

COMMUNITY

Lend a Hand...Change a Life

Hand in Hand Ministries builds strong communities and transforms lives through cultural immersion, education, housing, and healthcare.

Hand in Hand Preschool Graduates record number of Preschoolers since its inception!

In the last ten years, Hand In Hand Ministries has played an integral role in the lives of many children passing through it's preschool services. This year it was no different, except that we graduated 23 children (12 girls/11 boys), which is the highest we have seen so far. The struggle has not been easy in ensuring that our standards are always in line with the Ministry of Education requirements. All this has been possible with the support of those who donate stationery, crayons, coloring books etc. in order for all our children to have all their necessary materials during the school year, rather than placing the burden on parents who are already struggling financially.



Our Teachers have played and continue to play a vital role in these children lives, as they dedicate themselves to ensuring that our preschoolers are well-prepared when they enter primary school.

Hand in Hand Outreach nurses work beyond their normal scope of duties!

The main tasks of our nurses is to provide care and support to children infected with HIV/Aids in addition to providing some of those same services to our preschool and daycare children. The ultimate goal is to promote healthy living. As is, they have full days of having to deal with the daily struggles of our children living with the disease and monitoring their adherence to the medications provided to them and also having to deal with emergency calls from the hospital of a child needing urgent care and attention! These among other challenges that present themselves on a daily basis, keep our nurses busy as a bee. In spite of their busy schedules, our nurses find the time to offer their services to share knowledge on this disease, with other organizations or groups of people that show interest in learning more about the disease and how to manage it. In the last couple of months they have visited and shared information about the disease, with some of CISCO construction workers. The information was readily welcomed and interest in finding out more about the disease has been forthcoming. We would like to applaud the efforts of our nurses as they impart their knowledge of the disease with whomever is willing to learn about it.



One of several success stories in the Building for Change Program

As the construction of the FCC continues, one of our most vibrant programs is the Building for Change Program where our main focus is to assist in improving the living conditions of those families we serve through building community and promoting self sustainability!

One such story is that of our house partner #172. Young single mother with no job at the time and having to endure living with a relative because she had no where else to go. Five years later, she has done well for herself and her family and has managed to double the size of the home that had been granted to her by RUSH University—Chicago. Its results like these that keep us motivated at Hand In Hand Ministries!





Spring Hill College Alumni makes first service trip to Hand In Hand Belize!

Hand In Hand's Building for Change Program has been in existence for fourteen years now and it began with like two to three Immersion trips per year, which represented at the time, assistance to two to three families.

Spring Hill College was one of several colleges that began this journey along side us. 2016 marks an incredible milestone for both Spring Hill College and Hand In Hand Ministries as this is the first year that Spring Hill College has brought two trips to Belize! One as Spring Hill College and the other as Spring Hill College Alumni!!! Their mission is rooted in its Catholic heritage and continuing the centuries-old Jesuit tradition of educational excellence, Spring Hill College forms students to become responsible leaders in service to others. It is these teachings that has brought an Alumni group to Belize, consisting of past students that had been on a service trip with HHM before. The students that came were here before on different Immersion trips since 2005, and are now in the working class all over the US, but had made time to come once again to assist in building a home for someone in need. Natalie and her six children were fortunate to have received a home from these alums and they can now enjoy a safe haven, and have a better life!

Thank You Spring Hill College for the dedication to serve others and believing in our work here in Belize!

Progress on the Fowler Community Center

Constructing a building of this magnitude always comes with issues!! Whether it be time frame, financial, weather etc. The FCC is no different, and God has been good to us through the many people that cross our path and give us their support.

In spite of the many challenges we face, we continue to make head way. We are now at the stage of pouring the second floor and hopefully with continued support we will be able to at least get the first floor ready to relocate our Preschool, Daycare and Outreach facility for the beginning of 2017. Keep us in mind and help us if you can!



We are looking for volunteers during the work week and anyone that is able to assist us financially to complete the building, as we are now running out of finance and may need to pause construction. Our Children need US, and we need your support! Praying God's Blessings be upon you all always!



Want to collaborate with Hand In Hand Ministries to build a house for a family in need? Get in touch with us and find out your possibilities of doing so!

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