

...Sadie talks about Honduras

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pigs are like "a member of the family," according to Sadie. They root indoors as well as out and sleep with the children. Pigs serve the dual purpose of cleaning up garbage and supplying a bit of high protein food. The orphanage doesn't keep pigs anywhere because it is run by Seventh Day Adventists, who are vegetarians.

Sadie notes that all the Americans who are in Honduras helping the natives cooperate very well and don't get bogged down in interdenominational squabbles.

The living conditions of the volunteers, while less comfortable than most Americans are used to, are not the biggest reason for the high turnover of

volunteers. The worst problem is psychological.

The misery of the people overshadows the beauty of the mountains, and gets to people who have never seen the likes of it. One volunteer nurse, who lasted the average three weeks, told Sadie before she left, "This place will haunt me for the rest of my life."

Sadie: "It's not the type of thing you can walk away from and forget, which is why I'm going back next spring... even though I know it's just a drop in the bucket. You might think, 'What can I do? I'm just one person.' But Dr. Youngberg's work has real value, because it isn't a temporary handout. He's teaching the people there what they need to know to make great improvements."

Big response

The people of Mount Joy really helped out

Earlier this month (on November 14th) Sadie Brooks, the retired Donegal High School nurse, came back from a four month stint of volunteer work in Honduras. Earlier, while still in South America, she had written to the Glossbrenner Church, of which she is a member, telling them of the plight of the orphans she was working with. They didn't have any Christmas presents coming.

Since then, not only has the church responded, but merchants, townspeople, all of Mount Joy in fact, has gotten together what Sadie describes as a "200% response," with multiple presents for the 130 children and staff on the way.

Since the children at the orphanage live out of suitcases at the feet of their beds, a merchant donated suitcases. Someone else sent towels and clothing scraps, much needed for patching. A hardware store sent bicycles, a pharmacy crutches for a boy whose one wooden crutch was worn too low from long use. Many individuals sent seeds, wrapped gifts, and generally pitched in for a very worthy effort.

Sadie Brooks said that she thinks the response to her letter is wonderful. And when the orphans in Honduras get their presents, they'll certainly know also that Mount Joy has some wonderful people living in it.

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New county ordinance

Lancaster County Commissioners adopted a new land ordinance last week.

The new ordinance differs in many details from the previous one. The County will sponsor two workshops for all agencies or individuals involved in

subdivision or development in the county. The first meeting, on December 8th, will cover municipalities without their own zoning; the second, on December 15th, will cover those that do have a policy of their own. Both will meet at 7:30 PM in the courthouse.



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