This is 12-year-old Maynor from Las Juntas in Merendon, Honduras. Maynor wants to be a mechanic when he grows up and have his own shop so that he can help out his parents, buy his own car, and fix other people’s cars and motorcycles. He would earn money to buy a house and to help his sisters stay in school. He’d be able to buy land for his father so that he could work for himself and sell his own corn and beans to make money and have his own coffee farm. He also wants a car strong enough to haul a lot of cargo. He’d like to take it apart and be able to learn about the parts of the motor.

For children like Maynor, dreams to become nurses, teachers, or mechanics may not be possible. Though education in Honduras is free and compulsory for the first six years, most parents in Merendon cannot afford the costs of uniforms, supplies, and enrollment fees for post-primary schooling or need their children to tend their farm or coffee fields.

The lack of education in rural Honduras is a problem of access and affordability. Though schooling is a given for most Americans, for children like Maynor, it is a gift and a dream.

GIVE THE GIFT OF EDUCATION & HELP REALIZE A DREAM.
THE DREAM SCHOLARSHIP

Twenty percent of Hondurans are illiterate. And that number is even higher in the Merendon Mountains, where less than 30 percent of working children complete primary school and realize their dreams to become nurses, mechanics, and teachers. That’s why we have pledged scholarships to 24 students from needy families in Merendon. Each scholarship costs $250 and will be applied toward the cost of backpacks, uniforms, books, and supplies for the year.

We need your help raising $6,000 by December so we can distribute supplies for the start of the academic year in January. Whether you fund a complete scholarship, or just part of one, you will receive updates for a specific student as well as letters and pictures as long as you continue to support the scholarship program, which we hope to expand in the future.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the scholarship fund in the amount of $250, $100, $50, or any other amount, please fill out and return the enclosed pledge form.

Visit us online at facebook.com/missionhonduras or missionhonduras.tulane.edu to read biographies of all of our scholarship recipients and to learn more about what we do and why we do it. You may also contact us at mh.tulane@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

ABOUT MISSION HONDURAS

Our Mission

Since 2002 we have sought to provide an improved quality of life to the people of the Merendon Mountains and San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Through public health and community development projects and simply spending time with individuals, we strive to foster a lifestyle for Hondurans in which they do not have to deal with the injustice of struggling with problems that have been solved elsewhere years before.

Recent Achievements

In May 2010 we worked with local Hondurans to construct a health clinic in the village of La Fortuna in order to provide the people of Merendon with much needed access to health care. We also funded the training of two women living in the village to become health workers for the clinic. In addition, we supply the clinic, which sees about 80 people per month, with medicine and supplies. In May 2011 we converted an adjacent structure into an overnight care center which we soon hope to equip with solar electricity to support breathing treatments and store temperature-sensitive medicines.
DREAM SCHOLARSHIP PLEDGE FORM

Please remember that all the funding Mission Honduras receives comes from fundraising events, grants and the contributions of donors like you. Donations made to Mission Honduras are tax-deductible and must be made through The Catholic Center at Tulane, which is recognized as a nonprofit organization with the tax-exempt ID number 72-06056-02. All donors will be furnished with a receipt of their donation.

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I will support Mission Honduras’ Dream Scholarship Fund by contributing $_______. I have enclosed a check made payable to The Catholic Center at Tulane with “Mission Honduras: Scholarships” in the memo.

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Signature: _______________________________

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Please mail this completed pledge form, along with your donation to:
Mission Honduras
1037 Audubon Street
New Orleans, LA, 70118

A message from Maynor
12-year-old from Las Juntas

“I thank all of you for the scholarship that you are giving me and thank you for the help that you have brought to the community through the church projects. Thank you for helping me to continue in my studies. God bless you very much. Thank you again for helping my community and for helping me and my parents get me the education that I’ve dreamed about. Thank you so much!”

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