

CASA DE ESPERANZA MINISTRIES, INC.

2023 Annual Report



MISSION

The mission statement of Casa de Esperanza Ministries, Inc. states that we have three branches of ministry work in Honduras: dental/medical/optical brigades, construction services, and the operation of transition/educational homes and scholarship programs for disadvantaged youth.



HEALTH PROMOTION BRIGADES/PROJECTS

During the year 2023, Casa did not run a formal dental or medical brigade. However, we financially supported many dental and medical needs. We paid for the appointments and insertion of 2 prosthetic eyes in two of our students. We also supported the appointments and following dental procedures needed in all of our students.



In June of 2023, our mission work group partnered with the non-profit organization "Good Justice" and distributed 170 five-gallon bucket water filters in 2 villages near Lago Yajoa, at the cost of \$50 per water filter.

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Throughout 2023, Casa supported the church "Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal" in Barrio San Miguel, Siguatepeque. Last year they hired an architect to make a master plan for their continued construction project in the church. During 2023, we sent down a total of \$4,500 which went towards the construction of a special computer classroom. We also installed a 120-gallon water tank to provide water for the whole church and a special water filter to provide purified water to the kitchen area.

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES (Continued)

At our boys' home in Comayagua, our work group painted the exterior of the home and made improvements in the plumbing, installing a water heater for the kitchen sink. We also made continued improvements in the home we rent in Barrio Por Venir, Siguatepeque; performing routine fumigation against insects, repair of the interior walls of the home and roof repairs.

Casa de Esperanza Ministries took a volunteer team down during the 18-25th of June 2023. We worked on painting and plumbing at the church and painting our boys' home.



EDUCATION PROJECTS

Boys Educational Project - Comayagua

Our main educational home is in Colonial Las Lomas del Rio, segunda etapa, in the city of Comayagua. Our house parents are Ada Linda and Jose Maria Alcerro, a Honduran married couple. We started the academic year in February with eight young men, three enrolled in the National Autonomía Honduran University (UNAH) and five enrolled in a technical high school; Instituto Tecnico Comalhucan, with the ability to choose a career path in welding or electricity.

Two of the university students, Abner and Joel, did very well and will advance to their second year of university studies toward a bachelor's degree. One of the students, Edward, did not meet the requirements for the program's academic policy and was dismissed at the end of the year, after being given counsel on his future course of action. Abner is enrolled in the area of coffee agriculture and sales, and Joel is studying finance and accounting.

We have continued to have Luis Castillo as our metal/wood shop instructor during the year 2023. He gave classes two days a week, on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The boys continued to work on their skills, improving greatly over the year. They have made many objects for the home; including shelving, water bottle containers, desks, and kitchen cabinets.

The monthly budget for the boys' home is approximately \$2,700 per month. This includes the offering and pension to the couple and the support of their two high school-age sons in a private Catholic school, Imaculada Concepcion. Traditionally the month of February has a higher budget due to the start of the school year and the purchase of uniforms, shoes, and school supplies. We also send the boys on several retreats and learning opportunities each year.

EDUCATION PROJECTS (Continued)



University Students

Casa de Esperanza Ministries supported 7 university students at various locations. Three of them are in the Boys Educational Project in Comayagua and live at the boys' home. Two of them are in Tegucigalpa studying medicine and two are in Siguatepeque.

Ana Canales was in her 4th year of medical school at UNAH in Tegucigalpa and Cristian Barrientos was also in his 4th year of medical school at the Roman Catholic University in Tegucigalpa. Both are starting clinical in the patient care area, learning skills such as vital signs, suturing wounds, canalization of veins, and performing physical exams. Jonathan Gomez completed his studies from the Roman Catholic University in Siguatepeque, this past December, majoring in computer systems engineering. He was able to do his practical internship at a local hardware store in Siguatepeque, re-designing their system of how to inventory items. Alejandro Hernandez is studying marketing with a specialization in digital marketing at the Universidad Tecnica de Honduras (UTH) in Siguatepeque, finishing his first year.



Now in its second year, Casa is partnering with supporters of students from the Bilingual School Vida Abundante (Abundant Life Christian Bilingual School) in Honduras, to help direct financial support to their respective universities in the United States. These include Calvin University, Grace University, and Hope College. There are currently 6 students being supported.

Elementary/High School Bilingual Students

Casa supported 4 students in bilingual schools in Honduras, including El Alba Institute in Siguatepeque and Academia Los Pinares in Tegucigalpa. Tuition, books, and transportation for these students are provided and costs approximately \$2,700 each month.

Music/Youth Group Support

Casa has supported the musical youth praise band and youth group of Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal in Siguatepeque. They perform regularly at the church, special events, and youth conferences throughout Honduras.

Educational and Administrative Support Staff in Honduras

Casa de Esperanza Ministries has 6 people on its staff in Honduras, with 3 of those being full-time. Guadalupe Amaya is our legal representative and administrator. Ada Linda and Jose Maria Alcerro are the house parents for our boys' education project based in Comayagua. Luis Castillo is our part-time workshop instructor at the boys' project. Julio and Ingrid Gomez in Siguatepeque help with part-time work maintaining our house that we rent and keeping our vehicles in working order.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023



In June of 2023, Nahomy Gomez graduated from the El Alba Bilingual School in Siguatepeque. She has taken her entrance exam to the National Autonomo University of Honduras (UNAH) and also has applied to Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Cristian Vargas, one of the boys in the Comayagua project, graduated from high school with a specialization in electricity. He will be attending the National Agricultural University in Comayagua.

In December of 2023, we interviewed 2 young men, ages 16 and 17, for admittance into our Comayagua Boys Education Project. It was agreed upon by our board of directors that we should admit them and they will start the school year in February of 2024.

OTHER COSTS

Casa rents a house in Barrio Por Venir, Siguatepeque, and the rent is \$500 per month. We use this home to stay in when our mission groups and board members are in Honduras. We also let employees of Casa de Esperanza in Honduras, use the house for meetings and retreats. The boys from our Comayagua Education Project also will come up several times a year to stay for a weekend to get away from the city.

We own and maintain 3 vehicles in Honduras, a 2011 Toyota Hilux Pickup, a 2004 Toyota Tundra, and a 2002 Honda CRV. The costs for insurance, registration, and repairs are approximately \$3,000 a year.

We hold non-profit status both in the United States of America as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization (since 2005) and in Honduras with a personaria juridica since 2006. We have a lawyer, Guillermo Argueta of Argueta and Associates Law Firm in Tegucigalpa. He has been our lawyer since 2004. Legal and accounting fees both here in the United States and in Honduras is approximately \$6,500.

Funding for each of these areas and projects comes from donations from private individuals and churches and many fundraising activities during the year.



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