

# The Good Shepherd Children's Home

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Three Amigos



Drum Line



Good Shepherd Children's Home School...K-9th grade



Students enjoying PE class

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Hola

Things happen when God's people pray!!! Prayer, fueled by Faith sparks action as we have seen over and over again throughout time. As you read this e-news, Pray in Faith and Give God Glory for all He is doing at the GSCH. Thank you for your friendship and partnering with us to help the children God sends to us.....*For His Glory, Greg & Eva*

**Public Call for Christian Education.....** Throughout this past year with its failing global economy we have made great effort to reduce expenses in the GSCH and GSCA. Even though we have cut expenses and donations have increased slightly we find ourselves faced with some huge decisions on our school. Even partial shutdown would be a huge blow to the ministry and to our children's future. Uneducated children are doomed to live below poverty level and we do not want that for our children.

Without the quality Christian education provided by the Good Shepherd Christian Academy they would get only a partial education from the public system with its weeks or months of teacher strikes. Our 10th through 12th graders go to the public school and it is constant frustration for us as we see our youth sad and worried about their future because their teacher is not in class or not interested in teaching. Numerous times we have complained about our youth being subjected to material inappropriate for an even an adult or belittled by teachers for their beliefs in Christ. Unfortunately some of our youth have not grown to the point to be able to stand against the daily bombardment of peer pressure and worldly garbage. These temptations lure them and soon they are depressed and rebellious again.

Without a good education our children will be returning to poverty, unprepared and we will end up raising their children in 10 years or so. Within a few weeks I must make an important decision either to shutdown part of, all of our school or continue full operation. We need your prayers and your help. Below we are opening up a few new ways to help. Please pass on the word to friends and family to allow them to become part of the GSCH and GSCA Family. [gregvaughn@thegsch.org](mailto:gregvaughn@thegsch.org)

**Urgently Needed.....Educational Sponsors.....**For only \$50 monthly you can help a child to have a top quality education. That's only \$1.67 per day. You would be equipping them for the future with a strong Christian Education. We are asking God to raise up 200 sponsors to call to provide \$50 monthly for a solid Christian education. [Sign up now](#)

**Team Player.....**We all agree most everyone has a favorite sport. And some of us like to let everyone know about our team. At the GSCH we end up with Kentucky stickers over LSU stickers and Tennessee stickers over Mississippi stickers, all saying they are proud of their team. In all this competitive sporting going on it was suggested by a Tennessee team member that we consider putting a sports theme on each of our casitas and look for donors to maintain that casita. Well after a few months of praying about it we have started implementing a Support a Casita program for all 10 casitas, Casona and Casa Verde. Supporting a Casita would enable full care of about 20 children living in that home. Currently we are contacting those who donated to build each casita to allow them first option to pledge their casita in the Support a Casita Olympics. Our goal is to get all homes fully supported which will provide for the children all the basics they need.

Basically it works like this. Individuals, Churches or companies can get together and become a Casita Support Team member. Each CST member would organize and pool their money to raise \$5000 a month. Sounds like a lot but that's only 100 pledges at \$50 a month. This is even something your College or Pro team might like to be a part of. If you are interested in showing your Team Spirit the please contact me at [gregvaughn@thegsch.org](mailto:gregvaughn@thegsch.org)

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I'm happy and I know it!!!



Celebrating Independence



Smiles = Happy Hearts!!



Life.....is Good!!!

**It's 2009.....**wow time flies these days and the children have received their Christmas gifts and New Years celebration. Christmas was a time of reflection for them as Tio Kike shared the Christmas story and asked each one, including Tias to move off for some one on one time with the Lord. They had much to think about, much to be thankful for and always those things that needed to be dealt with and this was the time to do so. As each spent time praying and seeking the Lord tears flowed as they were thankful for what He has done in their life. Some smiled as they felt God's presence in this special night filled with the joy of God's love and warmth.

This year was very different for the children and for us!! It was the first year in 7 years that we were not with them for Christmas and New Years. A tough end to a very tough year as we were not there to celebrate as we always had been.

Our return to Honduras was booked when we purchased the round trip tickets and our plan was Dec. 17th but God had a different plan. Waiting on citizenship papers for our oldest son, Juanca, the immigration lawyer told, leaving the USA before we got the papers was not a good idea. We realized that if we returned to Honduras that Juanca might not be granted another entry visa. Since citizenship processes can only take place on American soil he would probably lose his chance to ever return to the USA.

So we are here in Louisiana waiting for his citizenship interview and processing. As soon as that is done we will be reunited with our Honduras family who anxiously await Mom and Dad to return. But family and friends tell us they understand the kids sadness but it is really hard for them to be sad since they are getting extra time with us.

We know that God has us here for a reason and we accept it but still look forward to finishing up and getting to Honduras as soon as He says we can. Meanwhile we are sharing in a few churches who can have us in on short notice. Also we are catching up on bookwork and helping our family with things they need help doing.

Our parents health has not been very good so please keep them and us in your prayers!!

**News.....Fund raising ideas, child's sizes,** a place to remember and even sponsor a child!!!! It's the GSCH website..... Stop by and check it out complete with video and the sounds of children and home. [www.thegsch.org](http://www.thegsch.org)

Bookmark our new travel website at:

[www.ytbtravel.com/thegsch](http://www.ytbtravel.com/thegsch)

Our travel website does the same things as Expedia or any other agency but allows you to support The Good Shepherd Children's Home of BMDMI! It's that simple! Business travel, car rental, vacationing, or events tickets, doesn't matter it can be purchased at [ytbtravel.com/thegsch](http://ytbtravel.com/thegsch) at the same low prices but 60% of the fees included in the prices will go to the GSCH. That's right 60% of sales commissions will go to support the children!! "I booked our 6 airline tickets back to the states this fall....same price as direct from the airline once their fees are added, but our travel site gives 60% of the sale commission to help feed the children....Greg Vaughn

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