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OF FRIENDSHIP

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TO END POVERTY IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO

Dear

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Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holiday season with your loved ones. 2026 offers renewed opportunities to deepen our impact in the Global South. We are starting strong with a new project in Honduras that will make a lasting improvement in the lives of girls and women who face poverty and violence.

Your continued financial support has made this new project possible. Together, we can accomplish meaningful change.

Our partner in Honduras is an old friend, Sociedad Amigos de los Niños (SAN). Founded in 1966 by Sister Maria Rosa Leggol, SAN provides health-care and education to impoverished children, adolescents, and families. Horizons' founders Father Tim, and Christine and David Stewart were so inspired by SAN's work, it became our first partner organization in 1973. We are still inspired by their work all these years later.

Helping young women build stable lives

Among SAN's many initiatives is the Reyes Irene Valenzuela School for Women. The school helps young women experiencing economic hardship and gender-based violence build safer and more stable lives for themselves and their families. Tuition is free.

The women who attend the school are employed as domestic household workers for affluent families, receiving little or no pay. To accommodate the women's work schedules, the school offers classes on the weekend. To supplement these classes, women continue their studies by listening to educational radio programs and completing take-home assignments.

The school is making a big difference in the lives of these young women. I visited the school in 2024 and heard students' testimonies firsthand. I left humbled and determined to contribute to this vital work. I'm happy to announce the launch of a three-year project with Reyes Irene Valenzuela this spring.

The project will directly benefit 200 women at the school each year. It aims to break the cycles of poverty and violence, promote independence, and enable women to find economic and life success by providing them with:

- increased education on violence prevention methods
- literacy skills for career success, including English classes, computer science, pharmacy and cosmetology courses
- skills development classes, information on trades, and resume building workshops
- therapy to help them recover from violence and other hardships.



Classes at SAN's Reyes Irene Valenzuela School for Women take place on weekends to accommodate young women who are employed as domestic workers during the week. They receive homework and accessible education through radio while they work.



A few years ago, students at Reyes Irene Valenzuela specifically requested a computer repair course so they could develop a career that would pay salary and benefits. The school now has a classroom dedicated to computer repair, which has evolved into a Microsoft-certified training site.



I want to help Horizons empower people in Central America and Mexico.

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We are excited to open the doors of opportunity for these young women. We thank you again for supporting us in this partnership.

Natural disaster impacts migrant workers

In the fall of 2025, many of the workers we support here in Northumberland returned home to Jamaica just as Hurricane Melissa hit. A category 5 storm – the first in recorded history – Melissa caused widespread devastation, with 1.5 million Jamaicans impacted.

In the months that followed, Horizons’ staff remained in close contact with migrant workers, like Aubrey, to understand the ongoing impact on them and their families. Aubrey has been coming to Canada from Jamaica to work on a farm in Port Hope, Ontario for over 30 years. The income he has earned has allowed him to finish building his family’s forever home.

Overnight, Melissa took his home away. “Jamaica was turned upside down. I have never seen anything like this in my lifetime,” says Aubrey. “I’ve lost my home, my furniture, and all of my family’s personal belongings.” Aubrey’s story is echoed by other migrant workers from the region who continue to be without homes, power, or access to necessities.

To support these workers, Horizons is launching a Call for Donations in Northumberland. Once workers arrive, we will identify their most urgent needs and, with your support, gather essential items they can send home to their families as they rebuild their lives.

To ensure you receive information on needed donations, please go to www.horizons.ca and sign up for our newsletter. You can also send a financial donation to our migrant worker program directly through the website or by calling Erin at 905-372-5483, ext.22. We thank you in advance.

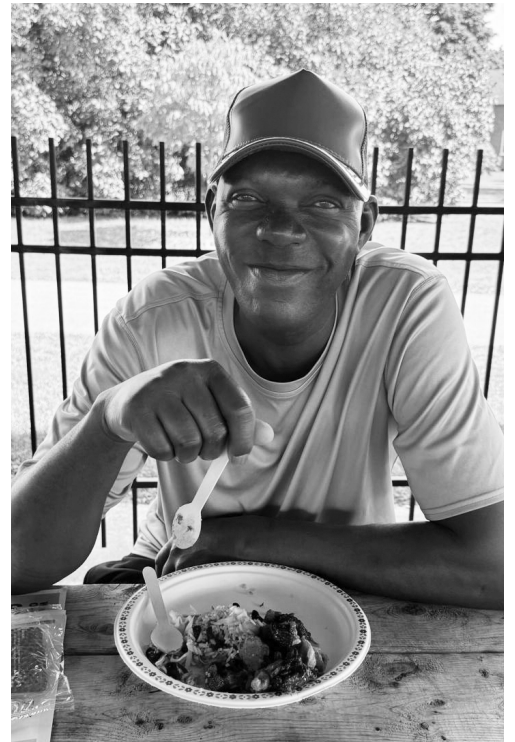
Sparking real change

We know from experience that the best way to create meaningful change is through a collaborative, partner-led approach that’s powered by people like you. Your generosity allows us to engage with partners and develop new projects in places like Honduras, Guatemala, Panama, El Salvador and Mexico, and to come to the aid of migrant workers here in Canada.

Let’s harness the promise of a new year. I invite you to renew your support today and to consider becoming a monthly donor.



Rodrigo Konigs
Executive Director
Horizons of Friendship



Aubrey has been a migrant worker in our community for 30 years, and we are happy to support him and other workers from Jamaica as they rebuild their lives after Hurricane Melissa.



Aubrey’s home, which had taken years to build, was destroyed overnight when Hurricane Melissa hit.

P.S. A brief reminder: Horizons’ expansive 7-year project in Guatemala with Global Affairs Canada requires us to fundraise **\$932,000**. If you’d like to designate a portion of your donation to this specific project, please note your preference on your cheque or include a brief note with your contribution.



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