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# EDITORIAL

## Recognition and reflection in the framework of the Honduran Father's Day

The objective of this holiday is to honor the dedication, love and influence that fathers exert on their children, who will grow up carrying with them all the bad and good that their progenitor has sown in them.

The message is also for the children to value, love and be grateful for all that their parents have done for them so that they may have abundant blessings.

**M**arch 19 represents an important date in the Honduran calendar, as we celebrate Father's Day.

This commemoration is inspired by the Catholic tradition of the feast of St. Joseph, husband of the Virgin Mary and earthly father of Jesus. In Honduras it was made official in 1959, during the government of Ramón Villeda Morales, under legislative agreement number 13, later published in the official newspaper La Gaceta on February 9, 1960.

The purpose of this holiday is to honor the dedication, love and influence that parents have on their children, who will grow up and carry with them all the good or bad that their parent has sown in them.

On the one hand, we must highlight those parents who sacrifice day by day to support their family, not only with food, housing and other things that a home requires, but also with that love and rigor that they give to their children and that serve as a balance for them to grow in an environment in which they make them feel loved when appropriate, but also corrected when necessary, which undoubtedly will make them become good people for society.

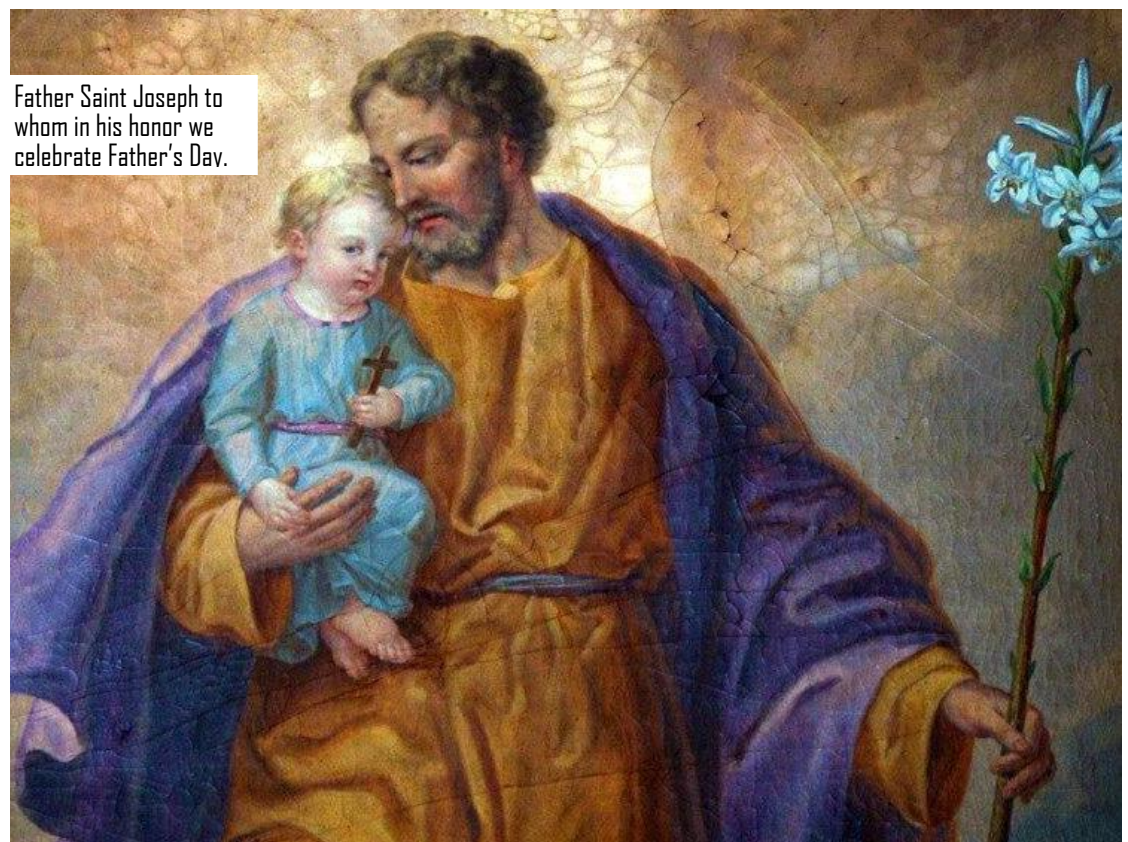
On the other hand, there are those who by title are parents, but for some reason have left home; this day is not to point them out and question them, but to make them reflect on the importance of their role as parents.

You are light, love, trust, rigor, you are the head of the household, in

short, everything a mother and her children need to be able to have a functional family. In addition, the message is also for the children, so that they value, love, respect and thank you for all that their parents have done so that they can have, maybe not everything they want, but what they need to live.

Don't forget to remind that being how much you love them and how grateful you are to have them. Some of us, like me or maybe you who are reading this, do not have the joy of having a father to celebrate this day, so we invite you to take the opportunity to be with your father if you still have him alive.

*Happy Father's Day!*



Father Saint Joseph to whom in his honor we celebrate Father's Day.



**O**n March 3rd Drink House opened its doors to the Sampedrano public. Now the lovers of good wine already have a new gastronomic destination. A place where you will find a variety of wines, rum, whiskey, tequila and all the necessary implements for those important evenings and dinners such as: glasses, tequila glasses, rum glasses, rum carafes, coolers, snacks, tajaditas, ground coffee, chili and a variety of seeds.

Drink house starts as an idea in January of this year 2023, we started with the project in February starting from the search for an exclusive, cozy and quiet place to share with friends and family moments of quality accompanied by a good service where we offer all kinds of drinks to taste, such as rum, tequila, whiskey, gin, wine and beers from different regions, is a project that began as a couple after relying for over 12 years of private enterprise. "Our goal as a brand is to be recognized for our culture of service and to be able to grow as an entrepreneurial couple, generating jobs thanks to each of the customers who visit us. So says one of its owners Jamileth Pineda". Apart

# Drink House open your doors for gourmet public



Drink House logo.

from drinks you will find additions such as snacks, cheese boards, green plantain slices, chili and ground coffee as well as some brands from our place of origin Copan such as copan dry and timochencho Located in Guamilito 5 calle 7 and 8 avenue in front of Dimeco, hours from 11:00-7:00 pm Monday through Saturday. You can also follow him through his official Instagram account, where you can find them as @drinkhousesin-

It is open from Monday to Saturday from 11 am. It has an export wine cellar Drink House is the new option for wine lovers You can follow it through its official Instagram account, where you can find them as @drinkhousesince2023.



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## FACT

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Drink House is the new option for wine lovers



Enterprising couple seeks to leave a mark on the followers of good wine.

It has an export wine cellar.



*Drink House for lovers of good wine*





# Spurgeon Steven Miller Molina

is an engineer who loves construction and is passionate about serving others

**1) Who is Spurgeon Miller?**  
He is a person who is passionate in helping others in any way in any way to always be of service to others. Seeing what projects can benefit the municipal, departmental and national community.

**2) What is your occupation?**  
To construction from a very early age and then to politics as mayor of Guanaja.

**3) How do you manage to combine your your time with your work as mayor and your family?**  
It is very difficult to do this job, my wife is my my wife is my ideal help to do it, but politics is really time consuming. It is very time consuming.

**4) How is a family day in your life?**  
I live in a secluded place, a remote area. I live in a remote area, it is a peaceful place, I am retired. That allows me to give quality time to my children. quality time to my children.

**5) What does being a father mean to you?**  
Being a father means getting up in the morning morning and give the best of myself to my children children so that they grow up in a peaceful environment on the island.

**6) What is the best family experience you have had so far?**  
The moments with my children, it is the is the best, spending time with them without distraction.

**7) What do you consider to be the best thing about being a father?**  
Seeing my children smile.

**8) What message do you send to all fathers of Guanaja in the framework of Father's Day?**  
On this special date, as mayor congratulate you for the hard work you do for the families.

Mayor Spurgeon Miller working for his community.



## PROFILE

**Full Name:** Spurgeon Miller Molina

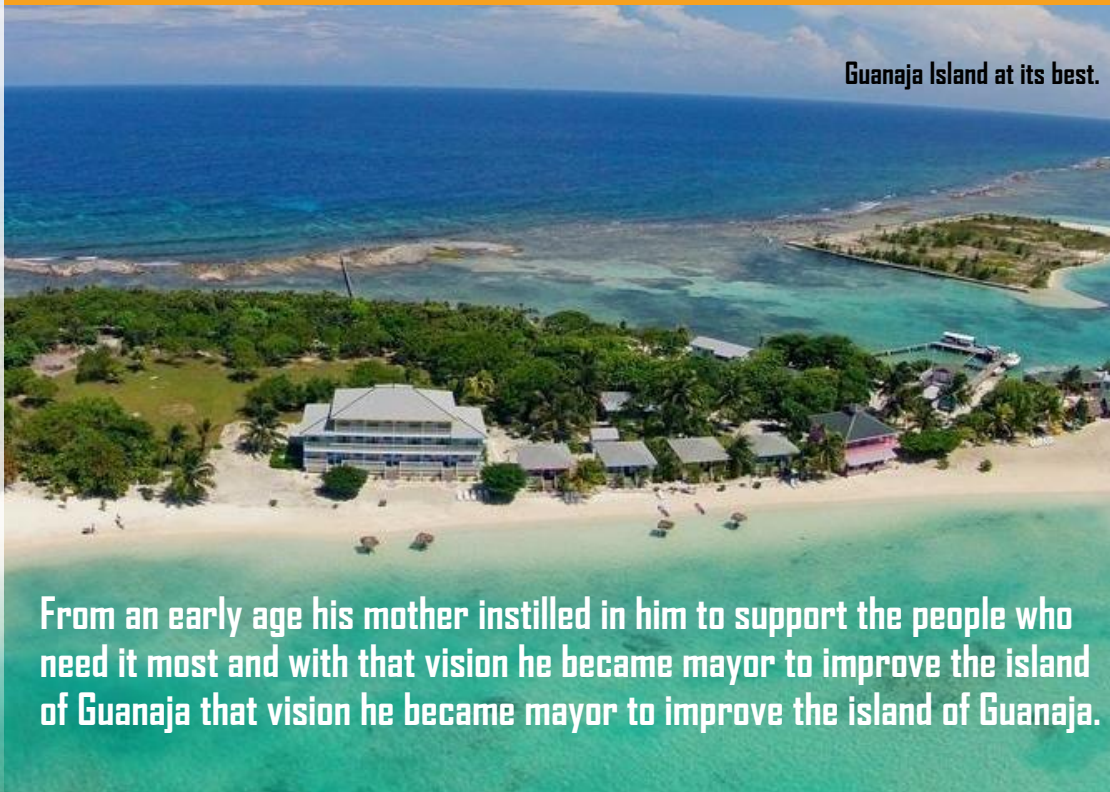
**Age:** 43

**Profession:** Civil Engineer

**Position:** Mayor of Guanaja Interview

Spurgeon Miller sharing with his family.

Guanaja Island at its best.



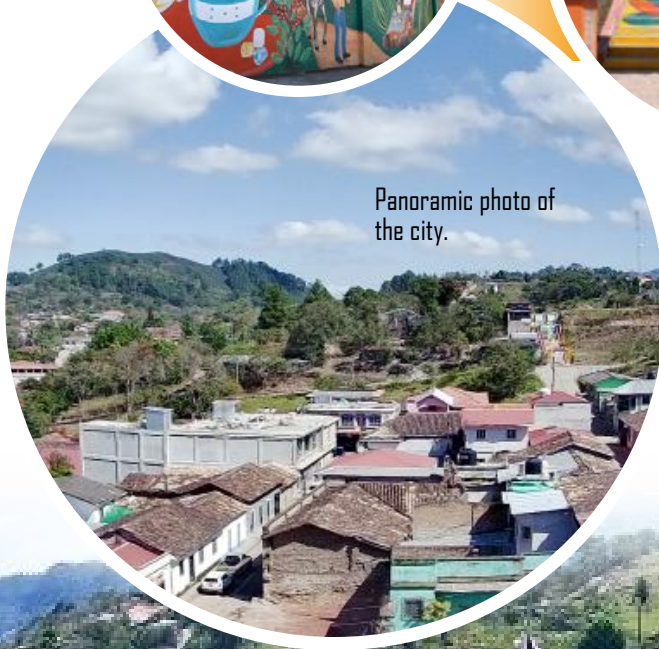
From an early age his mother instilled in him to support the people who need it most and with that vision he became mayor to improve the island of Guanaja that vision he became mayor to improve the island of Guanaja.



# Dulce Nombre de Copán a town with charm

**D**ulce Nombre de Copan. Two and a half hours from the city of San Pedro Sula on the CA-4 highway in the western part of the country, is the municipality of Dulce Nombre de Copan, which has a cultural heritage based on puriculture, coffee growing, cattle raising and wood art. This picturesque town that today is characterized by the muralism in honor of the great national artist Moisés

If you want to know a place in the mountains surrounded by nature. Cascarena community you should visit.



Panoramic photo of the city.



Becerra, a native of this municipality. Another of the characteristics of the municipality of Copaneco is its catholic church, which is a connection between the past and the current community of Dulcenombrina. The idea of the mural comes from the current mayor José Misael Ardon Ulloa, a young entrepreneur of the area who aspires to bring development to the community of Dulcembrina. The tourism commission, presided by Mrs. Iris Bueso and Mrs. Marilyn Duarte, also collaborated. Dulce Nombre has a population of 7 thousand inhabitants between neighborhoods, colonies, hamlets and villages. We spoke with Mayor Misael Ardon and he told us the challenges he faces in this new mandate, "one of them is the paving of the detour to the area, promoting tourism and bringing economic development". One of the strategies is the mural painting that has attracted the attention of locals and neighbors and has made many of the town's children return. Among other things he also told us that he loves reading and that his favorite book is The Monk who sold his Ferrari and his favorite music is the marimba. The legacy that the mayor wishes to leave in this picturesque town is "to promote a world of opportunities for the neighbors of the community and to encourage the entrepreneurial culture".



Dulce Nombre de Copan Catholic Church.



## Island Stories

# Kirby Warren a father with a passion for tourism and his family



Kirby spending time with his family.

Kirby Warren is a successful businessman, descendant of one of the great native families of Roatan, with a historical legacy.

## PROFILE

**Name:**  
Kirby Kirk Warren Dixon

**Age:** 45

**Occupation:**  
Tourism entrepreneur

**My Dad:**  
Curby Kirk Warren Bodden

**Wife:**  
Leilani Rochelle Silvestre Hyde

**Daughters:**  
Lanikai Warren Kiana Lei Warren  
Mckenna Warren.

**R**oatan, Islas de la Bahia has families that have transcended in the cultural and business development of the municipality in this edition dedicated to the parents we want to tell you a little about one of the members of one of the families that has marked the history of the island The Warrens. We are referring to Kirby Warren, an out-

standing young entrepreneur of the area in the tourist industry born in the center of Coxen Hole where he worked for many years at Casa Warren or Warren Supermarket. Kirby Warren defines himself as a good Father, Husband, Friend and Businessman. Warren tells us a little about his family origins, his entire family is native to the Island. His father was born in West End and recalls that as a child they moved to Coxen Hole Center. My mom

is from the French Harbour community. "I was born in downtown Coxen Hole where the old Warren House or HB Warren Supermarket used to be." Kirby expressed during the interview "My father has been everything to me a role model, my lifelong supporter and I grew up in a very respectful way teaching me how to be an honest, hardworking, and responsible person. He is still the person I value the most and I try to be like him even though we

all have to define our own path. My message to him is "I know that as a parent, I know that it can be very stressful to raise a family in an honest and hardworking way but you always have to find time and ways to support your family. Also spend time with them outside of work. If you are separated or divorced always make time to spend time with your children and fulfill your parental duties.



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Kirby and her daughters sharing Christmas.



Kirby sharing with his father Curby Warren.



# The double life of a single parent

The life of single parents is not always easy. They have to face struggles and combine their work time with their family time.



## CHALLENGE

Being a single parent is not easy; however, this can be a wonderful experience, with many lessons that are sure to change your life.

The life of a single dad is not easy.

**N**owadays, being a single parent is almost normal for society, *but what does it mean to be a single parent and what are the repercussions?* These can be divorce, physical loss of the mother, abandonment and other life circumstances, so you must carry out both roles: you must perform household chores and work to provide for your children, while remaining the authority figure. In addition, single parents face criticisms, prejudices, challenges and pressures from society, which in turn creates fears and frustrations. All this is triggered by being considered incapable of performing all these tasks alone, since society makes them believe that without the figure of a mother, children are doomed to live a life without love and good care. On the other hand, the absence of a mother figure can have repercussions in children's lives,

such as poor school performance, poor interpersonal relationships, feelings of loneliness, and they may even feel guilty about the situation. In spite of this, single parents look for ways to make their children feel that they are not alone and try to find in themselves the positive memories that marked their childhood, in order to recreate them with their children and thus create better bonds. Whatever formula you are using to cope, remember that you are doing it right; because there is no manual for parenting. Finally, here's some advice from a single dad who went through the same situation. "I guess my single dad advice is: be kind to yourself. If you're going through a tough time, don't dramatize or let your fears take over. Believe me, I know it's hard, but try this: focus on the present, get through one day at a time. Or even, one hour at a time. Get through that (and you will, I'm sure) and then deal with the next hour."



Children love to share with their father.





# Amalia Ramirez, the woman behind Mrs. Honduras in the Bay Islands

Amalia Theresina Ramirez Matamoros is a 38 year old woman with a degree in business management.



Contestants of Mrs. Honduras.

Working since she was 18 years old has allowed her to acquire new knowledge and experiences that have made her what she is, a fighter woman, mother and wife; with many dreams and goals to accomplish. She is not afraid of challenges and with her extensive experience in the world of marketing. Currently, she works in the tourism area of the Henry Morgan Hotel, located in Roatan, Bay Island. In addition, she collaborates in the operational area and supervises the hotel's stores, as well as making purchases and managing the store, so her day to day includes a series of activities, and, as if that were not enough, she is also dedicated to her own project of organizing events. But it's not all work, Amalia dedicates part of her time to a series of activities that allow her to connect with her inner self and maintain a good physical condition. Yoga and spinning, two of her favorite pastimes; the first she loves because she can connect with herself and nature and allows her to relax. The second, on the other hand, she does it to burn calories, but without giving up eating, as she does not consider herself a fit person, she simply does it to maintain her physical and psychological state. Beauty contests do not go unnoticed in Amalia's life, since she is the director of Señora Islas de la Bahía. She comments that in

2015 that she started in the world of beauty pageants, representing Señora Islas de la Bahía and in 2016 she won the National Señora Honduras in San Pedro Sula and later participated in the international one held in El Salvador. Throughout her life, she has had to make decisions, good and bad, small and big, but which, no matter what they are called, have made a change. Starting to work from the age of 18 is undoubtedly her greatest pride, as it allowed her to face the world, but thanks to that she became the person she is today, full of ideas and with multiple skills. This made her see life in a different way, gave her a new perspective of what she wanted and led her to acquire her university degree, to meet other people in the workplace, to relate and to create new goals and expectations for her life. Actions are always accompanied by successes and failures, despite this Amalia does not regret anything, since she has remedied small mistakes by standing up, reflecting and saying "well, I must make another decision or I can do this in another way", and that is how she has come to change, so she feels at peace, because nothing weighs on her past. In spite of this, when the spotlight falls on her life, she dedicates herself to work, to achieve her objectives and goals in the short and long term; and she tries to make society see that she is making an effort to do things well, the things she is passionate about and that she is trying to get ahead. The signs and others are not an obstacle for her to aspire to fulfill her dreams, so she is currently perfecting her English to be able to move abroad and continue with her studies, at the master's degree. Her biggest flaw, but which is also a virtue, is that she is a very trusting person, which is why she has had to face a series of disappointments, not only sentimentally, but also at work.

Amalia is never thinking about the badness of people, because she always sees the kind side, no matter how many times she has to turn and think about things, she is not willing to change, as she considers that it is part of her essence. Among her virtues are that she is very cheerful, empathetic, grateful, respectful and humble, because she always remembers where she comes from and where she is going and as long as she has her goals, desires and God in her heart she will be able to achieve everything she wants. Her dreams are countless, but the biggest is to be able to give stability and a family to her daughter; "I think the best example for all generations is to have a stable family, I come from stable parents and emotionally I feel very well and that is what I want for my daughter, that she can feel a healthy family and that she can feel the confidence to develop in this world, for me the biggest dream is to have my family for life and if possible for eternity".

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Posing with Mrs. Honduras.

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Finally, Amalia would like to be remembered as a woman who fought for her dreams, who always got ahead, no matter the circumstances, also, as a hardworking woman, a determined woman, with conviction, a creative woman and a God-fearing woman, who was not perfect, but who recognized her mistakes and made amends to be better every day.

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# Alex Vilella, the writer and collector of antiquities



Alejandro Vilella Franco, lawyer and notary resident on the island of Roatan.

Alejandro Vilella distinguished lawyer and notary founder of the law firm, Roatanlegal.com shows us his facet as a writer with his book *Spiral of Fantasy*.

**A**lejandro Vilella Franco is a 57 year old lawyer and notary, a scholar of theology, history, astro cosmology, classical physics, quantum physics, religions, sociology, psychiatry, biology and anthropology for over 35 years. Fifteen years ago, Vilella decided to venture into the world of digital writing and international literary groups and remained so until June 2022, when he published his first physical book, which is available on Amazon and in some bookstores in Tegucigalpa and Spain. The theme of his works consists of personal experiences, with some successes, as well as the spiritual, tragedy, illness and the yearning of the human being to transcend the physical, so his works convey a metaphysical, spiritual message and describes the absurdity of life in an artistic way; he describes the human subconscious through surrealism and magical realism.

These are undoubtedly the reasons why writing is one of the things Vile-

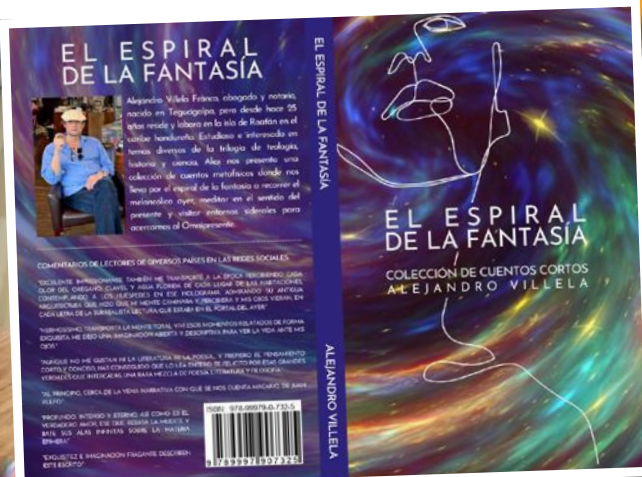
lla most enjoys doing, as it is spontaneous and a need for self-realization. But beyond the personal, his works seek to help people with debilitating chronic illnesses such as fibromyalgia, migraine, depression and anxiety, and the best part is that he also seeks to bring the reader closer to God and his most recent manifestation: Jesus Christ.

His work "El Espiral de la Fantasía" is a book containing 100 short stories in three literary genres: metaphysical, surrealism and magical realism. Vilella is currently working on his next work, which will be a novel based on real events.

He also works as a real estate entrepreneur and is a collector of art and antiques such as books, watches and more. Vilella's religious aspirations are to attain eternal life through Jesus Christ and to help people suffering from chronic illnesses with a message of salvation from Jesus. The earthly, but no less important, is to grow his law firm nationally and internationally, to provide a job and for his associate lawyers to prosper.



Signing an autograph for the attendees.



## FACT

- 1: Alejandro Vilella Franco has extensive experience in notarial law.
- 2: He has continued his father's legacy with the Vilella Vilella law firm.
- 3: He is a multifaceted man who combines his career as a lawyer with his facet as a writer.



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**B**eing a father is one of the best things that has happened to many men, regardless of the fact that for some life situations they have had to separate from their wives. Such is the case of John Franklin Girón, a man who was married to his wife for three years, but for some reasons they decided to separate. According to Girón, the separation was difficult because of having a daughter, having to leave his home and the distance he would now have with his daughter, since she stayed with her mother. The separation was by mutual agreement and they separated as a couple, not as parents. In the face of the situation, both were mature and during the pandemic, his daughter stayed with him in order to receive her classes.

Girón comes from a broken home, so he knows how difficult it is not to have a father, to be there in the process of formation, which ultimately brings repercussions in the lives of children. But this is not her case and she currently gives thanks to God because both of them have coped with the separation in a healthy way. For Girón his life before having children was an ordinary life, meaningless, with nothing more than goals for him, but when he had his daughter, his life changed and now he visualizes their life, what he will give her in terms of education, where he will get to support her, especially that love that has no price, because according to him, you do not need money to be a good father; because although money is a fundamental part to support the basic needs of children, it is more important to share moral, spiritual and civic values to children.

That is why he shares quality time with his daughter. During recesses he goes to drop off her lunch at school and later she visits him at work and spends as much time with him as she wants. Sunday is a family day, in which they share and do recreational activities, also, she shares her spiritual formation by going to church. With her ex-partner, Girón agrees that they can go out as a functional family.

“We cannot destroy the emotional part of our children, we must forget about ourselves and think about our children, that this is their time so they can play and share,” she said in relation to their outings. In that sense, she emphasized that, when there is a separation of spouse, they separate as a couple, but not from the children. “For me, my daughter is one of the great blessings that God has been able to give me, to try to be a better person, to learn to be a father”; that is why he likes a song that is very sound for Father’s Day, which is “Lord I want to be like you, because he wants to be

# John Franklin Girón Manzanares, my daughter is a blessing

John Manzanares is known on the island of Roatan as the promoter of Culture, behind this culture manager there is a family man, who watches over the care of his daughter.

**TIME**  
 Sunday is a family day, where they share and do recreational activities and also share their spiritual formation by going to church.



John Manzanares accompanying his daughter on horseback.



Valentina makes the most of every minute with her father.

like me” and in his prayers he always asks God to help him to be a better person, a good father for his daughter, that she be a bright child within society, so that she can share with others all the love and attention that her parents give her. “Children are the reflection of their parents and if we reflect hatred, resentment, discord, the result will be that our children will reflect that, so we must sow love, forgiveness, sow many values that will help us to have a better focus within society, so my advice is to seek God, that is something primordial and also guide our children on the path of God because there are the spiritual values that should not be lost in society,” he explained. In the framework of Father’s Day, he expressed that he feels proud to be a father; because this is a time in which he reflects on all the sacrifices his parents have made for him to be where he is, and he maintains that the goal of fathers should be to do better than their parents did. Finally, he concludes with a dedication, “we wish you all a happy father’s day and may we continue to look forward and may love reign in our lives and towards our children as well.”



## Interview

# Xochilth Rodriguez Honduran Youtuber Who Stands Out In Spain

## PROFILE

**Name:**  
Xochilth Salome Rodriguez Garcia  
(facebook.com/XochilthRodriguez)

**Occupation:**  
Youtuber

**Studies:**  
Communication



Xochilth Rodriguez in her youtuber facet.

For almost a decade, journalist Xochilth Rodriguez stood out in the Honduran media in the northern region of the country, but by chance, the Honduran communicator decided to move to the mother country Spain and now she is building a new story in communication. Roatán Today talked to her.

**Who is Xochilth Rodriguez?**  
I am a dreamer and a hard worker. Mother, wife, daughter, sister, devoted friend, but I also know how to walk away from a place and people when I understand that I am not well.

**Why did you move to Spain?**  
I moved to Spain with my husband and daughter for safety. We made the decision to migrate despite having an established life in Honduras, with much regret, but willing to start over.

**How has the experience as a youtuber been?**

My experience as a YouTuber, arises from the desire to continue doing what I like. Being in front of a camera with a microphone and exposing ideas, thoughts and information to others. It has not been easy because it requires a lot of effort and dedication. But little by little I am making progress. I try to balance my conventional job, my family and my YouTube channel, so I can do well with everything.

**What message do you want to send to women on March 8, International Women's Day?**

My message on women's day is for all those women who have dreams and don't dare to take the first step out of fear is "dare", try... if you make a mistake it doesn't matter, you have thousands more opportunities to correct and do better. We are capable of achieving whatever we set our minds to if we yearn for it and work for it.



Xochilth Rodriguez in her new life in Spain.

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# Honduran Wilmer Cárcamo stands out in the United Kingdom for his brand Caribe Coffee Co.

**W**ilmer Cárcamo is a proud Ceibeño, Honduran, husband, father, entrepreneur, investor and representative of our beautiful country Honduras in foreign lands. CEO & Co-Founder of Caribe Coffee Co. a UK based company with multiple national awards and recently with participation in the famous BBC show DRAGONS' DEN. Receiving an offer from Billionaire "Peter Jones". Born in very limited conditions where many times he had nothing to eat, but all these limitations led him to create a creative and dreamy personality. After graduating from the Manuel Bonilla Institute in 2007 as a Commercial Expert and Public Accountant and working since he was 10 years old to be able to help at home. Cárcamo says he had the opportunity to travel to the Cayman Islands with the help of family that has been important in his life. He recalls that he started cleaning floors in a supermarket in the Cayman Islands without speaking English, but after hard work 3 years later he became the manager of the same supermarket where he started cleaning floors. All this happened after working up to 20 hours a day and touching every department of the same supermarket including dredge driver. After that he decided with his wife and children, to immigrate to the UK due to medical circumstances of my eldest son and start from scratch, he decided to invest in a new venture, "Caribe Coffee Co.". Within his venture he is the key person in Caribe Coffee Co. since he is in charge of the commercial relations with direct importers of specialty coffee, roasters and coffee distributors in the United Kingdom. His vision is to improve the commercial links between Honduras and UK coffee producers. In doing so to elevate their position in the coffee industry and improve their livelihoods. Something he feels strongly about because he knows first hand the difficulties that families in our developing countries can face. His strengths lie in market strategy, advertising, leadership and the use of social media to effectively and positively grow businesses. "At the moment our company

Wilmer Cárcamo is a 33 year old entrepreneur, husband, father, businessman, investor and representative of our five star country Honduras in foreign lands.



## INFO

1. Caribe Coffee Co. has won national and international awards and has also been recognized by influential people such as Ambassador Ivan Romero Martinez in London, Theo Paphitis (Ex Dragon) of BBC in the United Kingdom and Theo Paphitis (Ex Dragon) of BBC in the United Kingdom.
2. Caribe Coffee Co. was born in 2018 seeing the opportunity of a virgin market in the specialty coffee area in the UK.
3. Winners of Young Trader of the Year 2019 in the Grocery category at the national level and appearance on The BBC Once Show in London.

Wilmer Cárcamo, a prominent entrepreneur, accompanied by the Honduran ambassador to the United Kingdom.

is growing and working on projects to promote Honduras as a coffee producer, and motivating the public and private sector in this area to work together.

with our company for the creation and distribution of content in international markets. Cárcamo says.

### How did the idea for Caribe Coffee CO come about?

It came about after emigrating from the Grand Cayman Islands to the United Kingdom due to medical circumstances of his eldest son (Maddox). He suffers from a very rare genetic condition (only less than 200 people in the world). This led us to make extreme changes as a family and entrepreneurs, we left everything in the Cayman Islands including our construction company (turning over 6 figures a year in the first year) and started from scratch in the UK as all our savings were invested in our son's health. Seeing the need for better coffees and understanding the market we decided to invest the last of our savings (£5,000) to start importing coffee directly from Honduras to the UK. The beginnings were in local markets during one of the harshest winters in the UK with a 2' x 6' foot table offering free coffee samples.

### Why the name?

The name was created because of the place where my wife and I met and that was in the Caribbean, an important part of our country Honduras.

### What is the strength of Caribe Coffee CO?

The strength is the online sales (wholesale and retail) of Specialty coffees exclusively from Honduras and the creation of Media (Advertising).

### What is the secret of your products?

The quality of the product, but the biggest secret is that we understand our customers and to be able to offer that quality in the best way. Excellent Customer Service is very important.

### How has the acceptance of your business been?

Our company has represented Honduras at its best by not only offering a quality product but a Customer Service like no other. This has led us to create a very high acceptance and credibility.

### What are the challenges you face?

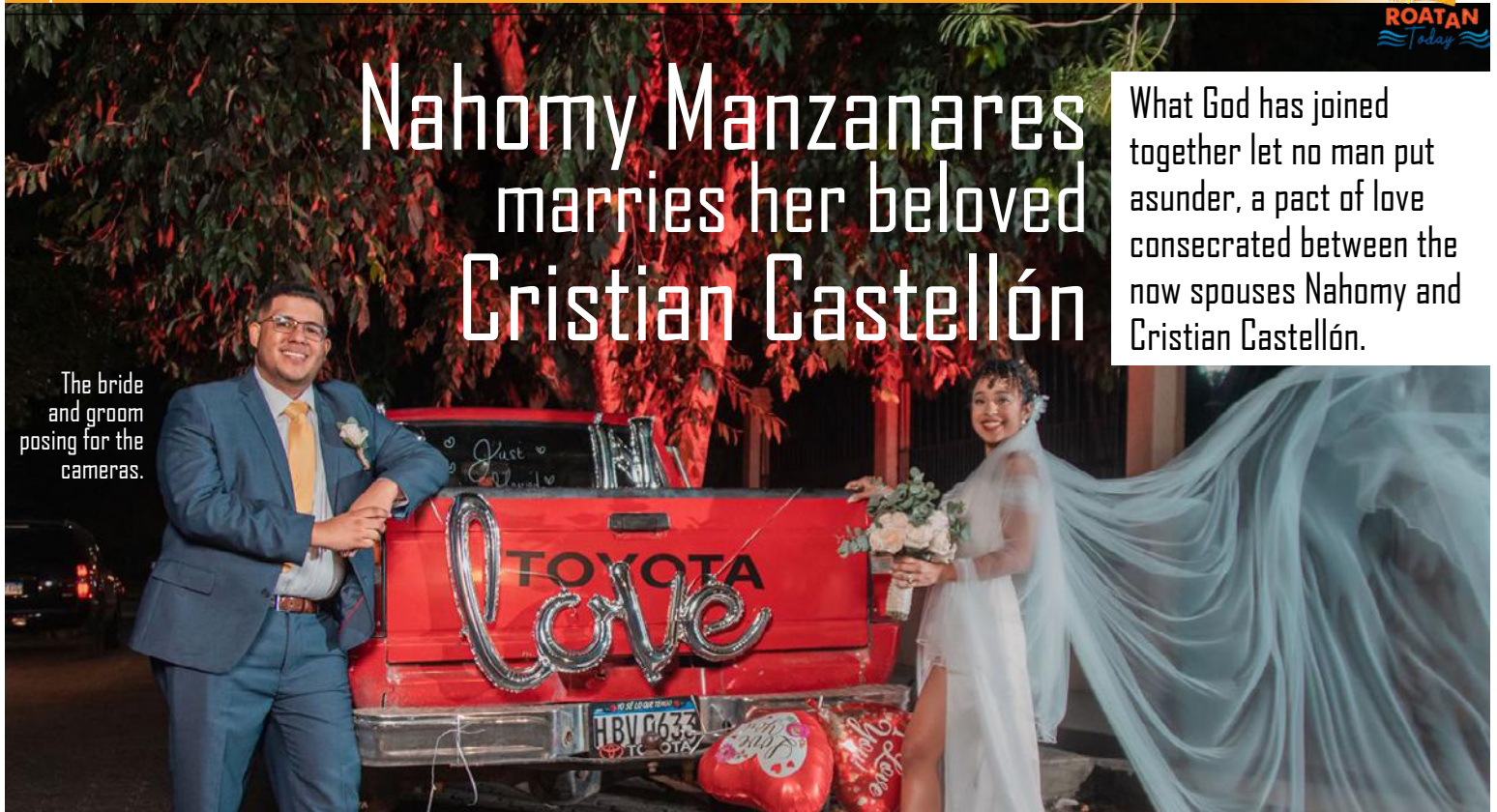
There were many and there will be more. But initially understanding a new and complex market like the English market, the cultural differences and regulations were many. The current challenges are the size of the market and the competition in the coffee sector.



# Nahomy Manzanares marries her beloved Cristian Castellón

What God has joined together let no man put asunder, a pact of love consecrated between the now spouses Nahomy and Cristian Castellón.

The bride and groom posing for the cameras.



**L**ast February, in the city of San Pedro Sula and in the facilities of the Holy Spirit Church, the wedding of the distinguished Nahomy Manzanares with her beloved Cristian Castellón, with whom she shared a wonderful relationship of eight years, took place. The bride and groom are the children of the distinguished Norma Lizeth Reyes, Odis Manzanares and the remembered Jose Castellón QDDG and Wal-

dina Mejia. Nahomy said yes to her now husband Cristian, in front of her parents, family and friends. She wore a wonderful white dress with touches that flatter her figure made by the portefaña designer Maria Conchita Hernandez, on the other hand the groom wore a perfect suit for the occasion. The decoration was made by Waldina Lopez of Decoeventos. At the end of the ecclesiastical celebration the distinguished guests enjoyed a wonderful reception at Angeli Gardens.

The wedding cake with a spectacular design.



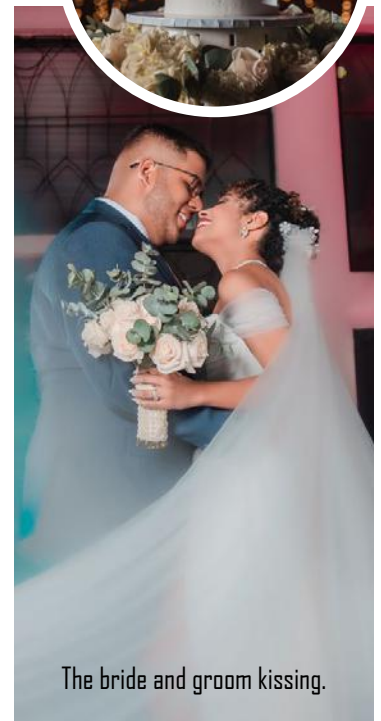
Norma Reyes, Cristian Castellón, Nahomy and Odis Manzanares.



Waldina Mejia, Cristian Castellón and Nahomy Manzanares.



The detailed and perfect decoration.



The bride and groom kissing.





# Henry Morgan celebrates International Women's Day for its female employees



The employees of the Henry Morgan Hotel celebrated International Women's Day.

**O**n March 8, the female staff of Henry Morgan was honored for International Women's Day, the event was attended by staff from different areas. This was expressed by the administrative management of the hotel who was in charge of carrying out this great event.





MISS TEEN UNIVERSE INTERNATIONAL

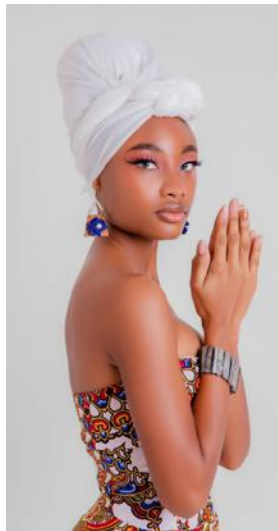
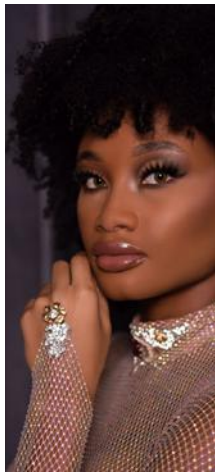
# Ana Córdova, the young woman who put the name of Honduras on high

**A**na Gladys Córdova Avila is the young Honduran girl who represented Honduras in Miss Teen Universe, Roatan Today decided to interview her and she kindly agreed and answered "I am 19 years old, I am studying systems engineering and a degree in mathematics. Her birthplace is the city of San Pedro Sula, but she grew up in Roatan, Bay Islands. She moved with her parents when she was 2 years old. She is originally from the department of Islas de la Bahía and belongs to the Garifuna ethnic group, an Afro-Honduran community, rich in culture and tradition. It is important to mention that

Córdova is the first Afro-descendant contestant to represent the country five stars in an international beauty pageant." Currently, she is an intern in two university careers, the highest priority being systems engineering at the Catholic University of Honduras (UNICAH), and the second is a degree in mathematics at the National Pedagogical University Francisco Morazán (UPNFM). In addition, in Roatan she is part of the foundation "Abundant Life", which supports and produces a positive impact on young people with multiple programs such as scholarships, housing and environmental care. With his passion for reading, Cordova, seeks to transmit the same to children, so he provi-

des services in the bookstore called "The Dreams" which means "the dreams". "As the first Afrodescendant Tenn Universe representing Honduras, I want to be a strong step on the extensive stairs that our Garifuna ethnic group has built to progress. Just as other women who have left a step with their work for me to advance demonstrating that we are capable of much more, I also want and will leave a guideline for other girls to have no doubt of how powerful we are," Córdova wrote in a publication through her official Instagram account.

The beautiful and talented, Ana Cordova, stole glances and the hearts of everyone during the "Miss Teen Universe International" pageant that began on February 22 in Madrid, Spain.



Ana Cordova modeling.



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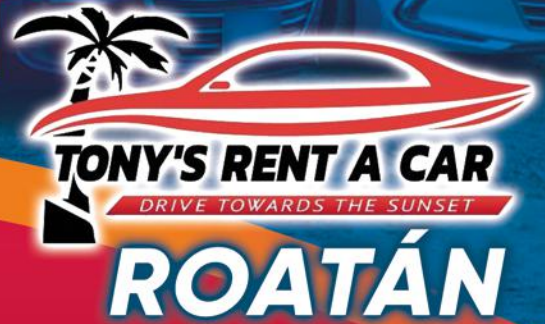
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## THE CHARACTER

Emilio is presenting in a media outlet.



## PROFILE

**Name:** Emilio Rovelo

**Age:** 55 years old

**Place of birth:** Tegucigalpa, Francisco Morazán

# Emilio Rovelo the theatrist committed to develop the island's culture

Emilio Rovelo, better known in the popular slang of the island of Roatán as the nail, opens his heart to us in this special edition dedicated to the multifaceted fathers of the island of Roatán.

**E**milio has developed a wide cultural trajectory in the insular department since his arrival in 1996 when he was invited by a hotel complex. Throughout the years residing in Roatán he has stood out as a social communicator with his successful program "El Clavo". A famous parody that shows the reality of many people or some topic of national interest.

### Who is Emilio Rovelo?

I am José Emilio Rovelo born in the capital Tegucigalpa in 1967, I define myself as an actor, puppe-

teer, mime, stilt walker and theater director.

### In what area have you been known?

I have been a member of the Honduran theater community and have toured Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Cuba.

### Have you ever worked as a cultural promoter?

I was appointed cultural promoter in 2008.

### Have you been honored for your artistic career?

I have received tributes and have had a festival named after me in the community of Trinidad, Santa Barbara.

Also participating in student theater festivals as a director I have won several awards.

### What year did you arrive on the island of Roatán?

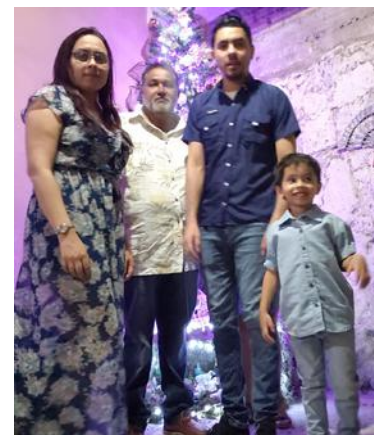
He tells us that he arrived in Roatán in 1996 hired by a hotel as a mime organizer of the theater festival.

### How many theater festivals have you organized?

I have organized 15 festivals, two international mime meetings and puppet theater tours, I have been a theater consultant for the world bank, he is currently the director, founder of teatro clavo film and social communicator of the island of Roatán.



Accompanied by his wife on a trip.



Emilio, his wife and children.



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**T**here are many children in Roatan and Honduras in general, who are at social risk because they do not have a family or a home to provide them with the security and love they need. There are many non-profit organizations dedicated to protect these children and Sandy Bay Lighthouse Ministries is one of them. This is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian organization dedicated to addressing the needs of Roatan's underprivileged. Its founders, Orzy and Banesa, are an island couple who never expected to have such a large family, but through God's call, they now lead a family of 22 members that is growing every day. For her part, Banesa said, "my husband and I are indeed that father and mother figure, all the children call us mommy and daddy and we call ourselves The Big Family because that is the concept we try to create for the children, we are a family that is not of blood, but a family of the heart".

At the shelter, not only do they provide love, food, shelter and other necessities to the children, but they also give them a quality bilingual Christian education in their Beacon School, which educates the children of the home and those of the community in general, to prepare them for a safe and promising future, with the highest ethical standards and the ministry of exemplifying Christian values.

In addition, it has a structure that includes a 501(c)3 corporation Sandy Lighthouse Ministries Inc. in the United States and a non-governmental organization of the same name in Honduras. The home is called "Hogar de Niños Greenfield" and is certified by the Dirección de Niñez, Adolescencia y Familia (DINAF). Likewise, their school, which is located adjacent to the children's

# "La Gran Familia", a loving and safe haven for Roatan's at-risk children

The Sandy Bay home, the foster parent for children at social risk, in this edition dedicated to parents we want to recognize the work done by the couple who are passionate about serving the minors taken in from Roatan Today we want to congratulate Orzy on behalf of the big family.

home and is certified by the Honduran education agency, unfortunately has no capacity to assist them, other than the regulatory oversight they carry out. The only salaried staff of the organization is the one that provides services in the children's home and school; therefore, the organization is open to missionary teams that provide short and long term volunteer services. Sandy Bay Lighthouse Ministries offers short-term mission opportunities, which can be hours, days and weeks.

This experience is considered a "transformational journey" because it results in transforming the lives of the participants and the recipients, so if you are interested in participating feel free to contact them. One visit to our home and you will know the love shared by "your children" and want to give back immediately!



## BASIS

Its founders, Orzy and Banesa, are an island couple who never expected to have such a large family, but through God's calling, they now lead a family of 22 that is growing every day.



The children of the orphanage in festivity.



Orzy accompanied by La Gran Familia.



# Andy Lopez the man passionate about rescuing people on the island of Roatan

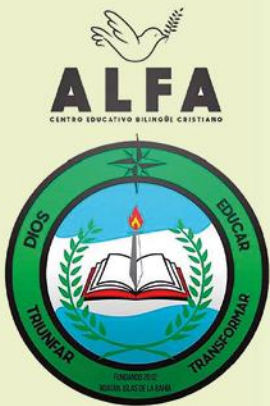
Andy Lopez discovered a passion for rescuing people at a very young age, that same passion has led him to volunteer his time.

In this edition of Roatan Today we want to highlight the work of Andy Erick Lopez Nuñez, founder of the Red Cross offices on the island of Roatan and precursor of Copeco. When Andy was in high school, he noticed that the island of Roatan had no relief corps and with a group of friends and volunteers, founded the Roatan branch of the Red Cross in 1999. For 13 years

they moved forward with this project, later they asked the central government of the Republic of Honduras to create Copeco. In 2012 they started operations, but behind the life of this rescuer there is a family man and husband who many times, has exposed his life to save other people's lives. Andy is married to Rosaura and is a family man. His children are his greatest pride and motivation in every challenge he faces.



Moment sharing with his children.



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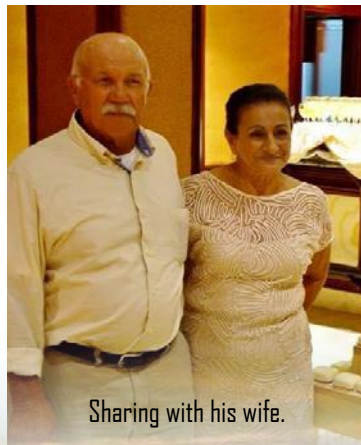
In this Father's Day special, Roatan Today shares with you the story of a patriarch originally from Jonesville in the municipality of Santos Guardiola.

# Hermans Simmons Bodden Elwin, a patriarch with a family legacy on the island of Roatán

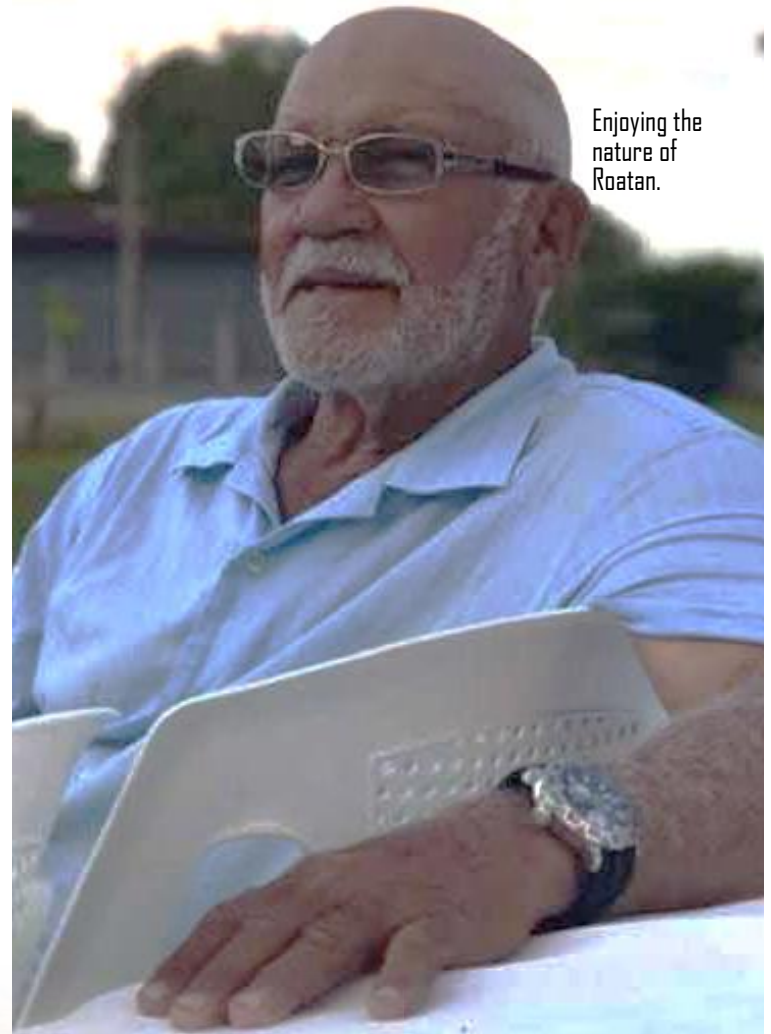
**H**ermans Simmons Bodden Elwin is a family man, a hard worker who at a very young age found love with his beloved wife, who fell in love with him at first sight when he came to the community to teach and after only 4 months of dating they were married. From this marriage six daughters were born in the search for a son as he mentions very happily. The names of his daughters are: Wanda, Gladys, Patricia, Vanessa and the twins Inés and Miroslaba. The hobbies that Mr. Hermans enjoys the most are hunting and fishing. In this 2023 he considers, is a very important year for him since he will be 78 years

old, in this month of March and 58 years of marriage with his wife Fredisvinda Brito. Bodden is a very homelike and familiar man, as he loves to share moments with his daughters, grandchildren and other family members who are part of his environment. He is a very hard worker, since his age is not a problem to work in the area of engines and boats, along with his son-in-law Darryl Martinez. This is what his daughter Inés says. Men like Hermans, mark the history in the community of Monte Placentero since they are a model and example to follow for families, neighbors and all those who have the honor to know him.

Resident in the community of Monte Placentero. A family man with 58 years of marriage, father of 6 daughters, 5 grandchildren and a great granddaughter.



Sharing with his wife.



Enjoying the nature of Roatan.



Sharing with his family.

## PROFILE

**Name:**  
Hermans Simmons Bodden Elwin

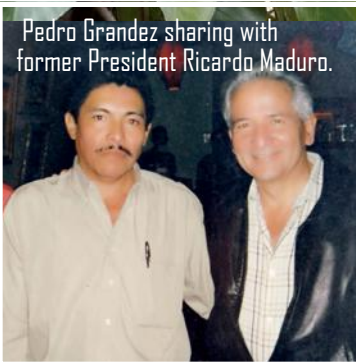
**Age:** 78 years old

**Marital Status:**  
Married

**Daughters:** 6



Pedro Grandez sharing with former President Ricardo Maduro.



# Father and daughter passionate about painting

In this special edition of Father's Day we want to share the story and passion of a father and daughter for painting.

own works and these have been accepted by the national public and international collectors. With 30 years of experience, which he has combined with agriculture. Pedro Grandez has been able to face the challenges that artists face, such as not being able to find raw material, not being able to attend some important events and not having technological devices.

One of his greatest achievements was to have been named ambassador of Honduran art, awarded by the bicentennial. He thanks God for continuing to shape his art, which he has also inherited to his daughter Nohelia. A young woman of 27 years old, who defines herself as faithful, honest, loyal and loves with all her heart. She enjoys drawing and painting just like her father.

At present she is dedicated to housework and painting canvases. She makes her artwork known through social networks, international exhibitions and placing her works in other places like the one she has on display in Manla, Quito, Ecuador. Like her beloved father she was also an ambassador of Honduran art granted by the artist Jaime Vallardo Chavez. She discovered her passion for the arts at the age of five, her greatest desire is that art in Honduras is expanded and that every person who knows me can keep one of my works.

**P**edro Grandez is a painter, originally from the municipality of San Isidro, Department of Choluteca. He expresses that from a very early age he felt inclination for painting. He defines himself as a man of inland, God-fearing, respectful, a requirement that human beings must fulfill to live on earth. I am a lover of art, of nature because for me it is the paradise that God has given us. With the simplicity that reflects his soul and with the words of wisdom that God has filled him with, he shares with all those who know him. His hobbies include reading, drawing, making paintings and taking care of nature. He is currently dedicated to drawing and painting, basing his works on rural daily themes and the cultivation of basic products.

His talent is innate since he did not attend any art school and with much effort and dedication he has created his



Nohelia and her father.

Works by Pedro and Nohelia Grandez.

