**Potter's House**
**Association International**
**"Valuing the Scavengers as Treasures"**

April 21, 2012

Dear Potter's House Family,

On behalf of the board of Potter's House Association International, I am pleased to write you about a wonderful milestone in our work together, and about new opportunities and responsibilities this juncture brings for Héctor Rivas and for Edgar and Gladys Güitz.

As most of you know, Gladys helped to found Potter's House 25 years ago, and Edgar has been the Director for the past 15 years. Both have given 100% effort to serve the Treasures, while trusting God through numerous challenges along the way. God has richly provided, and under their leadership, the work of Potter's House has flourished.

Potter's House has flourished in large part because Edgar and Gladys have recruited, nurtured, and trained a remarkable team of Potter's House staff. As board members, we have been very impressed with the ever-increasing joy, expertise, and leadership that these young people display. Héctor Rivas, in particular, exemplifies all of these qualities.

Héctor started volunteering with Potter's House at age 11. There he met another volunteer, Margarita, who would become his wife; they have three beautiful girls. Héctor has worked side by side with Edgar and Gladys on staff since 1994. He has excelled in a variety of positions, and has been Associate Director for the past five years. As Héctor has taken on more leadership responsibilities, the board and other friends of Potter's House have encouraged Edgar to prayerfully consider turning over the role of CEO of Potter's House so that he and Gladys can spend more time focusing on other aspects of the ministry. In a happy culmination of this process, Héctor Rivas was named new CEO of Potter's House Guatemala on February 16th 2012.

Change is inevitable. In this case, change is also joyous. Much as God prepared Elisha to carry the mantle of Elijah, God has prepared Héctor Rivas to carry the mantle that Gladys and then Edgar carried for the past 25 years. Thankfully, Edgar and Gladys will not (yet) be taken away in chariots of fire. Rather, freed of day-to-day administrative responsibilities, Edgar and Gladys will now both focus their efforts on strategic planning, mentorship, and serving as ambassadors of Potters House in Guatemala, the United States, and around the world.

Edgar and Gladys with Héctor Rivas
the new CEO of Potter´s House Guatemala.

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They will continue to live in Guatemala and spend much of their time at the garbage dump. There they will mentor and support Héctor Rivas in the transition of leadership; strengthen relationships with the Treasures, especially the children; coach and train the emerging leaders among the staff; and work on macro-level issues involving vision, strategic planning, and networking with other institutions and partners.

They will also spend more time in the United States, where they will encourage growth and transformation among American participants in Potter's House ministry; network with partner institutions, including churches, corporations, organizations, and colleges; foster Christian stewardship and generosity—with particular emphasis on Christians' responses to the poor; and help to manage the affairs of Potter's House Association-International, the US based 501[c3] organization through which Potter's House receives most of its donations (Edgar will continue to serve as Executive Director of the 501[c3], and both will continue to serve with us on the board). Get your sleeper sofas ready; they may soon be visiting your neighborhood!

Please join us in celebrating this milestone, and please commit with us anew to partner with Gladys, Edgar, Héctor, and the rest of the Potter's House staff to bring transformation to the Treasures of the Guatemala City garbage dump.

Sincerely,

Dan Lindquist
Chairman,
Potter's House Association International

P.S. We welcome any questions you may have about this transition in leadership roles within Potter's House. You can email them to:
phafamily@pottershouse.org.gt

Héctor Rivas with the new leaders of Potter´s House Association International.

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