



## November 2005 Newsletter

*The Salvador Foundation is committed to serving God by bringing people from all walks of life together for the common cause of helping our fellow man. We, as the body of Christ, have a responsibility to care for those in need. By helping and enabling people one project at a time, our goal is to share encouragement, hope and faith.*

### Honduras and Hurricane Mitch

In October 1998, Hurricane Mitch dumped huge amounts of rain over Honduras for days. Over a ten-day period, peak rainfall reached up to four inches an hour. Rivers broke their banks, destroying crops and dumping sand and rocks for miles. In some places, the debris still lies thick enough to make once-fertile farmland look like desolate beaches.

Up to 1.5 million people were left homeless, and starvation was widespread throughout the country.

An estimated 70 - 80 percent of the transportation infrastructure was destroyed including nearly all of the country's major bridges and roads. Even airports were under water. Today, nearly 7 years later, the economy and infrastructure of Honduras has barely recovered.

### Good News from Honduras

*(Written by Carlos Gomez,  
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Good news is hard to find these days. News of success, of joy and positive change are not heard of. News wires are filled with blood, death, hunger, desperation, abuse and destruction.

God has used you and us to bring change to the lives of people. I want to bring you from a macro view to micro one.

Four years ago God moved us to start a Day Care in Limon, Choluteca for children whose lives were at risk. God sent angels in the form of sponsors from the US to provide the finances needed to protect these 21 children. Then he sent more partners to build a safe place for this ministry.



32 children are being taken care of right now.  
Verse on the wall is Jer 29:11

One and half year ago, the mothers of these children asked us to provide work for them. We started a small and rustic Tortilla Production where they could make 2,000 tortillas a day and we found a single client to buy them all.

Six months ago Salvador Foundation provided the funds to buy a fully automatized Tortilla machine with capabilities to produce 30,000 tortillas in an 8-hour shift. Now, 10 women work at the production facilities, 3 men work at maintenance, supervision and doing the hard and heavy work, and 7 more people work at distribution.



**Tortilla factory at full production**

The first 3 months they focused on selling as much as possible only to learn that is important to do wholesale, but profits are low on this market, so they came up with a great idea to target the homes and small stores. Profit increased, while costs decreased.

This is only business jargon until you come to know how this factory has changed lives. Let me tell you the story of Aleyda Garcia, a single mother of two children, Catherine 6 and Erick 3.



**Aleyda center, Pastor Geovanny in white**

Before the tortilla factory she was working in Choluteca, 6 days a week, from early morning to the late night. All day her children would stay alone, locked in for protection. She would get up before dawn and would make 4 tortillas, fried beans, prepare water for them to drink, say a quick prayer and leave them while they were sleeping. They were trained to be quiet. The 6-year-old daughter took care of the four-year-old boy. She did all this sacrifice for Lps 200 or \$10.52 per week.

Now, she works at the Tortilla Factory, she works 5 days a week, a four hour shift per day, her children are taken care at the day care, and she is making \$23.68 a week.

Aleyda has been able in the last four months to afford new beds, clothes, even a kitchenette operated with gas instead of the usual wood stove.

Aleyda received Christ, is a member of a home group that meets every week to study the Bible, comes to church, has been baptized and has joy in her life. She says THANK YOU and THANK GOD a lot now. Her life and her children's life have had a complete turn around.



**New kitchenette to replace wood stove**



**New beds Aleyda bought with her salary**

The Salvador Foundation is currently supporting efforts in the US and Latin America. If you would like further information on this or any other activities, please contact:

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