

## **HETO Dictionary**

### **Heart in Education Teacher Outreach or HETO**

The mission of Heart in Education Teacher Outreach (HETO) is to support teachers in Honduras by providing varied opportunities for professional development, ample classroom materials, and safe and appropriate equipment and physical structures. HETO was founded in 2006.

### **Peggy Esselman**

Former teacher and current liaison for parents at the School on Wheels, a tutoring program for homeless children. Peggy founded Heart in Education Teacher Outreach after traveling to Honduras with the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish and seeing the amazing need for material and professional support in local schools.

### **Evelyn Carroll**

Early Childhood and Elementary Spanish teacher at the Orchard School and HETO Executive Director. As ED, Evelyn works to promote HETO in Honduras and in Indiana and coordinates HETO's different programs. Evelyn and Peggy both lead TMC trips to Honduras during the year.

### **Lindsay Alessandrini**

Spanish teacher and Department Chair at Zionsville Community High School and HETO Board President. As president, Lindsay oversees the HETO board meetings and chairs the committee to approve post-trip service projects. In addition, Lindsay leads the Operation: Honduras Club at ZCHS, a large student club committed to serving HETO's schools, teachers, and students.

### **Tegucigalpa or "Teguz"** (pronounced "tay-goose-see-gal-pa" or "tay-goose")

The capital city of Honduras. A few of the HETO schools are located in Teguz, while the others are scattered among smaller villages. Teguz is located in a basin, surrounded by many large mountains.

### **Toncontín International Airport** (pronounced "tone-cone-teen")

More commonly known as Tegucigalpa International Airport, located 6 KM from downtown Teguz. The airport is situated on a plateau in the city, which makes for interesting and breathtaking landings on its single runway.

### **Sister Maria Rosa or "Sister"**

A nun from the school Sisters of St. Francis. Founded Sociedad Amigos de los Niños in 1966 as a way to help neglected and impoverished children in Honduras.

### **Sociedad Amigos de los Niños or "Sociedad" or "SAN"** (pronounced "so-see-eh-dahd")

A private non-profit organization located in Tegucigalpa. SAN provides shelter, health care, education, training and the opportunity to live in dignity to children and families ravaged by extreme poverty.

SAN supports six main projects:

- ★ **Reyes Irene Valenzuela** (pronounced "ray-ehs ead-en-eh")  
A school for girls who mainly work as domestics in Teguz. The girls have the opportunity to finish their high school educations and receive training in computers, sewing, and beauty. There are also programs and resources for the girls to learn about their rights and self-esteem, receive counseling, and take action if they have been violated. Many of the girls who attend this school have been physically and/or sexually abused by family members or their employers and many are pregnant or have had babies. They attend school on their only day off.
- ★ **Santa Rosa de Lima Clinic** (pronounced "sahn-tah row-sah day lee-ma")  
This clinic serves the population of Nuevo Paraíso and neighboring villages. Doctors and medical students from around the world come to Santa Rosa to volunteer their services on medical brigades. Doctors living in Honduras frequently provide free or reduced cost services. The eye surgery center is the most recent addition to the clinic.
- ★ **Nuevo Paraíso or "Nuevo"** (pronounced "new-eh-bo pod-ah-ee-so" means "New Paradise")  
Nuevo is split into two sections:
  1. The neighborhood began as village for single, abandoned women and their children. It has now transitioned into a children's village. The children live in small houses that are supervised by "tias" (pronounced "tea-uhs", literally meaning "aunts") who are young women from the area. Charitable groups from the US and Canada typically build new homes/sponsor the children.
  2. El Proyecto (The Project) - This is where many mission groups stay, including HETO. The Project is a peaceful grouping of camp-style dorms, a kitchen/cafeteria, and a screened gazebo. The

Project takes precautions to serve food and water that are safe for consumption. The dorm facilities include beds with sheets and blankets; dressers for storage; and traditional bathrooms with toilets, sinks, and showers. Room set-ups vary, but feature many private rooms.

- ★ **Pedro Attala** (pronounced "peh-dro ah-tahl-ah")  
Children's home in Teguz for children who have been identified as being in "social risk" for various reasons. Each child has his/her own story and most are not completely orphaned. Many of the children are visited regularly by family members. They, as well as the children in Nuevo Paraíso are not up for adoption.
- ★ **Montaña de Luz** (pronounced "mown-tahn-yah day looze", means "Mountain of Light")  
Home for children affected by AIDS and HIV. This used to be a hospice, which provided these children with a place to die with care and dignity. Now, with the development of antiretroviral drugs and social programs, which distribute these drugs, most of the children are surviving through childhood, high school and beyond. The morgue has been converted into a computer lab. Montaña is located on top of a hill approx. 1.5 miles from The Project. It is run by a church out of Ohio but is constructed on land owned by SAN.
- ★ **Flor Azul** (pronounced "floor ahs-ool", means "Blue Flower")  
This is a home for boys started by SAN, on the same road as Nuevo. Currently there are approximately 50 boys living there, receiving an education, learning life skills, and skills they can use to gain employment later on. There are several micro-enterprises that are, or will hopefully, contribute to supporting the boys and the school. These include the Inter-Net Café in Nuevo Paraíso, the convenience store next door, and the Carpentry Shop. Flor Azul is also working toward becoming a self-sustaining farm with enough crops and animals to feed themselves and also sell to the community.

#### HETO Schools

There are 11 HETO schools in total. Some of the schools such as Reyes Irene and Flor Azul are also SAN schools. The other schools are those that have been identified by SAN and HETO as extremely needy schools in close proximity to Teguc or Nuevo. The HETO schools vary widely from one-room schoolhouses with one teacher for all students in K-6 to larger schools with many teachers and administrators.

#### Nueva Esperanza or Esperanza (pronounced "new-eh-ba es-pair-ahn-sa", means New Hope)

A town neighboring Nuevo Paraíso. This town was built as emergency housing after Hurricane Mitch in 1998. Many people who work in Nuevo or Montaña de Luz live in Esperanza.

#### Hurricane Mitch

Devastating hurricane that hit Teguz and the surrounding areas on Halloween of 1998. The country and its people are still recovering from it.

#### Yuscarán (pronounced "yoo-scar-ahn")

A traditional, colonial village that dates back to the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors located approximately 30 minutes from The Project.

#### Valle de los Angeles (pronounced "by-yeh day lohs ahn-hell-ace", means "Valley of the Angels")

A popular tourist destination for shopping and traditional Honduran artwork and crafts.

#### Lempira

The Honduran currency. It is subdivided into 100 centavos, although only the 10, 20, and 50 centavo coins are currently used. The common lempira bills used are the 1, 2, 5, 20, 50, 100, and 500. The lempira was named after the 16th-century ruler (of the same name). Lempira ruled over indigenous Lenca people and is renowned in Honduran folklore for leading the (ultimately unsuccessful) local native resistance against the Spanish conquistador forces. Thus, Lempira is honored as a national hero. The exchange rate is about 19 lempiras per American dollar.