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Raising Children. Supporting Families. Transforming Lives.

Remember the Pequeños



Unlike any other moment in our lifetime, the COVID-19 Pandemic upturned our lives and our understanding of the world. Globally, we all struggled each day to protect our families and loved ones from the novel virus. The immense effects came quickly, and continue to persist. Parents lost jobs. Schoolmates were separated from friends and their teachers. Community resources were shuttered, leaving individuals feeling alone. Friends and loved ones fell ill. And in our pursuit of safety during the pandemic, many of us were forced into a bubble of isolation, focusing on the survival of our own families while worrying over the state of the world.

But unlike in the U.S., the countries where our NPH Homes reside didn't have the benefits of government subsidies, local nonprofits, or food pantries to help them survive. Our NPH Homes depend on the generosity of donors. Yet each of our donors was also feeling the overwhelming impacts of the pandemic. During that same time, we had to cancel all our fundraising events and postpone our international trips as COVID-19 restrictions swept across the globe. With both direct donations and our primary sources of sustainable revenue (global events and international trips) being diminished, it's understandable that our NPH Homes were faced with a \$2 Million budget deficit. NPH's survival, similar to our own, came down to cutting any expense

beyond meeting a child's most basic level of needs. This meant that even our core programs, dedicated to lifting children from poverty, were eliminated just so we could focus on keeping our pequeños safe, fed, and loved.

During 2020 and 2021, as the world joined together in solidarity against the virus, NPH was blessed by donations from past and new donors alike. However, the world has yet to return to normal. Borders remain closed and sizable events are still restricted, which means our sustainable sources of funding remain weakened. Without the opportunity for supporters to visit our NPH homes, or NPH pequeños to travel to share their stories, our pequeños remain isolated and without a voice. Now more than ever, the children are counting on anyone in this world who has met them, to remember them. They are counting on you to remember the moment that inspired you to be a part of the NPH family. They are counting on you to be their voice and share their story.

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I Forgot about the Pequeños

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I forgot. Despite being a former NPH Honduras international volunteer, child sponsor, former NPH USA staff member, and passionate about NPH for 18 years of my life now - I forgot about the NPH pequeños. When the pandemic hit, it was a crisis unknown in our lifetime. I had just started a new business (which closed due to covid) but my life, like many of our lives in the US and globally, became about surviving. My world centered around protecting my family from the virus, surviving on one family paycheck, maintaining the daily struggles of raising a special needs child, and balancing how to help our neighbors while remaining safe. The pandemic, with its quarantine mandates, forced us all into a bubble of isolation which altered our mindset and focus for the past two years. It's not an excuse, but an explanation, on why the kids I love at NPH slipped so easily from my mind.

I forgot how much it broke my heart to hear Varella talk about his parents in Heaven.

I forgot how on Christmas Day, I watched in amazement as a 7 year old boy, new to the home, was comforted through his tears by two girls his own age. Jessica and Cindy ran to him, telling him they were his family now too. Their compassion inspired me. It was a priceless Christmas gift.

I forgot how selfless our NPH pequeños were as I walked with them for an hour up into the remote villages to gift items to kids who didn't have shoes, running water, or three meals a day.

I forgot how much the pequeños taught me about strength, unconditional love, and the definition of family. A family that you weren't born into - but one that you build and make your own. A family they helplessly depend on to feed them, clothe them, educate them, protect them, and love them. A family I promised to never forget, but did.

I am currently back with NPH USA for a few months to assist them in rebuilding after the impacts they suffered due to the pandemic. My biggest fear in returning to help was learning how the pandemic impacted our children. For the past two years, I was in a comfortable state of "ignorant bliss," simply because I, like many, did not have the bandwidth during covid to focus on anything beyond my own family. Now my biggest fear has become my biggest regret as my thoughts are constantly drawn to the overwhelming inequalities in the world, and the drastically different experiences between children in the U.S. and children in Latin America and the Caribbean (Or . . ." and the drastically different experiences between children in the U.S. and the pequeños in NPH homes")



One of my favorite poems is "A Prayer for Children" by Ina Hughes. It is an inspiringly beautiful poem, and I encourage you to read it if you haven't already. This poem is a daily guide for me in my passion to help the NPH kids. With the help of a group of NPH supporters, we adapted this prayer as a way to help us understand the extreme disparities between our own validated daily struggles and the severe hardships of the NPH homes and communities. So now, as I remember the pledge I made to myself when I served as an international volunteer at the Honduras home, but now with the perspective of a mother, I pray. I pray that if anything ever happened to me, and my children had no family to provide them with the protection and unconditional love they deserve, that they could find a place like NPH. I am a part of the NPH family. The pequeños are my family. But I forgot.

NPH Project Funding Needs

Our NPH Homes have requested support with these specific projects to support the children. Please consider donating or fundraising for a project to help remember the pequeños today.

NPH Home	Project	# of CHILDREN IMPACTED	CURRENT NEED
NPH Bolivia	NPH Ninos de Dios temporary home for high-risk children in placed in our respite home by the state.	24	\$ 56,001
NPH Dominican Republic	All hygiene and personal care supplies for 390 children	390	\$ 17,057
	High School education to lift 14 NPH kids out of poverty	14	\$ 11,140
NPH El Salvador	Farm resources for developing self- sustainability food production	300	\$ 20,677
	Dental healthcare at the home	300	\$ 7,695
NPH Guatemala	Comprehensive disability care for 16 children supported by the special needs program	16	\$ 73,671
	NPH Transitional Program to support young adults to independent living	Varies	\$ 26,049
NPH Haiti	St. Helene Home and Father Wasson Angel of Light school supplies	1,532	\$ 59,412
NPH Honduras	Comprehensive support for 50 special needs children at our home and in need of critical care services in the city	50	\$ 444,483
	Comprehensive care for 72 children under age 7 who reside at the home	72	\$ 372,487
	High school education to lift 63 NPH kids out of poverty	63	\$ 99,395
	Comprehensive care to 4 elderly men and women who are the grandparents to our children	4	\$ 31,569
	Comprehensive dental care for 530 children at the home	530	\$ 12,357
	Comprehensive psychological support for the 530 children at the home	530	\$ 57,630
NPH Mexico	Art Therapy Program for 75 NPH children in need of additional support to overcome traumatic experiences	75	\$ 8,000
	Girls' Empowerment Program & Family Program to support siblings' relationships within the NPH home	300+	\$ 7,200
	Quality education for 42 (7th) Grade Students in Miacatlan and Training Workshops for Youth	42	\$ 37,004
	Greenhouse program support for self-sustainability food production	600	\$ 20,948
NPH Nicaragua	One Family program to provide education, medical, food, and hygiene to NPH children living externally	Varies	\$ 10,800
	Scholarships for 280 community children living in poverty to provide a daily education and meal	280	\$ 206,814
	Vocational Education and Certifications for 150 children from NPH and external community	150	\$ 61,919
NPH Peru	Comprehensive support for girls who otherwise receive no education or access to resources within the country	40	\$ 115,640

We invite you to join us in remembering the pequeños in 4 specific ways:



DONATE: Please consider giving a financial contribution to NPH. Any level of direct support you can provide will cover the cost of one more meal, one more medication, one more child who returns to school, and - most importantly - one more child who knows they are not forgotten.



FUNDRAISE: Be the inspiration for others to donate to NPH. Either as an individual or with a group you can share the story of NPH and the pequeños by hosting a house party, engaging your social networks to fundraise online (text REMEMBERNPH to 71777), or invite others within your community to work together to lift the pequeños from poverty and give them the opportunity to thrive.



REMEMBER: Let the pequeños know they are not forgotten while also sharing stories of NPH's impact on your life. Share your story across all social media platforms. In a few words or sentences, share "What moment made you a passionate supporter of NPH?"

- When you post your story online:
- Sign your first name along with all the different ways you are involved with NPH/NPH USA.
- Tag NPH USA
- Use the hashtag #rememberthepequenos
- Include the campaign link nphusa.org/rememberthepequenos



PRAY: The pandemic is still very much a part of our daily lives. If you are unable to provide support, we only ask that you pray with us.

Pray for these pequeños who need to be remembered.

And pray for those pequeños we have yet to help.



As the Pandemic Continues, We Pray for the Pequeños

We pray for the children, who were kept out of school and stayed home with their parents. Who transitioned to remote learning. Who fell behind in class, who lost their social skills, who felt isolated from their friends.

And we pray for the pequeños, who had no parents to stay home with. Whose education was discontinued because they did not have access to internet, computers, or remote learning programs.

We pray for the children who fell ill, or whose families fell ill. Who endured long hospital stays, or weeks of separation from parents. Who were sick and scared.

We pray for the pequeños, who live in remote villages with their families, who traveled hours on foot or on public transportation to reach free external NPH outreach clinic, only to learn of limited supplies and staff. Who could not visit a healthcare provider in the city, let alone afford one. Who were sick and helpless.

We pray for the children whose parents lost their jobs. Who had to close their small businesses, who relied on government aid just to feed their family.

And we pray for the pequeños at NPH homes. Whose governments don't provide financial support.

Whose funding comes 100% through the generosity of donors worldwide who had to limit their charitable donations just to survive. Whose directors were put in impossible situations and persevered on shoe-string budgets.

We pray for those children and families who survived the pandemic. Whose basic needs of food, shelter, education, protection, and medical care were maintained because of a variety of resources.

And we pray for the pequeños, who are still left behind. Who still have decreased access to food, education, and medical care. Whose NPH homes are still operating on a "survive and thrive" budget. The pandemic is not yet over for them.

We pray for our children, here in the States, who are beginning to thrive again, beginning to play and learn again.

And we pray for our pequeños, in the communities served by our NPH homes, who need the restored support of the NPH outreach programs and the St. Damien Pediatric Hospital to survive. Who are waiting for anyone who met them to reach out . . . to remember them.

Let us pray . . .