



*Serving the Deaf and Children with disabilities in Honduras.*

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Dear Michael,

We hope you enjoy our July 2010 Newsletter. Thanks for your 2 minutes to read it!

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*Do you know what a "nieta" is?*

We do. We have 2 of them. You might have some. They are also known as "granddaughters". Lydia Joyce arrived on July 2 - right on time. She is definitely not Honduran. Sarah delivered her at home with a midwife, Drew and Martha assisting. We thank God for healthy momma and baby.



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## *Deaf Camp was awesome...*

Signs of Love has been doing camps for the past 10 years, and many of their students are like ours - low language ability. They invited us to their recent camp and we took one of our helpers - Heather, and also Maynor - a deaf teenager. SoL did a great job with a mix of volunteers that were hearing & Deaf, signing & non-signing. We learned a great deal and look forward to putting on a camp for the deaf in our area of the country. The date is flexible. We could use some volunteers - that is a special and direct invitation to you. You don't need sign language - just a desire to show God's love to some receptive kids. If you are interested, please send us an email at [mjrudd1@msn.com](mailto:mjrudd1@msn.com) .



## Maynor experiences a great adventure!

Who is Maynor? A 15 year old deaf boy, typically shy, tall & thin, has no siblings, who likes to draw and daydream. Maynor lives with extended family in what most North Americans wouldn't keep their lawn tools in - a 15 x 20 "shed" with a dirt floor, no glass in the windows, many gaps in the walls, a tree limb to wedge the pieced together door shut, a clay cook oven outside... that sort of place which is not unusual down here. His dad is not to be found. When we met him, he had only 3 shirts.

We decided to make this trip to camp extra special for Maynor. It was a 5 hour drive to camp, so along the way we took him to a Dunkin Donuts and the beach. He had never been to the ocean and was afraid of the waves. His favorite part was picking up shells. We took him to a mall and he rode an escalator for the first time. The whole mall experience amazed him and we got ice cream cones before heading to the camp.



Maynor likes doing crafts and was happy painting and coloring things. The theme was "God cares for you - 1 Peter 5:7". He sat with us the first evening during dramas and lessons. There were about 100 deaf folks at the camp. By the time camp was done, he had made what he called his "friends" - all North American adults. He is not used to mixing with kids very much - the deaf are typically either ignored or ridiculed here. Foreign adults are safer (nicer) in his experience. He wanted pictures with his friends.

We got him back home just before dark of the 3rd day. The family had the door barricaded to keep his drunk, violent uncle outside. A sad way to end a great experience for Maynor, but that is just a part of his difficult life. We are thankful to God for giving Maynor such a wonderful camp experience, as he learned the theme "God cares for him".

The camp changed Maynor's view of the world and life. He was 2 hours early for our next class, where he used to be late typically. He was communicative where he used to be shy. The class watched a video we made of the camp - Maynor was proud and they were happy for him. Thanks to the 2 people that sponsored Maynor - they covered his camp costs, some printed photos & frames and bought him some more clothes. To God be all the glory.

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If you would like to help us reach kids like Maynor, please prayerfully consider supporting our work. [CLICK HERE](#) for a link to our web site support page.

**God Bless you and God bless the children of Honduras,**  
Mike & Martha Rudd

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