



Honduras Manos Ministry: news & updates

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January 2024 Mission Trip A Recap of the Work Done



Manos team from left to right: Tom Porter, Dani Jaime, Colin Besch, Avery Delleney, Patricia Perea, Jessica Massay, Floyd Powers, Geoff Partain, Aurora Prieto, Fr. Allan Conkling, Harold and Mo Simmons (not in picture).

New Year, New Blessings

This mission trip has been in the works for many months, starting all the way back in August of 2023. Since then, Manos de Dios missionaries have been working closely with our Honduran partners and friends to bring about this January adventure. Together, we planned and executed the following for these areas:

Education: Graduation Party

Manos de Dios celebrated the latest round of high school graduates. This event gave the students a chance to spend time together and celebrate their successes before going off to college.



"Turisteando por mis sueños" Students Touring for their Dreams

In August of 2023, Manos de Dios sent a small team to Honduras with the purpose of meeting and planning with our partners. One of these meetings centered around our Manos de Dios scholarship students in college as well as those who have become professionals. Together, we put together an idea for a career fair for the younger students themed around touring the country. Each destination represents a career area with the industry or field it is associated with.

Over the next few months, we continued to collaborate with our students on this fair. Through the use of WhatsApp group chats, we created a logo and assigned leaders to the different areas. Just in time for our January 2024 mission trip, we had programmed an immersive and spectacular career fair titled "Turisteando por mis sueños". [READ MORE](#)



These Manos scholarship students graduated from high school in November 2023 and are currently freshman in college. From left to right: Jairo, Daniela, Maria, Vicky, Naomy & Jhosep.

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Celeste's Story: Building Bridges Through Education



The Manos de Dios Ministry began more than 20 years ago when a group of Episcopal churches and members in our Dioceses sought to share the joy and love of Christ with the people of Honduras. They did this to open people's eyes to the Kingdom of God, in Honduras as well as their own country of origin. What started as an answer to Christ's "Great Commission", has since been cultivated into a multi-faceted ministry that transforms communities by creating opportunities in education, outreach, and spiritual growth.

Through their mission work, Manos de Dios now sustains these opportunities with scholarships and is committed to building bridges through ministry that connect God's people to each other by closing the gaps that exist between them in Honduras and here in the United States. The bridges we build help bring dreams to life for the students we serve, one of which has been able to overcome the odds and successfully pursue an education in Honduras and continue her education at a graduate level in the United States. This student's name is Celeste Mejia. [READ MORE](#)

Around the World with



Young Adults on a Mission The Next Generation by Dani Jaime



From left to right: Floyd, Dani, Avery and Colin.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands. -Psalms 90:17

The Story

New year, new goals. That seems to be the common theme every New Year's Eve. Christmas has come and gone, and after a hopeful season of waiting, people are eager to welcome the new year. After all, every January 1st feels like a new beginning, a new chance to make our goals and aspirations come true. Ours, mine, me. But how often do we say to ourselves: "This year, I'm going to help OTHERS reach THEIR goals."? It is true, the average person doesn't think about serving others as their goal for the new year, and even fewer think about traveling abroad to a faraway country for that exact purpose. But that is what I did, and I didn't do it alone. [READ MORE](#)

Club Intercambio Featuring: Floyd Powers



What is Club Intercambio?

Club Intercambio is an ESL (English-as-a-Second-Language) program put together by Manos for the scholarship students we serve in Honduras. The aim of this program is to familiarize, teach, and empower our Honduran students with weekly classes that focus on other cultures and the English language. In the fall of 2023, Manos worked together with the University of Texas at San Antonio to deliver a series of online classes that were taught virtually by UTSA Master and Doctoral students via Zoom. Floyd Powers was one of these students who taught and developed a relationship with Manos students. In January of 2024, Floyd had the opportunity to travel with Manos as a missionary and meet his students in person. [READ MORE](#)



About Me

Q. How would you describe yourself?

I am a kind, joyful, and nice person who is an attentive worker that is educated and generous.

Q. How would you describe your family?

I live with my mother and other family members. My mom works at her clinic.



Meet Mariessa

Mariessa is one of our latest Manos scholarship students. The Manos de Dios team had the pleasure of meeting Mariessa during our visit to Honduras in January 2024. She was interviewed alongside her family and subsequently visited at her home by the team in order to be given the good news that she had been awarded the scholarship. Mariessa is 12 years old.

**Catracho o Catracha is synonymous with the term Honduran. "Hondureños" is the proper term for a Honduran, but locals prefer -and use- the term Catracho.*

Q. What do you enjoy doing?

I like to paint, draw, and read.

Q. If you could meet a famous or important person, who would it be?

Paulo Coelho, the author of my favorite book, The Alchemist.

Q. What is your biggest dream in life?

To be a professional adult and have the possibility of helping others.

Q. What are you most worried about in life?

Not being able to achieve my goals or objectives.

Q. Fun Fact?

My favorite subject is Grammar.

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