

CASA DE ESPERANZA
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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we celebrated 20 years of Casa de Esperanza in 2024, we rejoiced in God's faithfulness! He has opened doors for students to pursue education, strengthened churches, and provided healthcare to those in need. This year, we have seen lives transformed—students excelling, communities strengthened, and new opportunities to serve. Through every challenge, He has provided.

Looking ahead, we trust God to continue guiding this ministry. Our board has re-solidified our focus on education and as we invest in future leaders and provide support to those in need, we do so with confidence in God's provision. Your prayers and generosity sustain this work, and we invite you to continue walking with us in faith. Together, we celebrate His goodness and look forward to all He will accomplish!

In His Service,
Lori DeWitt
President, Casa de Esperanza Ministries

WHO WE ARE

Mission: Casa de Esperanza is a Christian, faith-based organization created to bring hope to Honduras through education. Translated as "House of Hope," Casa de Esperanza seeks to promote self-sufficiency and spiritual growth through supportive housing, training, and skills development. We also assist with medical care and provide basic construction services.

Organizational Structure: Casa de Esperanza holds 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 who founded Argueta and Associates Law Firm in Tegucigalpa. He has been our lawyer since 2004.

Values: The guiding principles that we hold dear as an organization include Integrity, Faith, Perseverance, Compassion, Responsibility, and Accountability.



EDUCATION PROJECTS

Boys' Educational Project - Comayagua

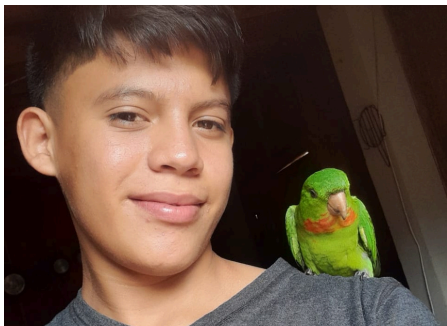
Our main educational home is in Colonial Las Lomas del Rio, segunda etapa, in the city of Comayagua. Our house parents are **Ada and Jose Maria (Chema)**, a Honduran married couple. We started the academic year in February with eight young men, one enrolled in the National Autonomía Honduran University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

Cristian passed his first year in the agricultural university with good grades. **Abner** consulted with the board of Casa de Esperanza and made the decision to begin to live on his own, having a part time job and attending the university.



We have continued to have **Luis** as our metal/wood shop instructor this year. He taught classes once a week on Saturday 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 \$2,800 per month. This includes the offering, pension, and medical care to the couple along with their living expenses and the living expenses of the boys in the program. 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.



Music/Youth Group Support

Casa has supported the musical youth praise band and youth group of Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal in Siguatepeque. They perform on a regular basis at the church, special events, and youth conferences throughout Honduras. The older youth in the band have begun giving music lessons to the children of the Compassion International Program.

University Students

Casa de Esperanza Ministries supported 6 university students at various locations throughout Honduras. One of them is in the Boys Educational Project in Comayagua and live at the boys home. Two of them are in Tegucigalpa studying medicine, one is in San Pedro Sula, and one in Siguatepeque.

EDUCATION PROJECTS (Continued)

Ana was in her 5th year of medical school at UNAH in Tegucigalpa and **Cristian** was also in his 5th 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. This past May, **Jonathan** received his degree from the Roman Catholic University in Siguatepeque, majoring in computer systems engineering. After graduating, he began working in logistics for a large supermarket chain in Siguatepeque. **Nahomy** recently began her studies in nursing at the Roman Catholic university in Siguatepeque

Joel transferred to the UNAH campus in San Pedro Sula to continue to study finance. Joel has received excellent grades and is a very responsible student.

Honduran Students in the U.S.

Now in its third 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 8 students being supported.

Elementary/High School Bilingual Students

Casa supported 3 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.

Educational and Administrative Support Staff in Honduras

Casa de Esperanza Ministries has 4 people on it's staff in Honduras, with 3 of those being full time. **Guadalupe** is our legal representative and administrator. **Ada Linda and Jose Maria (Chema)** are the house parents and directors for our boys' education project based in Comayagua. **Luis** is our part-time workshop instructor at the boys' project.



"I FEEL VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY, AS WELL AS FOR THE GREAT SUPPORT THAT THE CASA DE ESPERANZA MINISTRY GIVES US. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING AND MAY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST CONTINUE TO BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU MORE EACH DAY."

- CRISTIAN



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024

In June of 2024, **Jey** graduated from the El Alba Bilingual School in Siguatepeque. Jey has decided to take a gap year and focus on improving his basketball skills. He currently plays in a very competitive league in Siguatepeque. **Yeferson**, one of the boys in the Comayagua project, graduated from high school in Comayagua in November and plans to take the college entrance test in March of 2025. He would like to study agriculture.



In December of 2024, we interviewed 3 young men, ages 16, 18, and 19, for admittance into our **Comayagua Boys' Education Project**. It was agreed upon by our board of directors that we should admit two of them and they will start the school year in February of 2024.

We also interviewed a young lady, **Ana**, who has wanted to study nursing since she was a very young girl but has been unable to due to family and financial problems We agreed to financially assist her so she can attend a program for auxiliary nurses in Tegucigalpa. She would eventually like to study to become a Registered Nurse.



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

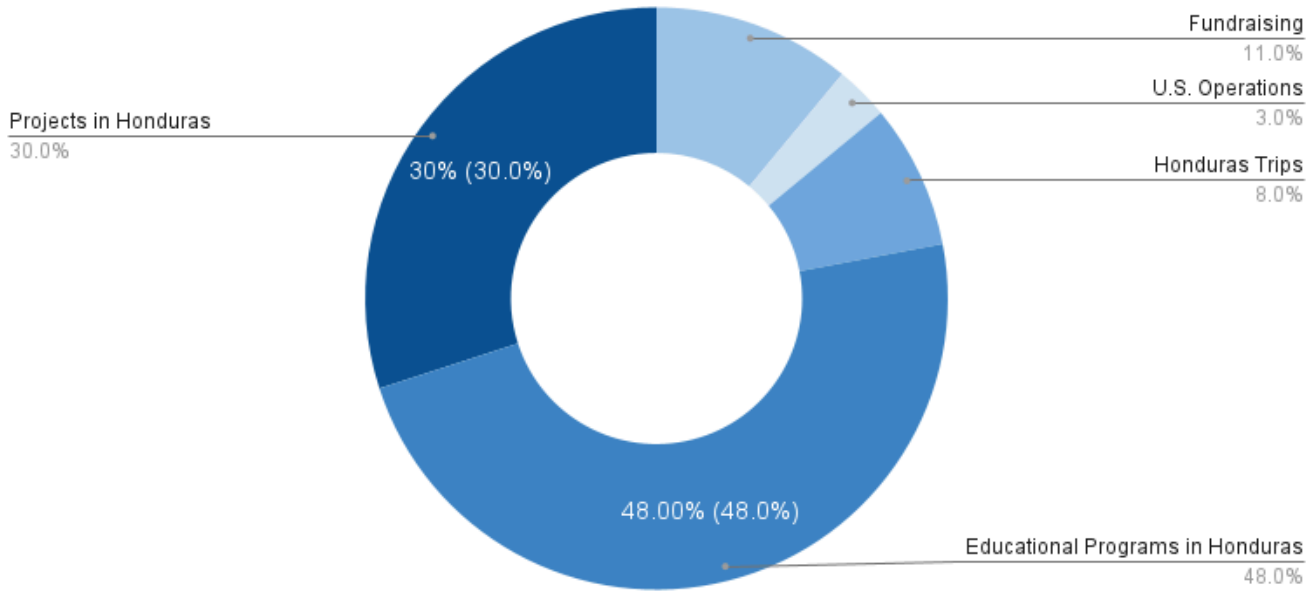
Throughout 2024, Casa supported the "Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal" church in Barrio San Miguel, Siguatepeque. Last year they hired an architect to make a master plan for their continued construction project in the church. During 2024, we sent down a total of \$1,975 which went towards constructing a special music classroom.



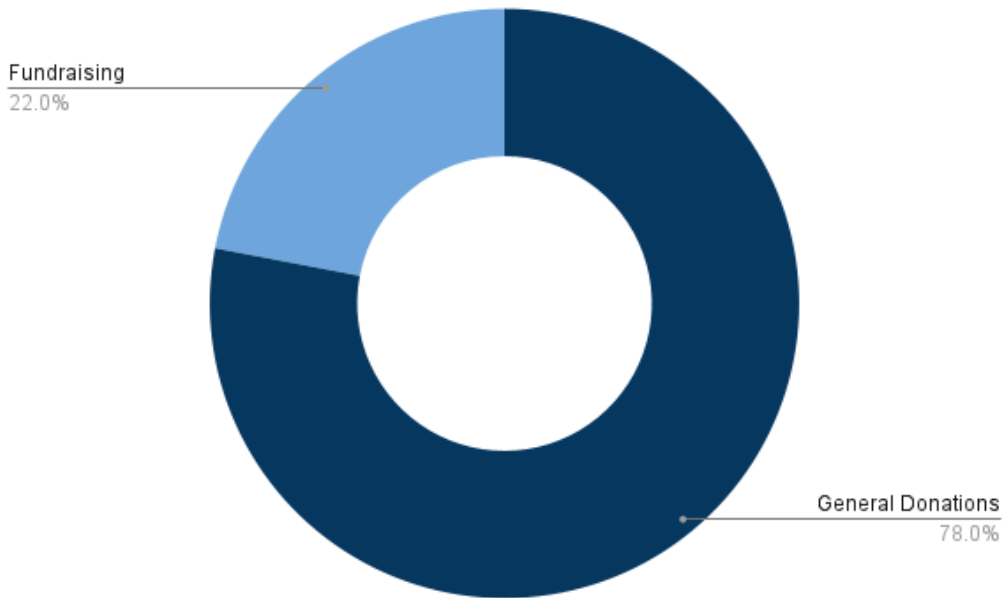
At our boys' home in Comayagua, we installed a new patio floor with outdoor tile and repainted all the bedrooms. We also made continued improvements in the home we rent in Barrio Por Venir, Siguatepeque; performing routine fumigation against insects, repair of the interior walls of the home and roof repairs.

FINANCIALS

Expense Breakdown



Income Breakdown



In 2024, the board of directors of Casa de Esperanza worked with an outside nonprofit business consultant to review our financials, programming and expenses. We determined that our volunteer board is a “lean machine” as 97% of our budget goes directly to Honduras!

We also determined that our main sources of fundraising are (1) donations and (2) food sales/fundraising.

Thank you to all of our generous supporters, we are looking forward to continuing our impact in Honduras in 2025.

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