

# Two Nuevo Paraiso Graduates ARRIVE IN CANADA

*Their Dreams have come true thanks to people like you!*



Above: Fany and Ivin on their day of arrival, ready to start their new lives...  
Thanks to you!



Above: Fany and Ivin when they first arrived  
in our children's village in 2009.

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Ivin and Fany and their two little sisters arrived in our children's village in 2009. Canadian volunteers were on the ground and picked them up from an overcrowded and severely underfunded government orphanage.

They couldn't believe it when they saw Fany carrying a garbage bag full of all of their possessions. Everything that these four girls owned fit into one small garbage bag. The girls were very withdrawn and scared, unsure of where they were going. It didn't take long for them to adjust to life in our children's village, and now 7 years later they have turned into bright young women, full of potential.

The girls arrived in Canada in January and are adjusting to their new lives here. We are so grateful that Fleming College has partnered with us to reduce the tuition cost, and that a family in Peterborough is providing a home for the girls at no cost to Friends of Honduran Children. With the support of generous sponsors and donors like you, the girls' dreams have come true.

Thanks to the ESL education they received in the Nuevo Paraiso village, the girls were accepted into the highest level of ESL. They did four months of ESL and will start their programs in September. Fany will study Business and Ivin will study Computer Engineering Technology.

## MATH KITS A BIG HELP FOR Honduran Teachers

*Teachers asked for Math Supports & the FoHC Education Committee Jumped into Action!*



*Above: Committee members Libby, Sue, Jane and Nancy busy creating math games and activities, thanks to donors like you who support Education and Scholarship initiatives*



*Above: St. Peter's Students shared math kits with students on their recent trip to Honduras*

Our brigades have been visiting remote schools in Honduras for years. One thing that the teachers have been asking for is ideas and strategies for teaching Math. Our education committee took that request and ran with it!

The timing was perfect because In September 2016, the Ontario Ministry of Education rolled out a renewed math strategy to help students gain math knowledge and skills they will need for the future.

The kits are shared with students and teachers when our brigades travel to Honduras. Each brigade typically visits remote schools and brings supplies and resources to the teachers.

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# BRIGADES

## St. Peter's Students Make a DIFFERENCE IN HONDURAS

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*St. Peter's students made a big difference in Honduras, and even visited a school that had never been visited before!*

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**T**his past April 19 enthusiastic St. Peter's secondary school students and two teachers traveled to Honduras for a life changing experience.

They had the chance to visit the Nuevo Paraiso Children's village and spend time with the children. This year, their project was a water project in a rural village. They were working to build a concrete pad that water tanks will sit on, as well as a fence to keep they are safe and clear of pests and animals.

Students Kenzie and Nic described their experience visiting a rural school: “Today we were able to experience something we will never forget. We, along with other students went to a rural school that had never been visited before.”

The students sang their national anthem for the Canadian students. Nic describes the experience and said that “The teacher gave us a speech explaining how grateful she was for us to be there. It was so

powerful that it brought all of us to tears. We were shocked at how small the classroom was. Words cannot describe the experiences we have received on this trip, even the pictures you have and will see will never do justice to the real thing.”

Our brigades are life changing and we have space this October for a Awareness brigade and in February for a health care brigade. Contact us for more information.



# VALENTINE'S DAY BONUS

## ONCE AGAIN DELIGHTS HARD WORKING TIAS

*Thanks to your support they know we care and appreciate them!*



*Above: Thanks to support from people like you \$200 was raised to give a bonus to 20 Tias and 1 Nurse who care for the children of Nuevo Paraiso*

Once again you have shared your heart with the hardworking Tias that care for the children day in and day out. With \$2000 raised we were able to ensure each Tia and the village Nurse received a bonus. They were so happy to know their friends in Canada care and appreciate all they do for the children.

## YOU CAN GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING...

*Print and Online Gift  
Catalogue is launched!*

We were so thrilled to launch our gift catalogue in the fall, just in time for Christmas. The catalogue has so many items that will make a difference in Honduras such as: Textbooks and workbooks, garden barrels, hygiene products, and mattresses to name a few.

**Since the catalogue launched we have been able to provide:**

- ☀️ 8 – Attendance Bursaries to girls to help keep them in school
- ☀️ 8 – Food Bags for families in rural areas
- ☀️ 11 – Healthy Lunches for girls at the Reyes Irene Girls School
- ☀️ 1 – Mosquito Net and window Screening
- ☀️ 1 – Mattress
- ☀️ 10 – Textbooks and Workbooks for ESL Students
- ☀️ 1 – Uniform and Book bag. These are necessary in order to attend school

In addition to this your donations also went towards: play equipment, Christmas gifts, vitamins and medicines for our health care brigades, and funds to go towards the Futures Fund which helps to transition the children out of our children's village.

These items make great gifts for mother's and father's day, birthdays, teacher gifts, Christmas gifts and more! Visit [www.honduranchildren.com](http://www.honduranchildren.com) today to select your gift and make a difference. We can also mail you a print version upon request.

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