

In Memory of Edgar

Born 1992 - Died August 3, 2003

Lyle and I recently returned from Honduras. The second night we were there, we chanced to meet David on the streets of Puerto Cortes. We first meet him in 2000 when he was living at the La Pita Orphanage. David, as well as three other former La Pita children, Wilson, Chickie, and Edgar, was scheduled to begin living at our unfinished Children's Home in Tegucigalpa the next week. Pastor Oscar Serrano, our Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries Honduras National Director, was organizing a crew to learn building skills by working on our construction site. David told us Edgar had been killed the previous Saturday. We had not worked fast enough. Our hearts were broken.

In Memory of Edgar Who Posed the Question, "When Will My Home Be Ready?"
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You had no safe place
to lay your head,
No one to hold you
when you were afraid,
No one to fix your favorite meal,
"When will my home be ready?"

Finding your comforts all by yourself,
No time to play and have fun,
No parents, no love, no one to care,
"When will my home be ready?"

Spurred on by that question,
We desperately sought
The way to prepare that home.
But God had a different plan for this child,
And took Edgar home with Him.

He no longer has to beg on the streets,
To feel fear and be all alone,
We know with assurance he rests in the arms,
Of His loving Father in Heaven.

The Home we are building was not meant to be,
For this child who posed the question.
But there are so many more little Edgars just waiting
And hoping we won't be too late.

Please Lord, touch the hearts of your children of plenty,
Who have the means and the way,
To help us finish "Edgar's Home" in the country,
So that by all means, some might be saved.

We do not know much about Edgar's life from birth to age seven. Heart to Heart first met him in 1999 when WWH2H sent a team to see how we could help after Hurricane Mitch. We found him living in the La Pita Orphanage run by the Holy Spirit Church of Honduras. WWH2H helped support that orphanage, and Edgar was there until 2001, when it closed due to fraudulent management. Thus, our current mission to build and manage our own Home for those children.

From the age of nine, Edgar lived on the streets of Puerto Cortes, until his death at age 11 on August 3, 2003. He was electrocuted early Saturday morning by a live wire hanging in the vent of a supermarket, where he had sought shelter the night before.

Edgar was born into a family, that, we guess, turned him out on the streets after Hurricane Mitch in 1998. Many families were forced to do that at the time. Someone found him and placed him at the La Pita Orphanage. After it closed he lived on the streets of Puerto Cortes, sleeping in doorways, surviving by whatever means he could. He had heard we were building a Children's Home, and knew he would have a place to live as soon as it was finished. So...he was just hanging on.

Last summer, he changed to meet Steve Sharp, a WWH2H construction volunteer who was working on our Children's Home outside of Puerto Cortes. He noticed Steve's WWH2H shirt and, as Steve tells it, "He didn't ask me for money. He didn't ask me for food. He just wanted to know, 'When will my home be ready?'"

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Paul in his letter to the Romans 11:33)

"Our consolation is knowing that Our Father is working according to His own wisdom." (Oswald Chambers)

Edgar is finally Home...

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