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Donation Mail Back Form

Yes, I'd like to help the children.

☐ $300 provides 1 child with food, clothing, school supplies and medical & dental services for 3 months.

☐ $150 provides a dormitory bed and mattress.

☐ $60 provides 1 child with a backpack and all school supplies for 1 year.

☐ $30 provides the necessary funds for 1 girl to attend school up to the 12th grade.

☐ $_____ to help as much as possible. ☐ I enclose my check, payable to *AJC Children's Foundation.*

☐ Charge my gift to my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

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☐ $_____ Please make my gift a monthly contribution. ☐ I'm enclosing my employer's matching gift form.

100% of your donation goes towards programs –0% goes toward overhead.

A Visit to Honduras

by Stel Epstein

Over Memorial Day weekend, a group of 11 from diverse professions and backgrounds traveled together via Taca Airlines from Miami, Florida to San Pedro Sula, Honduras; and then by van to the AHLE orphanage at San Francisco de Yojoa. We arrived with common aims – to see the new orphanage, meet the children and their caretakers, learn about their lives and goals, and experience the day-to-day realities of life in one of the world's poorest countries. To say that we got more than we bargained for is an understatement! The recently completed and long awaited facilities and grounds are top notch. We saw the sun rise and set on the mountaintops surrounding the compound, shared in the meals provided for the children, and joined them in play and as they did their chores in the dormitory, the cafeteria and the vegetable gardens. We visited a single mother raising 5 young children in a typical one-room lean-to. Susan Smith, a dental hygienist in our group, undertook the monumental task of cleaning 26 children's teeth, and began making plans for a program to provide for their ongoing oral care. Lacking a sorely needed bus, we piled into the orphanage's converted dump truck to transport the more than 30 children and our adult group to a mountaintop spring for an impromptu afternoon swim. To top off the weekend, the AHLE children and their caretakers surprised us with a joyous evening of singing and dancing in the multi-purpose cafeteria, attended as well by the

The days and nights were jam-packed with laughter and tears and new friendships, with the sights and sounds of beauty and adventure, and with deeper understanding and renewed resolve. The children, each and every one, are beautiful, shy, curious, alternately happy and sad, eager, pensive, playful, and hopeful. We left with a renewed commitment to do everything possible to improve the lives of these special young people. Their remembered faces are testimony that *all* children are the global community's most precious resource.

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We desperately need your contributions for a school bus so that we can safely transport the children.