first grad, Darwin Pavon, has been working as an agricultural engineer for one of Honduras' largest fruit exporters. Although he is mostly based out of Hong Kong, he has traveled far and wide in his efforts to get the world to fall in love with Honduran melons. Here, he stands in front of the tallest building in the world...in Dubai!

