

Dear Kathy,

I am a missionary candidate with BMDMI and am currently in language school in Costa Rica to learn Spanish, before I go to Honduras in January to work in the current and also a new phase of the eyeglass ministry of BMDMI and Holland Kendall. I will be traveling to the smallest of villages to give sight.

I am so excited to share with everyone I meet how important and how many people are involved in making this ministry happen. When Holland shared with me how many people are involved in cleaning and calibrating the glasses, how thrilled I was to see so many people doing such vital and important work. It is such a joy to see people like you that are doing the hard work to make it possible for the people of Honduras and Nicaragua and so many other places have a better quality of life.

So many times the people behind the scenes don't get to see the radiance of faces when people put on a pair of glasses and can see. Those of us that get to see this joy know how many different people actually make this happen.

The fact that you are behind the scenes working so hard to help so many people that you will never see is such a sacrifice so greatly appreciated by us and especially the people you help. You see we can't provide them with glasses we don't have, no matter how much we try. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the work you do to help the people I love so much.

I knew that the eyeglass ministry was where God wanted me, when I went to Junacatal, Honduras in February 2006 and worked in the clinic for the first time. I fitted a pair of reading glasses on a lady and could tell by the smile on her face she was able to read the smallest print. When she was finished she tried to tell me something I couldn't understand. I asked my translator what she was saying. She wanted our reading chart, which happen to be John 3:16. I explained to her that I needed for 2 more days, but asked if she had a Bible. She didn't. I took her by the hand, walked across the yard to our tent (church) and got a Bible and gave it to her. The look on her face was worth more than all the money in the world. She clutched that Bible to her heart as she cried and thanked me and asked that God would bless me Dios Le Bendiga. When she was thanking me, she was also thanking you.

Last June, I was able to work in clinic for the first time by myself. I had a young boy, Yader Pena Murillo, probably 14 or 15 come in with very very thick glasses and a filthy string holding them so they wouldn't fall off. When I tested his eyes they were so bad -13. My computer didn't show anything that would work and I started praying to God to help me please find some glasses for him. I went through the whole inventory and found a pair of good looking glasses -9. I didn't think they would help, but I got them and put them on his face. Once again the joy is so evident. I thanked God right there that these were better and much nicer looking. Again the work you and others do made this possible.

When I read the letters or emails, Holland sends after a trip, I understand his joy in making this ministry available to so many people. I am sure you can see the joy in his face also as he shares how God has worked with so many people to bring about HIS plan.

You see Kathy there are all kinds and types of missionaries in this world. You just have to be willing to be available to what God wants you to do. Those of us that have been called to work on a foreign turf are just one type and we need the help of so many other missionaries to make this happen. **Missionaries like you... We are all serving together..**

I thank you for all the help you have been, you are and you will be for me to spread the love of Jesus through better sight with glasses calibrated by you. Keep up the good work and please know how much we appreciate you and the others doing this.

Dios le bendiga, su hermana en Cristo, lynda.

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Yader Pena Murillo

**Muchas Gracias**

