

# The Micah Project - May 2013 Monthly Photo Update



From the very youngest Micah boy to the very first Micah grad, we were able to celebrate the entire arc of the Micah Project's ministry in the month of May! What a blessing it was to see the fruits of many years of faithfulness and prayer, and also to see young lives just beginning to understand the seeds of hope that the Micah Project plants in them. Take a look at the album below to share in our joy for all that God is growing in these lives!

## Marvin Soto Graduation

Marvin Soto was one of the first boys to enter the Micah Project when we opened our doors in January of 2000. So many years later, what a blessing it was to watch him walk on to the stage at Missouri Baptist's Commencement ceremony last month as he received his Master's in Business Administration! Marvin has showed such perseverance and faith as he pushed through high school, college and the master's program—and has become a strong man in the Lord in the process!



Marvin receives his Master's Degree from Missouri Baptist University!



The Micah Project's long-serving cook, Aida Martinez, was able to fly up to St. Louis to celebrate Marvin's graduation with him! She has been an important part of his life for many years, and it was SO special that she could be there with him!



Marvin smiles with Matt and Amy Darr, and their children Caroline, Benjamin and Lilly. The Darrs made Marvin a part of their family while he studied in St. Louis!



Many of the Micah Project family, those that have supported us for so many years, gathered a few days after Marvin's graduation to throw a big party for him! Here, Marvin shows off the cake, which was enjoyed by the 80-plus people that came to celebrate with him!



Aida's trip to St. Louis to see Marvin was the first time she has ever left Honduras! She had a wonderful week in St. Louis and got to see all the sights! Here, she and Marvin enjoy the St. Louis Zoo!



And the photobomber is Raja!

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## Mother's Day Celebration

Mother's day is always bittersweet at the Micah Project, since many of the boys do not have their moms in their lives. For our Mother's day event, we allow them to invite one special woman to represent their family, whether it be a grandma, aunt, big sister or their actual mom. This year was a special time which included cake, songs written by the Micah boys, and a special mother-son waltz!



Yeison smiles with his mom.



Hector gives his step-mom a big hug, especially bitter-sweet since his father passed away last fall.



Little Edward gives his mom a big hug!

## Timothy House and Graduate's Trip

Our college students and Timothy House residents had a very special experience in May. They drove up to the Caribbean coast of Honduras and then flew to beautiful Roatan island for a long weekend! Though their trip was a quick one, it was a time of unity and brotherhood in one of the most beautiful places on earth!



Brayan and Arle enjoy the crystal clear waters of Roatan island!



The boys rented motor scooters so that they could explore this 28-mile-long tropical paradise.



Jeferson enjoys a Roatan sunset.

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## Celebrating Edward

We had a lot to celebrate with Edward, the newest Micah boy, in May! On May 21, we celebrated Edward's first month at the Micah Project, a true miracle as this young boy leaves the streets farther and farther behind him. He has been SUCH a blessing to the Micah family, and all of the boys have really rallied around him to help him take these first few steps towards his future! Then, a few days later, we celebrated his 10th birthday!



The boys gather around Edward to celebrate his first month at the Micah Project! We took him to the same park where we spent his very first day in the project in April, and had a great day of soccer, horseback-riding and swimming!

Edward tried to take down big Pedro in the park, and ended up getting picked up instead!

Brayan and Edward smile as he celebrates his 10th birthday on May 25th! Before entering Micah,

he didn't know the date of his birth, and had never celebrated a birthday before!



Edward's older brother Jose Daniel visits him often at the Micah house. Jose Daniel has lived on the streets for many years, and Edward really wants to help him! Click here to read our blog about these two boys: <http://www.micahprojecthonduras.org/2013/05/24/a-magic-formula/>

## Micah 2.0 Update!

As the Micah House at Micah 2.0 grows closer to completion, we can really begin to envision how it is going to look once finished! We are already beginning to dream of all the ways that we will be able to use our new home to take our ministry to the next level in these boys' lives...and in the lives of those who will soon leave the streets and join the Micah Project!



The roof is almost on! Here, they put the wooden ceiling in place above the kitchen and dining room of the Micah House.



The beautiful wooden ceiling beams are in place above the family room of the new house.



A view of the stonework on the bottom of the Micah House exterior.



One of our workers lays the ceramic tiles in one of the boys' bedrooms.

The Micah boys go out to the project every Monday to work on the perimeter wall around the land.



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## Fun, faith and fellowship: Scenes from Micah's daily life



Amy Lurix, who volunteered with the Micah Project for a couple of weeks in May, shares her testimony at our Sunday night worship time.



Megan Scheumann takes our volunteers Amy Lurix and Patrick Hecker down to the market to minister to the street kids.



Wilmer sings to a crowd in the Central Plaza of Tegucigalpa at an evangelistic outreach.



Miguelito laughs during a water balloon war at Micah 2.0.



Miguel practices the backstroke on his swim team



Two street boys, Fredy and Ismael, listen attentively to Wilmer as he sings.



Nelson and Raul enjoy Thursday soccer.



Megan and Edward goof off on the Micah House patio.



Our cook Aida is so excited about her new kitchen in the Micah House!



Just hanging around!



Thanks! The Micah boys just wanted to say thanks for your years of support, love and prayers. They know that you play such a vital role in germinating hope in their lives...so that they can produce fruit that will glorify their Heavenly Father! Here, they spell out the word "Gracias" in order to thank you in a big way!