

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself undefiled from the world. James 1:27



YOUTH FOR ORPHANS, INTL

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A Little Story ...

The other day as I sat looking at pictures of past Honduras trips, I found myself looking back on all that God has done. It is amazing to think about!

On my very first trip almost 4 years ago, to Orphanage Emmanuel I met Darwin, he was 10 then. I was walking down the road and he simply came up and held my hand. Didn't say anything just smiled. I thought, "Yes, I've made a friend". The next day Darwin came up to me and brought a friend. Olvin then grabbed my hand, smiled and in that moment we became family. Everywhere I went, the other children would see me and yell where Darwin and Olvin were. I had been branded by two very special boys.

My new little buddy had been horribly abused before he arrived at the Orphanage. The nights were filled with nightmares and screams. Never before had he sought to make any sort of a friendship with an adult.

I really can't tell you why God says Pure Religion is to take care of the orphans, but, I can tell you that somehow His love is translated in a very powerful way each and every time we go to the Orphanage.



Darwin, Me and Olvin in the Summer of 2004

YFO is on the WEB! We are still working out a few of the pages, but for the most part we are on-line for the world to see.

www.youthfororphans.org

Exciting News

This summer we will not only be ministering at Orphanage Emmanuel in Guaimaca, Honduras, but on the island of Rotan, off the coast of Honduras, as well. We will be working alongside an orphanage distributing supplies and ministering in the school systems. They practice Catholicism and Voodoo calling themselves Christians. The **grace** and **freedom** of the Gospel in Christ is non-existent. We are so excited to share the God of the Gospel (as John Piper says) with them this summer.

Ministry Needs: Many of you have asked about start-up fees needed to launch this ministry. This is a small break down of upcoming costs.

Brochures: \$1,500-2,500

Postcards: \$ 500

Exhibit display: \$1,500-2,000

Banner: \$300

Exciting News

Lone and I just returned from Hume Lake. It was UNBELIEVABLE! There were 1,000 middle schoolers worshipping God and hearing about how they could get involved with YFO from the platform. Afterwards we spoke with the directors, shared our vision and plan for the years to come, and discussed how we might be able to partner with each other this summer. God is so awesome!

Prayer Request

- Sensitive to where and how God is leading.
- God would continue to work out the details of the trips.
- Quality leaders to assist on the trip
- Financial support— Phil 4:19
- For the children we will minister to
- For the students hearts who will be signing up to go on these trips.
- YFO would find favor with the local churches.
- For the leadership at Orphanage Emmanuel— David and Lydia (Directors)