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Merry Christmas from Honduras

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We wanted to say Merry Christmas from Honduras

Fosters on Mission



Becoming Real- A work in progress

What does it mean to be real?

"What is real? asked the Rabbit. Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out-handle?" "Real isn't how you are made," said the skin horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become real." "Does it hurt?" asked Rabbit. "Sometimes, when you are real, you don't mind being hurt." said the skin horse. "Does it all happen at once, like being wound up or bit by bit?" "It doesn't happen all at once, It takes a long time," said the horse. "That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily, or have sharp edges. Or have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are

REAL, most of your hair has been loved off, your eyes drop out and you get loose in your joints. But these things don't matter, because once you are Real you can not be ugly, except to the people that don't understand.... But once you are real you can't become unreal again. It last forever..."

-The Velveteen Rabbit

The process of becoming real is something we all want. It always takes much longer than we think and at times, it does not turn out the way we thought it would... But we must still live that life and endure those bumps, sorrows, joys and victories that God provides us.

We think "WE" will change a community or these boys and.. we might. But the real difference is happening within ourselves. The change is happening slowly day by day. And we can not see any of it right now, but when we look back its very different. This story is a story within a much Bigger and Greater story; Gods Story.

A Final for the Ages:

After 4 cancelations due to rain, the older team finally got to play the league championship game. To give some detail, it is actually the second game. The final is a two game shootout. The team with the most points in the two games wins the championship. We won the first game 2-0. So we felt good going into this game that we had it in the bag. But the problem is that we only had 10 players. Due to a red card in the prior game we would have to play with only 10. Yes 90 minutes to play with a man down. But little did we know that God had bigger and more exciting plans for this game. Let also tell you that this was the very first time a team from our village, Travesia, has ever been to the Championships. Let alone never in a million years did we think we would be good enough to qualify for the playoffs AND make it to the finals. The other team scored first and second. Two goals up. Many of the things that our Rhinos struggle with is anger and self control. During most of the game they were able to hold it together play as a team and not get into any fights.

Until one Rino received his 2nd yellow card which then turns into a red. Now we were down another man. Quickly after this the other team received a red card and they were down a man. We pushed and pushed to try and score. We only needed 1 goal. Even with a loss in the second game, we could win the Cup. This was quiet the game. The game ended. The other team had 2 goals in the second game and we had 0. This is the opposite of the first game. So basically, w were tied and went into overtime then to penalty kicks. We lost in PKs but we fought hard. A few things stuck out to us. We were able to physically stay in the game due to our weight training and cardio program. The Rinos played very hard and never gave up. The few Rhinos that were left on the field at the end of the day were the Rhinos that barley missed any days in the academy, they were the ones involved in devotionals, they

were committed to the program. We lost in PKs that day but We went home that day with the first place trophy because the other team felt like we deserved it. The said that we were the better team. That we fought the hardest and deserved the cup more than they did. We were blown away. But that is how God works. Even in such great loss, comes such amazing blessings.





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This month we said good bye to four Rinos. Marcos, Hams, Robelin, and Jose Lous will graduated from BVSA. These boys are the first graduates to come out of the program. We are so proud of each of them. They all have very unique lives, personalties, and challenges. Jose will be going to a University in San Pedro Sula. Hams finished working with the Academy and will start his life in the community. We are hoping that Robelin will help the Academy when he can and still be involved in different areas. We pray for each of them. God has done such a work in each of their hearts.



This year has been very hard. Both as a part of the academy and also personally. You think the second time is always easier. Your second child, second time sky diving, your second time you practice driving. For me, I thought that this year, being our second year would be easier. With some stuff, it was easier. We didn't have to reinvent the wheel. The schedule, operations, certain basic stuff was the same this year as it was last year. The thing that I didn't plan on was automatic. We were different this year. I was different this year than last year. I had expectations, desires, hopes, aspirations for the year (some I knew, others where down deep, unknown). The death of my father this year was devastating. Maybe hard to tell for some. Us Fosters keep things inside pretty well. But in this role, I see myself as a father to the Rinos, plus Alek and Jackson. Being a father takes practice. It takes advice. Losing my dad meant that I would also losing someone that I could get advice from.

These boys above graduated this year. They are leaving the academy, but they are always Rinos. With the love and wisdom that I got from my dad, I tried to impart onto these boys. This year I didn't expect a lot of things. Some of those things pushed me to the edge of my abilities. But these boys kept coming, kept showing up, kept learning, kept growing. They were my inspiration on how I need to focus my relationship with God. God is the faithful one. I need to keep showing up, keep listening, keep growing in the Lord.

I wish for more time with them, as any parent does. As I do with my father. But I know that through the love that my dad gave me, I passed that love to those boys. My year was hard, but in the grace of God, I made it. These boys made it. I have hope in their hearts and their souls.

Our family- we will close the Academy for Christmas the middle of December. The Fosters will not be traveling back to the states for the season. This year will be our first year alone here in Honduras. We are sad that we will not be with extended family but on the bright side of things we can be encouraged that God has us here the the first time in our house to share in the joy of baby Jesus together. Jason and Axel the other missionaries will be gone and Maria will have a home for just her family. We do plan on having rhinos over and friends from the community to just share about this special time of year and continue to create relationships.

Thank You for a Great Year!!!

Please pray for our family and the academy. 2020 is right around the corner. We would love everyone to be a part of the academy. We still need financial support through the community of God. Please consider donating to BVSA Honduras. The links are below.

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