

Mission UpReach Newsletter

Osiris' Story



Osiris was born and raised in Santa Rosa de Copán. Born to a single mother who had developmental challenges, she was raised by her maternal grandmother. In her home, there was discord and a lack of support and love. Osiris mostly felt like a burden and worked overtime to please her grandmother, hoping for some affirmation. Affection was almost completely absent. Correction and discipline came in the form of physical abuse. When Osiris developed asthma, she was often physically punished for her uncontrolled cough and sent outside so that she would not be heard by her family. The neglect of her asthma resulted in permanent damage and on-going respiratory issues in her adulthood. The poverty in her family coupled with the fact that she had no one striving for her good led to Osiris dropping out of school after the

6th grade. She did learn the value of hard work in her home though, often assigned the tasks of cooking and cleaning for the family. Osiris worked and took responsibility for her own financial needs from the age of 16 on. She followed the path of almost all of her female family members and became a single mother at age 21.

When she was 18 years old, she heard that the world was coming to an end. She wanted to find someone to baptize her because even though she was born into a Catholic family, they didn't baptize her like most catholic children, and she recognized the importance of baptism. Around that same time, her cousin was invited to an evangelistic campaign and invited Osiris to join her. After hearing the Good News, Osiris was baptized and began her faith journey. Like many, the demands of work and

providing for her daughter served as a distraction and her church attendance dropped, resulting in a lack of spiritual growth. A bout with pneumonia that almost took her life was her wakeup call and she returned to God and the church.

Osiris first encountered Phil and Donna Waldron in 2009 when they moved to Santa Rosa and started working with the church that she was attending. Donna invited Osiris to join the teaching team for Sunday school, which opened her eyes to her ability to not only teach children, but to also grow and learn herself. Her confidence began to grow and that, combined with a level of financial stability, inspired her to study in and graduate from the CRESCO program (a two-year Saturday school in basic Bible training and leadership development). Osiris found herself pleasantly surprised in her ability to learn and was inspired to return to weekend school for adults to finish her junior high and high school education. Lord willing, she will graduate from High School this year. Her future plans and wishes include studying law on the University level. Osiris has sacrificed and worked hard to give her daughter Heyli, now 14 years old, stability and the ability to finish her education, something she was not given.

When asked about her relationship with God and the changes she's experienced, Osiris says, "Knowing the Lord has really changed my life direction. The past 3 years have been

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Simpson family transitions back to the US

It has been two whole years since the Jason Simpson family accepted our invitation to come to Honduras and help us launch a well drilling operation. It took eight years of praying and fundraising before that, 10 years in total, for Mission UpReach to be able to say, “we now have an operational water well drilling ministry.”

As important as the donations were in purchasing all of the equipment, tools and machinery; what was even more important is the personnel. At just the right time God provided both the equipment and the personnel. Phil Waldron, our CEO, embarrasses Jason

when he introduces him because he always says, “Jason is a mechanical genius.” We owe a great deal to Jason’s mechanical genius and his affable, servant type leadership. He has modeled both professionalism in his work as well as what it means to be a Christian man, husband and father. We know that the well drilling crew that he has trained is ready to do the work on their own. And they and many others are better men for having known Jason. In truth, we believe that Jason was God’s man for the hour. Now after two years of him training our Honduran crew they are ready to solo.

We would be remiss in not highlighting Jason’s family and their contribution. Michelle, his wife, and their four children, Wyatt, Samantha, Hannah and Caleb all supported Jason in coming here and pitched in wherever they could to contribute to the work that Mission UpReach is doing in Western Honduras. The Simpson’s two-year commitment is fast coming to a close. We are grateful to them and to God for sending them. We wish them well in their transition back to the US and their life there. As they say here in Honduras...Que Dios les bendiga.



First chicks arriving soon



Exciting things are about to happen at the Moses Project. Over the past year, we have been working to leverage these assets to not only raise up leaders, but to also help produce a revenue flow to help make the project self-sustaining. There are so many things involved in training these young men to be godly leaders, but we believe showing them examples of good stewardship and persistence is a big part. It has not been easy, but we believe that with God's blessing, we will be soon placing our first chicks in the broiler houses and starting a new phase of production and income. Step by step, we are showing the boys how to live an abundant life. The next step coming soon should be a processing plant to

improve the revenue. We appreciate your continued prayers for the boys as well as the agribusinesses we are developing to move this project towards

sustainability. We are still a few years from being sustainable, so making your donations towards these projects is very important and vital to our growth.

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incredible. First, I am alive in spite of my illness, I have a job, and I am studying. The Lord has helped me grow closer to my family and I have a new family in Christ that loves and supports me. I am so thankful for Mission UpReach and those who have come to serve here in my country. My encounter with them has changed my life and provided opportunities that I would not otherwise have had. The Waldron's allowed me and my daughter to move into an apartment attached to the mission office as well giving me a job. This stability has opened doors for me to change by God's power. I am not the same person as before and me and my daughter are forever blessed. One of my goals is to help young women make good decisions for their future and help them avoid the consequences of a life-time of bad choices, as so many have done for me."



A note from Donna



children in our program who were “loaned” to other people as their ticket into the US is heartbreaking. Other stories of families separated due to the rush to migrate, while the

Visiting a few of our DESEO schools this week exposed me once again to the reality of the suffering around us. So many families are torn apart by poverty and immigration. Hearing stories of

to the abundant life and that higher earnings will answer all their woes. And then there are the generational patterns of dropping out of school, having babies at young ages, and never committing to a long-term relationship resulting in the disintegration of the family.

I know many of these same things are true in the US, but here in Honduras the lack of opportunity and the lack of services is the norm. Our goal at Mission UpReach is to lead people to the true abundant life through Jesus while providing viable opportunities for education and jobs.

Pray for us and help us as we strive to build sustainable businesses that not only provide opportunities here in Honduras but also provide the way for us to continue our leadership training through DESEO, the Moses Project, and our church planting efforts. And pray for the families that are being torn apart by immigration. May God grant us wisdom as we counsel families and encourage them to seek the Kingdom of God first.

2019 Brigade Season

January 5-12	VCOM	Medical
February 9-16	Surgical.....	General and ENT
February 16-19	Pine Tree	School sponsorship
February 23-March 2	Tusculum Church of Christ (TN)	Medical
March 9-16	Belton Church of Christ (TX)	Youth-VBS
March 16-23	Lipscomb University (TN)	Medical
May 18-25.....	Oklahoma State (OK)	Construction
June 1-8.....	Snellville Church of Christ	VBS
June 8-15	Pine Tree Church of Christ	Medical/VBS/Construction
June 15-22	University Church of Christ.....	Medical
June 22-29.....	Burnt Hickory Church of Christ	Medical/VBS/Construction
July 6-13.....	Lexington Church of Christ	Medical
July 6-15.....	VCOM	Medical
July 20-27	University CofC Youth	VBS
July 20-27	Disciple Trips.....	VBS
July 27-August 3.....	Southside CofC (TX)	Medical
Sept. 28-Oct.5.....	Surgical.....	Orthopedic
Oct. 5-12.....	VCOM	Medical

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