



# HEART OF HOPE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

## MEET CARMEN: OUR NEWEST YOUNG WOMAN TO COME TO HOME OF HOPE



*Carmen first became familiar with Heart of Hope through Village Bible Club ministry and attended Camp of the Good Shepherd when she was just 7 years old!*

*“I was at Camp when I was just 7 years old and this year I will go as a volunteer! I’m ready to meet new people, be useful in any way, and see happiness in the children.”*

*Carmen is from a small rural village. Her father is a shepherd and her mother does odd jobs as available. Carmen was in danger of not being able to attend University this year until the Home of Hope opportunity opened for her. Carmen had 2 siblings who tragically drowned when they were children, so she is now the only daughter to her parents. She is also the first in her family to have an education past the 8th grade! Her dream is to become a teacher to elementary children.*

*This past Christmas Carmen helped our Christmas Team deliver food staples to her village! After the distribution her mother graciously invited the team to visit their 2-room home. They were in the midst of a small construction project to add indoor plumbing and a bathroom to their home for the first time. They have a beautiful horse with wagon that was fun to meet too!*

*“This past Christmas I joined the team to distribute the food gifts to my village. It was an extremely nice and beautiful experience ~ to know you managed to make someone happy, to make them smile, I was so blessed to share those gifts in the village I was born. I can remember how my family and our neighbors waited without any patience to receive the food bags and see what was in there! All that was in there was so very useful. We knew and hoped each holiday that ‘those people’ would come and they would be ready to happily share gifts with us. And now, from Camp, to receiving food, to coming to the Home of Hope so I can finish my education, I’m so happy!”*





**A GIFT FROM THE HEART EASTER PROGRAM!  
"FOR IN YOU, THE ORPHAN FINDS MERCY." - HOSEA 14:3**

*Any time of year is a difficult time to be in a Placement Center (orphanage), but holidays seem particularly harsh. You can provide comfort and a little happiness this Easter to a child in need with your gift of \$10.00!*

**\$10 FOR A CHILD  
EASTER GIFT**

*The Gift from the Heart Easter Program provides Easter gifts to children and staff in Placement Centers as well as needed food staples to families living in impoverished communities. This year's Easter Team will be comprised of students from Oaks Christian High School from California, serving with us on their spring break!*

*Age appropriate Easter gifts and an Easter devotional will be given at each place visited to bless and celebrate the risen Savior.*



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with "Easter" in the memo portion to  
Heart of Hope

**\$20 FOR A FAMILY  
FOOD PACKAGE**



*Yours in Partnership,*

*Debbie and your  
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