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Dear Friend,

Imagine yourself or someone you love in a desperate medical situation and you could not receive care for 108 days. You are forced to be in pain or watch a loved one in pain, without answers. You do not have access to a working telephone, a car, or electricity. The roads are impassable due to the winter rains. You are forced to sit and wait for help for over three months.



*One of the many children who have come to our clinic with parasitic infection*

*That is the reality for many people living in rural Honduras. While teams are not here, medical needs do not stop, but receiving medical care is problematic.*

**I want to ask for your help to provide medical care for many who are in need. Through your donation today someone will receive medical care they so desperately need.**

*My name is Gladis Aquiriano, and I am the Community Development Coordinator in Honduras for CHHF. I want to share with you a story about my 4-year-old Stacey's health scare this winter.*

It was late in the evening and she came to me telling me she had a funny feeling. As any mom would do, I started asking many questions. *What do you feel? Does it itch? Do you have pain? Do you feel something moving?*

I brought her to the bathroom, looked, but didn't see anything. I gave her a quick bath, a reassuring hug and sent her back to bed. An hour later she was awake and complaining again.

I suspected it could be worms. People in Honduras get parasites from so many things. Fruit from the market, bath water, children playing in the dirt. But I had given her worm prevention medication several months ago, so *my concern was growing*.

I looked further and my heart sank. I had seen many types of parasites, but nothing like this. The unfamiliar is horrible, especially when I know there are parasites whose attack can kill a child.

Panic struck and I immediately wanted to take my baby to the hospital. However, it was the middle of the night, I do not have a car, and the nearest hospital is two hours away. I was shaking in fear but knew I had to stop and come up with a plan. In the end, I was able to call a neighbor who drove us through the washed out, bumpy roads to get my precious Stacey medical care.

Friend, throughout the evening I kept imagining how much different it is for so many families in rural Honduras.

Many families have no way to bring a child to the hospital. They barely have money for food. They cannot pay for transportation or hospital fees. And they certainly cannot afford medication. **Many of these people rely on you to help them find relief.**

Your donations buy Albendazole which is provided to patients when they visit the CHHF clinic. Albendazole prevents newly hatched worms from growing in the body and costs just \$2.88 to treat a family of four during an entire year. **Can I count on you to provide medication to 6 families this year with a donation of \$17.28 or more if you can do so?**

During the hospital visit the doctor explained when worms or parasites grow in a body, they look for a place to leave or, in the worst case, they can go to the brain causing considerable damage. **Your gift today will prevent other families from the fear of losing a child to a parasite. Don't wait. Please donate today.**

Your support continues to be a blessing to the neediest people in our community. You are a gift.

God bless,



Gladis Aquiriano  
CHHF Community Development Coordinator

**P.S. – Please don't wait to send your gift. It is important we have parasite medication throughout the year to treat every patient. *your gift today will help a family tomorrow!***