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## Many Thanks

Hello Everyone,

It's that time of the month again. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to share in the work that God is doing here in Honduras.

We are blessed to be asked to serve in this land of deep love and acceptance. Every day we encounter great need but even greater blessing at the hand of our loving and powerful God.

Please keep in touch and look for updates on our new website, Facebook or my blog if you are interested in more stories, pictures or want to donate to our ministry. See page 5 for the new ways to connect with us.

All my love,

Amber Foster

Breaking Chains Honduras

## Big steps:

Fundraising begins to purchase the Breaking Chains building



This month, Breaking Chains will become a non-governmental organization in Honduras and have the ability to, among other things, purchase property in our name.

We are beginning to raise funds to cover the \$130,000 cost to purchase the building we have been renting for more than a year. We are confident that through the support of our loving friends and donors, sufficient funds will become available to make this purchase.

To better handle our ministry efforts, we have set up a new nonprofit in the states with the name Breaking Chains Honduras, Inc. If you are interested in donating, please visit [www.bchonduras.org](http://www.bchonduras.org) to make a donation electronically or send a check to our mailing address listed on page 5.

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## A New Addition: Michael Lemmons

This month marked an exciting time for me and the Breaking Chains Ministry as a whole. Michael Lemmons joined us in the middle of this month for a two-year commitment through the HIM program. Michael's main priority will be taking over the Shine! program, but she has already proven to be a valuable asset at the homeless ministry as well.

Michael's mom Terry came with her to help make the transition a little smoother and she quickly befriended many of the children at Breaking Chains. Michael has interned with me in the past and is a dear friend. I am looking forward to the next two years of working side by side.

### ABOUT MICHAEL:

- 2011 Graduate of Oklahoma Christian University
- Majored in journalism and minored in Spanish and international studies
- Has interned with Breaking Chains and Impact Houston Church of Christ

## VCOM

At the beginning of October, I had the pleasure of once again working with a VCOM medical team as a translator. I always enjoy getting to know the students and seeing people in the villages that I have gotten to know over the years. This year we traveled to several different communities around Tegucigalpa and saw more than 500 patients.

## Monthly Meetings

Doctors Without Borders holds monthly meetings with ministries working with homeless and at risk individuals. The past two months I have been able to attend, and it has been a great time of networking and problem solving with other ministries. So far Breaking Chains has been the only North American ministry involved and it's been very interesting to see how the locals address the many issues we are faced with.

## Shine!

The Shine! kids are thriving under Michael's loving hand. She has taken an often neglected part of our ministry and really whipped it into shape in the few weeks she has been here. It is so much fun to watch the kids interact with each other and with Michael as they grow in knowledge and service. It is also a huge blessing to have that part of the work here taken over by such capable hands.

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## You CAN make a difference: [Brian and Osman](#)

Last week I witnessed an amazing event that I feel compelled to share with each of you. I know that many of you have wondered about the efficacy of short-term mission work and the lasting effects it can have on those served. This is a beautiful example of why I am such a supporter of short term mission work.

Osman is a 15-year-old young man that has been living with us for the past several months. Osman is typically a very dejected young man who often antagonizes the other kids and rarely shows true feelings toward anything. I have often wondered if Osman is suffering from some form of Autism.

Brian Feldmeier is a man who has been visiting Honduras for several years. Brian's trips usually include a half day visit to an orphanage outside the city where he has the opportunity to interact a lot with the kids there. Brian speaks no Spanish but makes it a priority to love on the kids and make them feel special.

Last weekend Brian came by our building with David and when he walked in he said, "I know that kid, he used to be at the orphanage." David asked Osman if he remembered "that man," and Osman smiled a huge smile and said, "Yes, that's Brian." The change that came over Osman was clear. He stayed near Brian, smiled a lot, and was eager to share his

memories.

Then we went into church. Brian sat down next to Osman and put his arm around him, and Osman began to cry. David took Osman out to see what the problem was and I followed close behind. When asked Osman said "I just remember how happy I used to be. I was so different then, when I knew Brian."

It was a touching moment for all of us, and Brian's visit meant a lot to Osman. These kids rarely see people from their past, and when they do it is usually not a positive occurrence. I am so thankful that Osman had this opportunity and that Brian continues to make that relationship a priority in his life.

## Time to refresh: Women of Purpose

Michael and I just returned from the 2nd annual Women of Purpose retreat. This is a wonderful weekend of renewal, worship, and networking with other missionary women here in Honduras. I was privileged to attend last year and this year was just as amazing. In an occupation that is focused on constantly giving of yourself, it was a huge blessing to have these wonderful women from the States focus on renewing our cups both physically and spiritually.



## Upcoming Events:

- Youth classes
- Courtney is on site for the month of November
- My dad and sister are visiting for 10 days
- Plans are underway for an end of the year Christmas party for the people living at Breaking Chains. Be watching for opportunities to join in on the festivities.

## All in the family: A Darwin and Rosie update

Rosie and Darwin continue to bring overwhelming joy to my life. Rosie is a happy, healthy toddler, and she talks non-stop. I recently started her in classes at the local Gym-boree in order to give her the opportunity to interact with children that aren't our typical crazy, homeless kiddos. She loves "school" and asks daily when she can go back.

Darwin will graduate from high school at the end of November. He is our preacher at Breaking Chains and often takes the youth out to play soccer or just talk about their situations. I am so proud of the young man he has become.

# Connect: bchonduras.org

## Website and other resources now available

Courtney Mathews, our new communications manager and North American liaison, has been working very hard on our communications material and now has our website up and running. She is still working out a few kinks in the programming, but I am very impressed at what she's been able to accomplish in a very short time. Please check out this new hub of information about our ministry: [www.bchonduras.org](http://www.bchonduras.org).

Please also note our new organizational email accounts and social media outlets.

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## Prayer List:

- Our NGO status should be finalized by the end of this month. Please pray that this continues as planned and that we are able to purchase the building.
- We are starting a BIG fundraising campaign to pay for the building as well as replace the roof. Please pray for success and for your part in this ministry.
- Pray for Luis Fernando, one of our boys who chose to leave a great independent living facility. They were helping him develop the skills he needs to live on his own.
- Pray for us as we work with Yovany to decide whether the independent living program would be a good fit for him.
- Pray for Axel, one of our boys who is now in a drug rehabilitation center working to get his life back together.

## New name. New way to donate.

Please note that we have recently established a new nonprofit under the name Breaking Chains Honduras, Inc. We will no longer be housed under Silver Mountains Ministries. Breaking Chains is already certified as a nonprofit corporation and should receive tax-exempt status by the beginning of 2012. That status is retrograde, guaranteeing that any donation made now will be considered tax-exempt once our status is

approved. A letter of exemption will be sent at that time.

You can now donate online at our website at [www.bchonduras.org](http://www.bchonduras.org).

Checks can be sent to:  
[Breaking Chains Honduras](#)  
[14301 Middleberry Rd.](#)  
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