

CASA DE ESPERANZA  
MINISTRIES



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# LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we reflect on 2025, we are grateful for God's continued faithfulness to Casa de Esperanza. This year, His provision was evident through the steady growth of our education programs, the perseverance of our students, and the strengthening of our partnerships in Honduras. From supporting university students to maintaining safe homes and investing in churches and communities, we have seen lives shaped through resources, relationships, and hope.

As we look ahead, our commitment remains clear: invest in young people, walk alongside local leaders, and steward the opportunities God places before us. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and trust in this ministry. Together, we move forward with confidence, knowing that God will continue to use Casa de Esperanza to bring about lasting transformation.

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 jurídica 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.



# HEALTH BRIGADES/PROJECTS

During the year 2025, Casa did not run a formal dental or medical brigade. However, we financially supported many dental and medical needs. We have provided medical and dental appointments and follow-up care for several students. Medical and dental care amounted to approximately \$2,000.



# CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Throughout 2025, Casa supported the church "Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal" in Barrio San Miguel, Siguatepeque. During 2025, we sent down a total of \$1,500, which went towards the construction of the upper-level classrooms. During our time in Honduras in September with our work team, we spent several days at the church painting and doing electrical work. We also deep-cleaned the kitchen.



# 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 seven young men, one enrolled in the National Autonoma Honduran University (UNAH), one enrolled in the National Agricultural University, and five enrolled in a technical high school, Instituto Tecnico Comalhucan, with the ability to choose a career path in welding, electricity, or computation.

**Cristian** passed his second year in the agricultural university with good grades. **Nelson** graduated from high school at the end of November and chose to go out on his own and work at a job repairing computers. The young men in the high school portion of the program all passed their levels, and we will have 2 of them entering their last year of high school in February of 2026.



# EDUCATION PROJECTS (Continued)

We have continued to have **Luis Castillo** as our metal/wood shop instructor during the year 2025. He gave classes one day 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.

## University Students

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

**Cristian** was in his sixth year of medical school at the Roman Catholic University in Tegucigalpa. He is starting his last period of classes in February, and then he will begin his professional years of clinical training at the various teaching hospitals in Honduras.



**Joel** is beginning his fourth year at the UNAH campus in San Pedro Sula to continue to study finance, and has received excellent grades and is a very responsible student.



Casa also continues to sponsor the studies of **Nahomy**, who is in her second year of professional nursing studies at the Roman Catholic University in Siguatepeque. **Yanira**, a young lady from the north coast of Honduras, began at the same university, also studying nursing.



In February of 2025, we began assisting the studies of **Anthony**, who is studying Spanish education at the Pedagogica University in Tegucigalpa, **Daniel**, who is studying agriculture at the National Agricultural University in Yoro, and **Ana**, who started a technical nursing program at a military training program in Tegucigalpa.

Now in its fourth 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 and Grace College. There are currently 3 students being supported.



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- CRISTIAN

# EDUCATION PROJECTS (Continued)

In August of 2025, **Jey** started his university studies at Muskegon Community College and was a member of the soccer team.

## Elementary/High School Bilingual Students

Casa supported 3 students in bilingual schools in Honduras, including El Alba Institute and La Providencia in Siguatepeque and Academia Los Pinares in Tegucigalpa. Tuition, books, and transportation for these students are provided, and costs approximately \$1,200 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. The older youth in the band have begun giving music lessons to the children of the Compassion International Program.

## Educational and Administrative Support Staff in Honduras

Casa de Esperanza Ministries had 4 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 and directors for our boys' education project based in Comayagua. **Luis Castillo** is our part-time workshop instructor at the boys' project.



# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

## New Student at Boys' Home

In January of 2025, we interviewed a young man who has not attended high school for the last 2 years due to family issues. We agreed to sponsor him into our Comayagua boys' program. He started his 9th grade level in February. He required a lot of assistance and tutoring to make up for the years he did not attend school, but he did pass his school year!

## September Group Trip

In September, a work group traveled to Honduras, staying at our compound in Siguatepeque. They arrived on September 9th and departed on the 17th.

During the trip, we distributed 140 portable water filters alongside the organization "Good Justice." We distributed 40 illustrated action Bibles to children in the villages where we installed the water filters.

We also spent several days doing maintenance and painting, both at our boys' home in Comayagua and at the Church of God in Siguatepeque. We installed a permanent water filter at the government health center in Siguatepeque, equipping the maternal child health area with purified tap water.

# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

## 20 Year Gala

In October of 2025, Casa de Esperanza held a 20th anniversary Gala event, held in Grand Haven, Michigan to celebrate our years of ministry working in Honduras. It was attended by 240 people and our legal representative and administrator in Honduras, Guadalupe Amaya, was able to travel to be present and give a speech.

## New Scholarship Candidates

In December of 2025, our president was in Honduras and interviewed 4 candidates for scholarships to study at the university level. The board agreed and we will be awarding scholarships for 3 young men and 1 young lady at the Roman Catholic University in Siguatepeque.



## OTHER EXPENSES

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 will also 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 Pickup, and a 2015 Nissan Pathfinder. The costs for insurance, registration, and repairs was approximately \$5,000 this year, as there were some issues with repairs on both pickup trucks.

Legal and accounting fees, both here in the United States and in Honduras, are approximately \$6,500/year.

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

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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