



IDENTITY MISSION NEWSLETTER

ADELINA'S SUCCESS IS YOUR SUCCESS!

BY TARA GARCIA, IDENTITY MISSION CEO AND CO-FOUNDER

I am thrilled to report that Adelina has successfully exited the Identity Mission Family Preservation Program! If you have been following her story with us, you truly know that it has been one of courage and hard work, with several miracles of provision mixed in! A quick recap for those of you that perhaps missed part of this single mom's determination to not only provide for her daughter but also to help other children in her poor community is the following:

Stage 1: Identity Mission paid Adelina to care for 4 children; providing immediate work for her and emergency care for the 4 children that were at risk of entering the orphanage system.

Stage 2: Adelina expressed the desire to assist more children in her community that were also being left alone in vulnerable situations while their parents went to work. She showed great potential for learning how to operate a business of her own and to care well for children.

Stage 3: Carlos, our Family Preservation Director, worked with Adelina to create a business plan to run her own daycare in her slum community.

Stage 4: Adelina attended several parenting courses and other training sessions offered by Identity Mission. She learned the basics of early childhood education from a partner expert.

Stage 5: THE DAYCARE OPENED! And through the assistance of a local church and other resources, Adelina received a building and materials for her daycare to operate well.

And now we've reached the final stage, where Adelina has several children attending the daycare and she is bringing in enough income to purchase all her own materials and manage all operations. When discussing with me Adelina's exit from the program, Carlos said, "I hadn't even reached the point of letting Adelina know that she needed to start purchasing her own materials each month when she came to me and told me she had reached the moment financially where she wanted to buy her own materials out of the daycare's income!



She not only wants independence, but she is also passionate about providing solutions so that her neighbors can have it as well."

One mom whose children are attending the daycare was noted saying that she had gone through 15 different caretakers for her children; always arriving at difficulties in having a caretaker and a good environment for her children. She reported that her children being at Adelina's daycare **has changed everything for them**; not only are they excited to go every day but she is also at peace knowing that they are so well cared for.

The unavailability of childcare or daycares is one of the leading causes for families in poor communities being split apart. Parents are unable to go to work because of small children at home, or children are left at home alone which often results in them being sent to orphanages for care. Adelina has successfully created a solution that this very day is keeping families together! Her success today is YOUR SUCCESS! Why? Because as a partner of Identity Mission you have successfully chosen a way to support orphan care that actually results in changes that keep kids out of the system altogether; keeps them from experiencing the trauma of being ripped from their families; and assists in building up their families so that they are healthier. Thank you for choosing to support Identity Mission and our family preservation program!

HOW ONE SUNDAY CAN CHANGE LIVES FOREVER

BY ERICA SWITZER, IDENTITY MISSION COO

Caring for the fatherless and the helpless is at the core of the heart of the Father. **Throughout Scripture, over and over again, God makes it absolutely clear that we, corporately as the church and individually as sons and daughters of God, are to bear the responsibility of caring for the fatherless, alongside of and strengthened and sustained by the Father.** In fact, we believe that the church is never closer to the heart of the Father than when it is unified in acting to care for the fatherless. We have seen that when the church chooses to broadcast the needs of children in their community and provide opportunities for the body of Christ to act on behalf of the Father for the fatherless, the church naturally grows to become more like Jesus and shines a brighter and more practical light into their communities that shows a clearer picture of who the Father is.

Through the Orphan Sunday movement is a singular Sunday committed to showing the prioritization of God's heart for the orphan and the church's responsibility and action to care for children in need in our communities and globally. We are seeing churches in Honduras lean into the beauty of what it means when they cast a vision to be a church that moves beyond the walls of their building. We are seeing bodies of Christ that go towards the cries of the fatherless, that incorporates each person and their unique gifting towards providing holistic care for children in need, which provides community and belonging despite abandonment for the fatherless. This type of involvement can change the healthiness and effectiveness of a church, it can change a community, and it will surely change the lives of children forever.

We are seeing how common mission and vision to advocate on behalf of the fatherless aligns people more than a style of preaching, music, or even specifics in theology.



An amazing thing can happen when the church decides to be committed to a mission and aligned for a cause rather than divided on secondary issues. This Orphan Sunday, on November 10th, churches in Siguatepeque, Honduras are choosing to align for this purpose, and they are inviting their congregations to take a stand to defend the orphan!

The call to care for orphans and widows is already inscribed in the DNA of the local church, often we just need to allow the church at large the opportunity to practically serve kids in need around them, using the gifts that they already have been equipped with for the benefit of those around them. The Orphan Sunday movement is not just for churches in Honduras, but it is for your church and your community too! You can Identity Mission, churches in Honduras, and churches around the world this Orphan Sunday, as we actively decide to prioritize the orphan and vulnerable children. **Involve your church in what is happening through Orphan Sunday by going to cafo.org/orphansunday and contact us for more information! Join us, and let's just see what God stirs up in His people!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:
WWW.CAFO.ORG/ORPHANSUNDAY**

KARLA CATCHES THE VISION OF FOSTER CARE!

BY ERICA SWITZER, IDENTITY MISSION COO

This month, Tara sent out a video blog sharing Karla's story, you should ABSOLUTELY watch it if you haven't seen it! Just head over to our facebook page or go to taraimhis.blogspot.com

As you know, Identity Mission does not normally provide salaries for our foster families to care for children, but rather we lean into their calling to care for the fatherless and then supplement and provide needed supplies such as formula, diapers, scholarships for school, medical costs, constant therapy provided by our team of psychologists, and other material needs that the families have in order to best care for the kids in their care.

However, every once in a while, there are families who are so eager to care for kids, but they are unable to provide the attention that the kids need because both spouses have to maintain full-time jobs. When this happens, and it is just so obvious to our team that they are meant to care for kids, we turn to our support team (that's you) to help us be able to provide a sponsorship so that the mom can put down her normal job and step into her calling into foster care! We love to be able to care for children, but also to empower families to step into their calling to care for kids in need! Karla is without a doubt someone who is trained and equipped to care for children with excellence, she is passionate, loving, and nurturing, and honestly, this is just what she was made to do!



So when you decide to sponsor Karla, you are ensuring that two foster children receive the family that they deserve and a level of care that is uncommonly found just anywhere!

Consider becoming one of the sponsors for Karla! Her sponsorship will be just \$300 per month, so send any amount and mark it as "Karla" and that will go towards her being able to carry out the call to be a foster mom! See how you can donate below!

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