

CASA DE ESPERANZA MINISTRIES, INC.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION

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

MEDICAL, DENTAL AND OPTICAL BRIGADES

During 2020, Casa de Esperanza Ministries, Inc. worked in cooperation with the Evangelical Hospital in Siguatepeque. We had a volunteer team come down to Honduras during the dates of February 29 to March 7, 2020. The dentists on the team were Dr. Matthew Moeller, DDS and Dr. William DeWitt, DDS. The Evangelical Hospital provided a dentist and a team of 3 physicians and several nurses. We visited 4 sites around the area of Siguatepeque and also one day at Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal Church in barrio San Miguel, which works with the program Compassion International. The locations included Colonial Mata, Barrio Tres Pasos, El Aldea Loma Larga y El Aldea Rio Bonito. We performed 401 extractions, 410 cleanings, distributed 130 Children's Bibles and gave out 118 eyeglasses with examinations. The Evangelical Hospital physicians saw over 50 patients per day, minimum.

Every day at the clinics, a registered nurse and physician would have health talks to the people waiting. The talks included proper dental hygiene, proper nutrition for healthy living, and the importance of avoiding high sugar drinks. Every day, the chaplain from the hospital had several devotional times and led singing with his guitar. A high point of this trip was that all of our sponsored university students were able to volunteer with us on the brigade. Several of our students who have graduated from our programs also returned to volunteer their time.



BY THE NUMBERS:

401 EXTRACTIONS; 118 EYEGLASSES; AND 410 CLEANINGS

130 CHILDREN'S BIBLES DISTRIBUTED

4 SITES AROUND THE CITY OF SIGUATEPEQUE

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

During the March trip, there were several people who worked at our boys' home project in Comayagua, Colonial Lomas del Rio, Etapa II. Work included the repair and replacement of several toilets, sinks and faucets.

Work was also done on the home of Julio and Ingrid Gomez, in the neighborhood of San Francisco, Siguatepeque. Electrical work and the final plumbing was done and they moved into their new house during the second week of March. This home served as a site for Bible Studies, and musical performances for the youth group of the church. We anticipate sending some more money to finish the patio in the coming year.

We continue to do small repairs at the home we rent in Barrio Por Venir, Siguatepeque. Tasks included the upkeep of the crumbling interior walls, fumigation of the home against termites, repair of water lines, repair of plumbing problems and maintenance of the grounds.



The home of Julio and Ingrid Gomez, in the neighborhood of San Francisco, Siguatepeque.



EDUCATION PROJECTS

Our main educational home is in Colonia Las Lomas del Rio, Segunda Etapa, in Comayagua. Our house parents are Ada Linda Ramirez Morales and Jose Maria Alcerro, a Honduran married couple. We started the academic year in February with 9 boys. Two of our recent graduates stay at the home on occasion as they are working in Comayagua.



The boys are enrolled in a technical high school in Comayagua- Instituto Technico Comalhucan, studying in the areas of welding and electricity. One of the graduates from last November is currently in an aviation mechanics program at the Palmerola Airbase and is in the top 4 students academically in his class. We support this student with occasional monies as needed for his classes.



We continue to offer woodworking skills classes at the home, employing a part-time carpentry instructor as time allows. The boys learn to carve wood and basic furniture construction. The monthly budget for our boys' educational project is \$2,000 per month. This includes the offering to the couple and the support of their 2 sons in a private school. Traditionally the month of February has a higher budget (\$3,500) due to the start of the school year and the purchase of uniforms, shoes, and school supplies. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic starting in March of 2020, the high school went to online classes and many of the boys returned to their homes in the mountain villages. This reduced our monthly budget for this program to approximately \$800 monthly.

We continue to support 3 students in Honduras with their university studies. The first one, Ana Canales is in the middle of her second year at UNAH in Tegucigalpa, studying medicine. Also studying medicine at the Roman Catholic university is Cristian Barrientos, who is in the middle of his second year, in Tegucigalpa. Jonathan Gomez is studying at the Roman Catholic University in Siguatopeque and is in his second year, his major is systems engineering. The cost of all these 3 students is approximately \$900 per month, as all of them are now doing online classes and living at home, as of March 2020. Casa provides tuition and other costs such as books, school supplies, food, internet, and travel.

Casa also supports Allan Barrientos, who is from La Union, Lempira, Honduras, who is studying at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is currently a junior and is majoring in exercise science and minoring in Biblical Studies.

We also continue to support 3 adolescents attending El Alba Bilingual School in Siguatopeque. Tuition and books are approximately \$800 per month. They are in fifth, eighth, and ninth grades.

We have supported the musical youth group of Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal Church with the purchase of musical instruments in 2020, approximately \$2,500.



**LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR EDUCATION PROJECTS AT
[CASAOFHOPE.COM/WHAT-WE-DO](https://casaofhope.com/what-we-do)**



HURRICANE RELIEF

When Hurricanes Eta and Iota struck Honduras in November of 2020, many of our supporters sent money for hurricane relief. A total of \$5,150 was sent down during the months of November and December of 2020. We have two graduates of Casa's university scholarships, Lilian Ramirez, who works for Aldeas SOS, and Yoseli Munguia, who works for GOAL International. We sent money to these two young ladies to directly purchase items needed such as hygiene kits, medicines, mattresses for the shelters, and food items. We also funded money through Kevin Alcerro, who is the son of our house parents Ada and Jose Maria Alcerro. Kevin is a firefighter in Comayagua and was able to send the money directly to the firefighters in La Lima, where the flooding was so disastrous. It was spent on new boots, medicines, bleach, food, rescue costs, and hygiene kits. We also sent each of our partners in Honduras about \$200-\$500 to stock up on stable food items such as powdered milk, rice, beans, sugar, etc.

OTHER COSTS

Casa de Esperanza Ministries, Inc., rents a house in Barrio Por Venir, Siguatepeque and the rent is \$500 per month. We use this house to stay in with our mission groups and when members of the board of directors travel to Honduras. It is also where we store our dental and optical brigade equipment.

Casa also owns and maintains 3 vehicles in Honduras; a 1994 Toyota Hilux, a 2000 Chevrolet Van, and a 2011 Toyota Hilux. The costs for insurance, maintenance, registration, and repairs was approximately \$3,000 this year.

Casa de Esperanza Ministries, Inc., holds non-profit status both in the United States as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and has a Personaria Jurídica en Honduras. We have a lawyer in Honduras, Guillermo Argueta, whose specialty is non-profit organizations working in Honduras. Legal and accounting fees, both here in the USA and Honduras are approximately \$6,000 a year.

Casa de Esperanza also offers an offering to a couple who live in Siguatepeque, to look after our house and be our handyman, Julio and Ingrid Gomez. We give them \$210 per month along with significant gifts and bonuses totaling over \$1,000 yearly.

Fundraising for each of these areas and projects comes from donations from private individuals, churches, and fundraising activities.



ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS:

WE PROVIDED \$5,150 IN HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDS

DURING THE PANDEMIC THE YOUTH PRAISE BAND HELD CONCERTS VIA ZOOM AND FACEBOOKLIVE.

SEVERAL CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY AND GRAND VALLEY COLLEGE STUDENTS ACCOMPANIED US ON OUR MARCH TRIP

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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