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Hi Everyone:

I have been in Honduras teaching for three months now and it has been quite an experience. The day I arrived a protest that destroyed a local TV station was blocking some of the streets making travel difficult. Travel between the Tegucigalpa Airport and Rancho Ebenezzer is always difficult, especially since many of the roads have been washed out or collapsed over the last year, so my first trip to the ranch was considerably longer than normal.



The school year had already started for the kids by the time I got here. Fortunately, a former Ranch teacher came to cover my classes for the first month of school. He is a great teacher and had everything set up for an easy transition when I arrived. It was really helpful having an experienced teacher get me started. I had one week to get up to speed before I had to take over the classes. Most of that time was spent catching up on the material the students were covering. I teach high school math and science courses such as Algebra, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Physics, Chemistry, and Computers. Some of classes were easier to jump into than others, but I spent a lot of time reviewing Chemistry and Geometry. The kids are well behaved in class, but they can be just like North American high school students when it comes to complaining about the usefulness of Chemistry in their lives.



The Honduran school year runs from January to November so we just graduated a class of three students. One of the great things about the way WGO runs things is that the students don't just get put out on the street when they turn 18 or finish high school. Now they can move to the Bridge House in Tegucigalpa where they can learn the ropes of city living. Life on the ranch up in the mountains is very different then in the city. While at the Bridge House students can find a job or attend university.



In addition to teaching, I have also been working with the teenage boys in the work program. Once they reach a certain age, the kids work a few hours a week on various odd jobs around the ranch. The idea is to help build a sense of work ethic and money management. They can use the money to buy clothing or other items they want instead of expecting their house parents to provide everything for them. One of the projects that we spent a lot of time working on the first two months was the road from Tegucigalpa to the Ranch. Honduras gets enough rain every year to wash out and ruin even concrete roads. When I arrived in September, there had

already been 300% more rainfall for the year then the average. Even though the rainy season would normally have been over, it rained every day for the first month I was there. The rain turned all of the roads into muddy soup and in many cases they were completely washed out. Shortly before I got here, the major road leading in and out of the Tegucigalpa caved in.

The children at the Ranch celebrated the Honduran Holidays “Day of the Child” and “Independence Day.”



The time has flown by very fast these first few months. I am grateful that I have been so busy with teaching, working with the work program and helping with the Ranch IT Network maintenance. There is certainly no shortage of work to be done here! I hope to be able to send regular newsletters during the Spring Term.

This is where I live.
Home sweet home!



This is where I teach
Ebenezer Academy!



I will be in Texas visiting family and friends during the Christmas Holiday – I hope to see many of you then. I want to thank everyone who has and is continuing to support my work here in Honduras. The prayers, encouragement and financial support are dearly appreciated. The lives of these children are blessed everyday by your generosity. I have committed to serve at Rancho Ebenezer until June 2012. I am falling short of the funds needed to complete this budget year (Aug 2010 – June 2011) and will be raising funds for the 2011/2012 budget year. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute (see donation information below). If you have any question regarding my budget or expenses, please contact me and I will be happy share that information with you! Donations can be sent directly to WGO (see below) or by auto draft or electronic transfer with your credit card, one time or monthly via the WGO website (<http://wgoreach.org> - click on “Ways to Give” then “Support a Missionary”). All donations are tax deductible. If you are unable to support me financially I would still love to hear from you regarding a prayer commitment.

I consider you a partner in this good and much needed work. God bless you and your families in the coming year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lucas Harms".

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