

When I first visited Santa Clara and walked around the community with Arturo and Suyapa, I was struck by the lethargy and seeming hopelessness I saw among those I met. That is changing. Here are a couple of events giving evidence of how the school is affecting the lives of its students.

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What Do I Want to Be When I Grow Up?

A recent Career Day at White Dove School gave the students a chance to show their aspirations for the future. They may wish to pick coffee, beans, and corn, or to make tortillas and babies as their parents have done. But no longer do they have to accept those as their only choices. They are learning that with the right preparation, they can increase the range of choices available to them in adulthood.

Here you get an idea of what they want to become. You see three or four medical caregivers of the future, a businessman, an engineer, a businesswoman, a Delta pilot, a military officer, a pharmacist, and some homemakers and laborers. These kids expressed their desires, researched typical activities of each job, and became aware of the educational preparation needed if they want to pursue their dreams. They are being encouraged to do the right things to become future leaders of their country.



Who Will Teach Me?

The photo above shows some teachers from Indiana who are teaching and inspiring the students to reach for the stars. The young man with the

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**Honduras Agape
Foundation**

Send your check to:
**Friends of White Dove
P.O. Box 5483
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On your check, designate the donation as "**Support for White Dove Santa Clara**". If you want it to go to a specific area of need, indicate that either on the check or on a note you send with the check. Every cent will be forwarded to the school.

Financial Needs

Love Offerings for
Teaching Staff:
\$3,500/month.

Update on earlier needs:

Construction is well underway toward completing the White Dove administration building. Photos will be included in the next newsletter.

camera around his neck is Chris. On the right, standing in the doorway, is Regina, who arrived in Santa Clara at the beginning of this school year. Here she describes her experiences after about a month in White Dove:

"I decided to come to Honduras from Indiana to get some teaching experience. I have my teaching degree and have worked with kids for many years. So that is the easy part of being in Honduras. The hard part of being here is not being able to speak the language. It is very hard every day not being able to speak to the other teachers or to understand what they are talking about. It is also very hard to go to school meetings and not know what is being talked about. But this does help me to be more understanding with students who are in the United States and cannot speak English.

I can tell that my students are starting to learn more English every day because they are starting to read better and understand what they are reading. They also are starting to ask me more often what something means in English, which is starting to help make their writing better.

Being in Honduras is teaching me a lot about being in a different culture. It is teaching me how other people in the world live and what they can go through. Being in a different country can open your eyes to a lot and help you to appreciate what you do have.

Being here is also making me become very close to God. I know without God I would not be able to stay here for as long as I have. It is hard for me to be away from my family and friends but God helps me get through that every day. God is the one person I know I can talk to everyday and who will be able to understand no matter where I am. Being here is helping me to learn how to rely on God more every day."

The next newsletter will include thoughts from Chris, who spent a month this summer teaching at White Dove Santa Clara.

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Sincerely,

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