

Tenacious Hope

The Micah Project
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We desperately wanted to keep hope alive,

but the last time that Jerson left drug rehab before completing the program there, we were afraid that his life would take a dark turn. In the four years that he lived in the Micah Project, this young man had a very difficult time kicking his drug habit. He would do well for several months, but the bondage of addiction always carried him back to the streets.

The Micah Project is all about tenacious hope, and, even when Jerson left the Micah House, we refused to give up on him. We helped him to get into a drug rehab facility twice after he moved out, but the lessons he learned there could never seem to help him kick his addiction. In August of 2009, I wrote these words in an email to a friend who had been praying for Jerson: "I wanted to let you know that Jerson went back into rehab today. He had gotten about as low as you can go...he had gotten laid off from his job as a janitor and was really big-time back into the drug scene. He looked horrible too, gaunt with hollow eyes..."



Jerson at rehab in 2009



Jerson poses with his bride at their civil wedding ceremony

On January 16th of this year, we celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Micah Project. We invited all of our grads back to the house; out of sixty boys who have called Micah home throughout the years, forty-nine of them were present that night! Jerson, who is twenty-seven now, got up before the group and said, "I give thanks to God, because he brought me back to life through the Micah Project."

Disheartening words about a young man who could just not seem to break those chains. That friend, though, along with many others, continued praying. They prayed for God's light to flood those dark areas of bondage in his life, even when he seemed to be beyond hope. And, a couple of years ago, those prayers were answered. Jerson rededicated his life to the Lord and began to experience the joy of freedom for the first time since he was a very young child. He began to record Christian music, and would spend many weekends at evangelistic events, sharing his testimony and his songs about his life. A few months ago, he got married to a wonderful young woman, and he got a job with one of the largest companies in Honduras.



Jerson testifies of God's goodness at the Micah Project 15th Anniversary



Far Left: Victor shares a moment with Jeremiah Morris, a friend who has come to Honduras many times to invest in these lives.

Top Middle: Brittany poses with Junior, Noé and Edward, all living on the streets in 2013

Bottom Middle: Junior, Noé and Edward, all living at the Micah Project in 2015

the streets, we know that we will be engaged in a battle between life and death, between bondage and joyous freedom. Not all of them will survive that battle, such as precious Axel who was shot and killed on the streets this March. But, as long as they have breath, we will never, ever give up hoping for victory. And, miraculously, the large majority of boys that we have raised over fifteen years are still on the healing path.

The victory that we are seeing in Jerson's life would not have been possible without you. While there are a few us of that have the tremendous blessing of walking with these boys day-by-day in Honduras, our mission would fail were it not for those of you that stand in the gap for us from afar. Your prayers move mountains, break chains, and bring freedom.

We are asking you once again to recommit to praying for our boys. We have included a prayer card in this mailing, with a picture of one of the boys currently living in the Micah House. Would you consider taping that to your refrigerator or your mirror and commit to praying for these boys every day? Also, if the Lord has put one or more of the other boys on your heart, let us know and we will send you their individual prayer cards as well (we can even send you the whole set)!

Be a Prayer Warrior for the Micah Project

as the Lord continues to grow the Micah Family we ask you to commit to praying for one of the following groups that make up the Micah Project:

Timothy Men

Isaiah House

Street Kids

Micah Boys

Missionaries & Staff

Neighbors

More information about each group can be found on our website: www.micahprojecthonduras.org

Your financial commitment to the Micah Project is also more important than ever.

We are serving over sixty people a day on our beautiful Micah 2.0 facility. Besides the sixteen boys currently living in the new Micah House, we also have twenty young men from the surrounding communities learning carpentry and welding in our technical school. Other programs with local youth include Bible studies, movie nights, athletic events and work projects—as we strive to be a light to our neighboring communities!



Not all of our growth is taking place out at Micah 2.0. We are getting ready to launch the Isaiah House, a residential program for older street boys. We are restoring the old Micah House and hope to have five or six street youth between the ages of 17 and 22 join us in August. The older street youth population is a critically under-served group in Honduras, and we are so excited about offering a way for them to leave the streets!

We are committed to investing your donations in these lives in a way that will have maximum impact. For the last several years, Honduras has been ranked as one of the most violent countries on the planet. The Micah Project strives to physically rescue lives from that violence, but more importantly, we strive to guide them to a relationship with the Lord that brings eternal peace.

Thank you for being a part of that tenacious hope! We are confident that the Lord will continue to use your prayers and financial support to transform many lives!

Gracias!

Michael Miller



Q&A

What about the remainder of the Micah 2.0 plans?

Through your awesome generosity, God blessed the Micah Project with the funds to complete the current facilities. In 2015, we have several projects underway: we are repurposing the original Micah House in order to launch the Isaiah House in August, and we are also purchasing a 30-passenger bus. We also continue to work on our perimeter wall, which nears completion and, as funds allow, we will begin to pave the entrance road into the Micah 2.0 property. Future plans include a more formal Technical school and educational facility, a house for our visitors and visiting teams, and a more formal development of our athletic areas and green spaces.

What are the current financial needs of The Micah Project?

Our most pressing need currently is for operational funds. Now that our ministry has grown, including a larger number of boys at Micah 2.0, the launching of the Isaiah House, and greater outreach to our surrounding communities, we are asking you to prayerfully consider giving towards our daily operations. We are committed to investing your donations directly into the lives that the Lord has placed in our hands!

What is the latest at The Micah Project regarding the transition to the new property at Micah 2.0?

2012 and 2013 were years of planning, building, and moving into the new Micah House, and 2014 was a year of settling into the new routines that came with the transition out to Micah 2.0. Though we intentionally limited our building projects last year, we still built a staff cabin for our missionaries John and Becca Bell, extended the perimeter wall with our visiting teams and completed various smaller projects. In 2015 our focus will continue to be our daily operations, as the Lord grows the scope and depth of our ministry!

What is the Isaiah House?

This new initiative of The Micah Project, spearheaded by our missionary Stephen Kusmer, is a repurposing of the previous Micah House to minister to the street population of young men who are too old for any other programs, typically 16 to 22 years old. For the last year it has served as a day facility for six of those young men. By August of this year, we will launch a full residential program that will include drug rehabilitation, job-training and intense discipleship. The theme verse of the Isaiah House is Isaiah 43:19, which states, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

What if I have further questions?

We would love to chat with you if you have further questions regarding your participation in the Micah Project. You can write us at micahproject@hotmail.com and we can set up a time to talk with you by phone!

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Your generosity to the Micah Project is transforming lives!

The whole Micah family is profoundly grateful for your investment in creating young men who will act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with their God!

