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Burkempers on the Border

“ This past summer we began to work with Promesa de Vida (Promise of Life) Presbyterian Church in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. We have learned that over 10,000 children have lost at least one parent through violence; many were murdered, while others just vanished.

There are many opportunities around the church to reach out to these children. We are planning a meal program tied to a study time for orphaned children and for those being raised by single mothers. A ministry to pregnant teenage girls is needed as well, especially since the teen pregnancy rate has dramatically increased in recent years.”



MTW missionaries Jamie and Jennifer Burkemper are currently raising support and serving with Border Evangelism and Mercy Ministries (BEAMM) in Ciudad Juarez. They previously served for two years with the StreetChild Sobre el Puente (Over the Bridge) ministry in Acapulco, Mexico. They have two children, John and Jossi.



The Burkempers plan a feeding program for children orphaned by violence on the border.

Learn more about BEAMM and the Burkempers by visiting beamm.org. Contact Jamie and Jennifer at jburkemper@fastmail.fm to receive their newsletter.



Kate cares for the kids of Honduras

Smiles from Honduras, (L to R) back row: Kate deFuniak, intern Bethany Russell, Jeffrey, Shannon Innes; front row: Kevin, Ever, and Christopher holding their Bible story books.

Kate deFuniak is heading soon to La Ceiba, Honduras, to join the MTW team there and direct the new street children's program. The ministry will start with a feeding program in a rental house, later moving to the children's drop-in center which is under construction. Kate believes God will raise up national volunteers from the church she will attend in La Ceiba. Although the church membership is largely middle class, Kate says they "have a heart for the poor. I will not work alone for long!"

Gito, a boy about 10 years old, and **Jeffrey**, 14, are typical of the children Kate will be working with. Gito lives in a garbage dump. Jeffrey is one of eight children and his family lives in a squatter's shack by the river. He doesn't attend school and spends his days collecting bottles and doing odd jobs. Kate's desire is to see Gito and Jeffrey—and many other children like them—welcomed into the family of Christ.



Gito (l) and a friend.



Jeffrey

Follow Kate deFuniak and her ministry to street children through her blog at <http://avoiceinthestreets.wordpress.com>.



PUERTA DE ESPERANZA

Door of Hope

The Door of Hope opens new life for teen mothers

Shannon Innes and Erica ▼



Before **Shannon Innes** ever arrived in La Ceiba, Honduras, God was preparing her for the ministry of **Puerta de Esperanza** (Door of Hope). For more than two months, in her own home, Shannon cared for the child of a teenage mother while waiting for the child's adoption. When Shannon joined the MTW team in La Ceiba earlier this

year she discovered the desperate situations of teenage mothers in Honduras, the second poorest country in the western hemisphere. Adoption is virtually unknown in Honduras, so the young mothers either abandon their children or face enormous struggles to care for them.

Shannon's vision for Puerta de Esperanza, a Christian home for pregnant teenagers and their babies, is quickly taking shape. A house has been rented and furnished and the first expectant girl may arrive as early as late this year.



Bienvenidos! Puerta de Esperanza (Door of Hope) will be home for pregnant teen mothers and their infants.

Follow the progress of Shannon and Puerta de Esperanza through her blog at <http://shannoninhonduras.blogspot.com>.

Children ready for classes with new backpacks at the Christian Academy of Dociné.

OneChild

sponsorships available in Haiti

The **Eglise Presbytérienne La Trinité** (Trinity Presbyterian Church) of Gonaïves has established a Christian school in the nearby community of Dociné, about two hours north of Port-au-Prince. **OneChild** sponsorships at \$33 per month are used to fund the educational needs of these children from very poor families. Contact us at streetchild@mtw.org or **(678) 823-0004 ext. 2452** for more information or to sponsor a child. *Thank you!*



Become a sponsor and change a life...



For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government
will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
**Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

Of the greatness of his
government and peace
**there will be no end.
He will reign on David's
throne**

and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
**with justice and
righteousness**
from that time on and
forever.

**The zeal of the LORD
Almighty
will accomplish this.**

—Isaiah 9: 9-7

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WORRIED ABOUT ME

I was so worried about being cold. And hungry. And not having a cozy sleeping arrangement. About being dirty, and messy, and just plain uncomfortable.

The car was full as we headed to the hills of Tennessee for a week of Disaster Training. Good boots, warm socks, comfy sleeping bag, hand-warmers, any-sort-of-anything from REI ... I was good to go. My collection included everything I would ever need to be as comfortable as possible in the middle of nowhere—preparing to go where people have nothing.

Then it hit me: How many children go to bed every night cold? And hungry? Without a cozy sleeping arrangement? And dirty, messy, and uncomfortable to boot? Whose well-being am I more concerned about—mine or theirs? My very temporary loss or their often permanent state?

David Platt, in his book *Radical*, states that we are good at ignoring other people's children. I would add that we are good at ignoring other people, period. Maybe that's why Jesus spoke so much about loving other people more than ourselves, about putting their needs before our own, about loving selflessly and responding generously to those in need.

Maybe I do need to worry more about me. About the me that will stand in front of my Lord as He asks:

- Did you feed the hungry?
- Did you look after the orphans and the sick?
- Did you help the widow?
- Did you visit those in prison?

May my life and actions assure that I will have the right answer.

Kay

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