

The Micah Project - April 2013 Monthly Photo Update

April was an historic month for the Micah Project: through some pretty amazing happenings, the Lord reminded us of why we began to work with street kids 13 years ago—and also gave us a awe-inspiring glimpse into our future!

Hope for New Life

To see 9-year-old Edward make the decision to leave street life behind and join the Micah Project is to see the mighty arm of the Lord at work! This little boy had been lived his whole life on the streets. We have known his older brother Jose Daniel since 2007; if you walk down to the alleyway in the market area that leads down to the river, 9 times out of 10 you will see Jose Daniel there with his glue bottle. Edward's mom

has an extreme dependence to alcohol, and she tends to drift from motel to motel in the market area, never staying anywhere for too long. Edward was born into this environment, and picked up his first glue bottle when most boys are just getting into toy trucks.



In March, we began inviting Edward and a few of the other street boys to a pool with the Micah boys every Thursday in order to begin to take those relationships to the next level. Street kids do not trust others easily, and often it takes months, if not years, for them to come to trust us completely. Edward joined us almost every Thursday in March and April, and it was absolutely amazing to see that hardness of street life fall away from him as soon as he jumped in the water!



Axel and Oscar are brothers that have been on the streets for a couple of years. They have joined us a few times on our Thursday adventure to the pool; we pray that they will also one day join the Micah Project!

Edward and Noe have fun in the pool! We are also trying to develop that relationship of trust with Noe... hopefully, he will be one of the next boys to enter the project!



What a stark contrast between the pictures of Edward, Noe and Axel enjoying their day at the pool with us and this picture (left) of them on the streets. This is from one of our Friday Street Kid Soccer ministries; they wait along the fence to get picked for a team!



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Amazing Saturday

On Saturday, April 20th, we invited Edward and his buddy Noe to spend the day with us and a mission team from Houston. We went to a beautiful park in the mountains and spent the day swimming, playing soccer and riding horses!

Since joining the Micah Project that Saturday, it's amazing how quickly Edward has become a beloved member of the Micah family!



On the way back to the city, Edward asked us if he could spend the night at the Micah House! Little did he know, we had been praying for him to make that decision for months! When we got back to Micah, he conked out on the chair in our family room, and slept for 12 hours!



Here, he smiles with Israel on the Micah House patio.



Greeting Becca Bell as she arrives in Honduras for a visit!



Edward cheers on Axelito with the rest of the Micah Family while celebrating Axelito's 15th birthday!

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The Future Draws Near



As the Lord begins to bring a new generation of street kids into the Micah family, he is also providing a beautiful new home for them to live in! (IMG1824). You could really start to see the progress on the Micah 2.0 House in April, as the roof started to take shape and our thirty construction workers kicked into high gear to move the house towards completion.



A view of the new Micah House from the front entrance.



Our workers put the final smooth finish on the walls in the Micah House.



Javier, who oversees all of the woodwork on the new Micah House, puts the roof beams into place over the family room!



A crew also began to build the water cistern which will hold our well water for the entire site! It is going to be high up in the air so that the water will flow down into the houses using gravity.

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Helping Hands



We were delighted to receive a group of young adults from First Presbyterian Church's "D House" program in Houston ("D" stands for Discipleship). These men and women live in community with each other for a year in two different houses in order to be a light to the greater Houston area. I am happy to say that they were also a light to Honduras as well!

The D House folks helped to work on the perimeter wall of Micah 2.0. Here, FPC pastor Jeremiah Morris starts a brick-throwing chain gang to get some piles of bricks down to the wall!



The D House gang work side-by-side with the Micah boys on the perimeter wall!



Reemy, one of the members of the D House group, takes a moment to share a smile with Raul and Jose Luis.



Daily Life Around the Micah House



Manuel, Miguel and Nelson work on a project as part of our home-schooling program.



Miguel sands a wooden coffee table.



Glen, a boy who participates in our Micah Tech program, works on sanding a metal gate.



Jason learns metal work in our Micah Tech program.



Raul, Jose Luis and Yonni run sprints during soccer practice in the public soccer league we are involved in.

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