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The days pass quickly, 2014 seems to be a year filled with many emotions, entertainment and many dreams will come true for girls from NPR. For the 1st time, the girls experienced the first ever Color Run at OLR!

The RUN promotes physical fitness and shows how fun it can be. Cheri Hill, a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines based in California joined the group from the Diocese of Western New York. They travelled to Honduras with 50 pounds of colored powder to splash on the girls as they went through a small course of different physical activities. With the help of other volunteers from New York, California, Florida, and Colorado they were able to pull off a fun filled morning with the girls.

After a brief run they created 5 stations where each of the girls had to perform jumping jacks, push-ups, the yoga pose the plank, lunges, and at the finish line zumba with zumba instructor Mary Ann. There were 5 different colors and everyone was "colored" from head to toe! To help with the cleanup, the girls and group's members ended the event with a water balloon fight! This colorful run was a huge success and the girls loved it so much that many of the girls did the course twice. Everyone had a great time!

HAPPY B-DAY CHERI



"Ya queremos pastel", sang all the girls from OLR to celebrate Cheri's B-day! Cheri became part of OLR family in 1999 and since then, she has spent her b-day which is January 30th, with her Honduras family. "I was 23 when I first visited OLRM and all thanks to my mom,(OLRFMS board member, Carol Garrison)! Going to Our Little Roses changed my life forever. The unconditional love that the girls receive had the biggest impact on me. I knew from the moment I felt that type of love I vowed to make a difference, not just for the girls but in everything I do, every day. I learned to believe, trust, hope, dream, and live each day to its fullest as every moment we have is so precious! Being able to visit to Our Little Roses as a family and being able to share my birthday with the girls is the best gift I could ever ask for, we are so blessed!" said Cheri. **OLRM LOVES YOU TOO CHERI!**

DANIEL IN THE LIONS DEN!



OLR girls can play many roles as they continue enjoying every activity that the groups do for them. Dramatization remains being one of the activities they enjoy as they have the opportunity to play other characters and also they learn more about the Bible Stories. The group of St. George's in Nashville Tennessee put into practice the girls' talents while they performed the drama of Daniel in the Lions' Den and 6 other Bible stories from the Old Testament while each group of girls use their imagination to perform their roles.

The group also did a series of lessons with the girls about Good Manners, painting and also they took time to organize the library - dividing the books into Spanish and English and then by ages - children, youth, teenage and then by area. **OLR THANKS YOU!**

NEW SCHOOL YEAR!



The new school year has begun and this time thirteen girls have had a big change in their educational pathways. The educational system in Honduras, unless it is a private bilingual school, consists of classes that begin in February through November. The thirteen girls used to go to an extension school that only had classes on Saturdays. They now have been given a new opportunity to go to school full time in a private school nearby from Monday through Friday with some Saturday classes for English and computer labs. This will help them be even more prepared to face their future professional challenges.

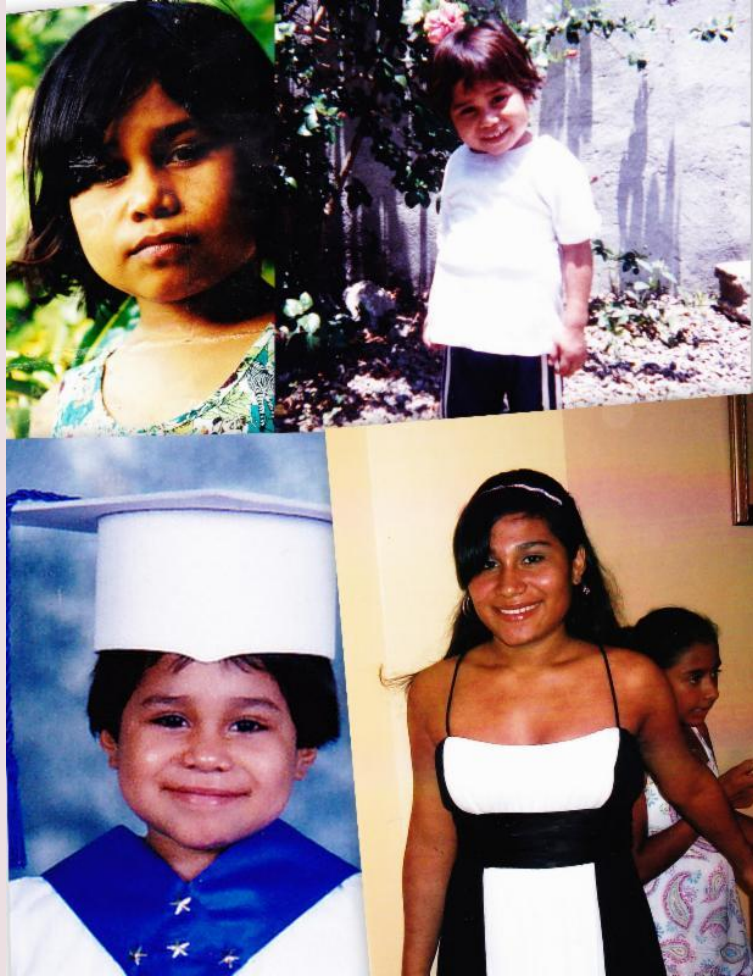


As education continues being our priority, we focus on everyone's specific need. Vanessa and Iris for example have to attend a school for special needs to help them learn in different ways that makes it easier for them. This year we are expecting 5 girls to complete their high school degrees. From Instituto Primero de Mayo: Claudia, Martha, and Wendy. From Instituto Tecnológico Cristiano: Paola and Marjorie.

Congratulations girls!

NOTE FROM THE WRITER

(by Mayra Arguelles)



If I had to put a face to the word **PERSEVERANCE**, I would put Wendy's face. Wendy is a young girl who was rescued when she was around 6 years old. At her young age, Wendy knew sweeping, cleaning, filling drums with water and doing some errands around the house, she also knew of the physical punishments of her "mother" if she didn't do exactly what she asked her to do. Wendy was rescued from extreme poverty and risk. Wendy was fortunate to be sent to Our Little Roses, where in the beginning she was aggressive and misbehaved. Every day was a new experience for Wendy. She slowly was getting used to being loved and cared for. Wendy faced learning problems, so she was enrolled at a Special Education School where she was taught to develop her motor and learning skills. Later on Wendy could reach the level of learning required to study in a normal school. Wendy finished her sixth grade and it was time to begin her high school. "I remember like it was yesterday when Wendy came to my office very upset because she had been enrolled in a school to attend classes only on Saturdays". She wasn't happy, and she

kept saying that she wanted to study at Primero de Mayo, which is a governmental institute and one of the best in San Pedro Sula, but at the same time is a hard school that requires a lot of homework and strict discipline. Wendy kept saying "I know I can do it". I remember meeting with the coordinator of the home and the Executive Director, Diana Frade to determine if we would give Wendy the opportunity to study in Instituto Primero de Mayo. We told her she could go on the condition that she had to show her commitment to finish her first bi-mester with good grades, she smiled and turn around, her eyes were bright and her big smile showed her happiness. Since that day, Wendy put all her efforts and has dedicated many hours of study. It has not been easy for her, but with extra special tutoring, Wendy is about to get her high school diploma. Wendy is the example that **THERE IS NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE IN LIFE, IF YOU TRY HARD, YOU CAN ACHIEVE IT!**

With Love,

Our Little Roses Ministries

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Or you may wish to sponsor the educational tuition for one of our girls attending Holy Family Bilingual School, a special needs private school or university. Education is vital to transforming their lives.

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