



Holding This End

Daryl Martin, Director

Hope, an anchor in uncertain times.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NIV Hope is based on a trust; the assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something (Merriam-Webster).

God is our hope and we can trust in him. As we look around and see uncertainty we can be certain that God is able and reliable. Join with me in focusing more on God's economy and less on this world's economy, allowing God to fill us with joy and peace.

As we gather the empty "jars" around us, may we point them to the hope we have which is our anchor in uncertain times. 🍷



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The man with two tunics should share with him who has none. Luke 3:11

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A Hug From God Forgiveness, Love, and Peace by Ninrod Lopez

Recently I attended a youth retreat that changed my life. The pastor started to preach about the love of God and that his love is like that of a Father (many of us don't have fathers, or we haven't seen them for a long time). I haven't received any support, or affection, or "I love you," or one word of strength or tenderness from him.

The pastor asked us to go up front if we wanted the love of our Father God. I went up front because I wanted to feel "the love of the Father." I was nervous, embarrassed, angry, and lonely. I know that it was God who wanted me to go up front because he wanted to forgive me, love and hug me- the things that I wanted to feel. God was receiving me in his arms and I felt so happy, I had a great peace in my heart, followed by an incredible calm. It was wonderful. I have never cried so much as I did that wonderful night.



Ninrod, right, with a Friend

I found myself on my knees crying and asking God to forgive me for my sins and that I wanted a hug from Him, my Father God. All the emotions and events in my life passed through my mind like a movie and tormented me and destroyed me inside. But I felt like that anguish didn't stay, but it left forever and now my heart is clean, renewed, thanks be to God. He filled me with His great love. 🍷

Andrea Zimmerman organized this retreat for the youth from La Finca de los Niños children's home in Honduras.

El Camino Adelante

The Way Forward



El Camino Adelante (The Way Forward) serves as a place of transition for youth who are coming from institutions and are working toward independence. Located in Valle de Angeles, Honduras.

El Camino Adelante is an emerging ministry. It is a response to the need for a place to transition from life at an institution or children's home to becoming a productive member of Honduran society. Harlan and Janelle Horst, who have served at La Finca de los Niños, a children's home, for the past two years, are pioneering this ministry. There will be a focus on skills training, financial independence, and a continuing relationship with God.

The Horst's will provide a family setting for the youth as they come from the home. As they learn and grow, the youth will gain greater independence, acquiring their own apartment and job. The Horst's desire to provide a loving, caring context for the youth to make this difficult transition. Certainly this is "The Way Forward" for many of the youth they know and love. 🍷

El Camino Adelante is a supported ministry of The Second Tunic.

Christmas Blessing

An opportunity to bless those who are serving

As Christmas is approaching, we are again reminded of how blessed we are. Each year The Second Tunic has a special Christmas fund used to bless those we support.

This Christmas season we invite you to give toward the Christmas Blessing fund. Please mark your check "Christmas Blessing Fund." Thank you for your faithful support. May the Lord bless you this Christmas season! 🍷

Gather Your Jars

Faith, Obedience, and Filling

by Mary Martin

"Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few." These were the words of Elisha to the widow who cried out to him to help her in her distress (2 Kings 4:1-7). These verses took on new meaning for me while serving in the Philippines. All around us were people who are empty, desperate, in need of filling. But it is not just there, but here at home, as well. Our lives are full, but there are many around us who are empty inside.



The woman in Elisha's time was experiencing emptiness, but she was instructed to go to her neighbor and gather their emptiness as well. God is desiring to fill that which is empty. In the Philippines we were serving with those who gather the empty people around them and prepare them for the filling of God. Here at home, do we have faith enough to gather the empty people around us, expecting and believing that God will fill them? The oil ran out at the end of the widow's faith and obedience, not at the end of God's ability!

The beauty of a life transformed by God, filled, overflowing, radiant. It was our joy to share with many from the Philippines who are full, who have traded their despair for a garment of praise, their mourning for gladness, and their ashes for a crown of beauty. We thank God for the work he is doing in their lives. We look forward to what he will do here as well. So join with me in gathering those who are empty, preparing them in eager expectation for the filling of God. 🍷

Vision of The Second Tunic:

The Second Tunic desires to be a bridge,
allowing those with plenty to share with those who have need;
A link, allowing those who have skills and abilities to use them for the good of others;
A shoelace, interconnecting those who send to those who are sent.