

CASA DE ESPERANZA MINISTRIES, INC.

2022 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.

MEDICAL, DENTAL AND OPTICAL BRIGADES

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, Casa de Esperanza was not able to send down volunteer dentists, nurses or physicians to do any health brigades. We did, however, continue to support Casa graduates that work in the field of social work. We sent down financial help to those needing health care, housing support, and education.



CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Throughout 2022, small groups of volunteers did travel to Honduras, and worked on our boys home, improving the conditions of the bathrooms and wood shop. We also continue to work on the home we rent in Barrio Por Venir in Siguatepeque. Having a home in Honduras requires diligent maintenance so this is always on our to do list. Work included repair of the roof, fumigation of the home against termites and ants, repair and maintenance of water lines, and maintenance of the grounds.

We continued to financially support Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal Church in Barrio San Miguel in Siguatepeque Honduras, in their construction project of adding more office space and classrooms. We donated \$4,000 to the church in 2022, and requested that they use an architect to design their new project, which they did.

EDUCATION PROJECTS

High School

Our main educational home is in Colonia Las Lomas del Rio, segunda etapa, in the city of 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 eight boys, all of them returning from last year. This year the students returned to in-person classes. All of the boys have received their 2 doses of the Covid vaccine, and no one became sick this year with Covid. All boys passed their classes and will advance to the next grade level in February of 2023.



The boys are enrolled in a technical high school in Comayagua-Instituto Técnico Comalhucan, with the ability to choose a career path in either welding or electricity. One of our graduates from a year ago, is studying at the Pamerola Air Base in Comayagua and recently graduated with his bachelor's degree in Aviation Mechanics. Casa also supported this student financially.



We hired a metal shop instructor to start working in September, Luis Castillo. He immediately took inventory and organized all of our equipment. He made a list of needs and we were able to invest in some new equipment during a trip in August. The boys have been learning basic skills and the proper use and care of the welders, saws, and other equipment. Two of the older boys are very talented in this area and have made many custom furniture pieces.

The monthly budget for our boys educational project is \$2,600 per month. This includes the offering to the couple and the support of their two sons in a private high school. 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 try to send the boys on two retreats a year.

University Students

Casa supported 4 university students in Honduras at various locations. Ana Canales is in her third year of medical school in Tegucigalpa at UNAH (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Honduras). Cristian Barrientos is also studying medicine at the Roman Catholic University of Honduras in Tegucigalpa, entering his third year. They have been able to return to mostly in person classes and have started clinical rotations. Jonathan Gomez is studying at the Roman Catholic University of Honduras in Siguatepeque and is in his fourth year studying computer systems engineering. We did have to terminate the scholarship of one student who did not comply to our requirements. The cost of these students is approximately \$2,400 a month. Casa provides living expenses, school supplies, transportation costs, and tuition.

At the start of the academic school year in September of 2022, Casa was able to partner with supporters of students from the bilingual school Abundant Life in Honduras, to help 7 students with extra scholarship monies to attend Hope College in Holland and Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our other university student in Michigan, Allan Barrientos, from La Union, Honduras, graduated from Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids with an exercise science major and a minor in Biblical studies. He is currently working as a physical therapy technician. He would like to attend graduate school in physical therapy.

EDUCATION PROJECTS (Continued)



ALLAN BEGAN HIS EDUCATION AT CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL OF 2018. HE GRADUATED ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022.

Elementary/High School Bilingual students

Casa supports 3 students in bilingual schools in Honduras, including El Alba Institute in Siguatepeque and Academia Los Pinares in Tegucigalpa. Tuition and books for these students are approximately \$1,600 per month. Grade levels include kindergarten, seventh, and eleventh grade.

Jey Amaya from Siguatepeque continues his high school studies at Calvary Christian School in Fruitport, Michigan. He is in tenth grade and was a former student of El Alba Institute in Siguatepeque. His yearly tuition is approximately \$8,000 per year.

Music

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 and have gone on several retreats.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022

In April of 2022, the board voted to move Guadalupe Amaya as our co-legal representative in Honduras. She also took over the role of administration of our organization in Honduras. She is in charge of communication with all of the university students and maintaining the distribution of money each month. She sends us weekly and monthly communication reports.

In August of 2022, we purchased a 2004 Toyota Tundra for the boys' project for \$8,000 with additional costs for repairs.

In November of 2022, 3 of the boys in our Comayagua Boys Education Project, graduated from high school. All passed the entrance exams to the National University and Air Base. Abner and Edward will be starting their studies at UNAH in Comayagua and Hector will be enrolled in the aero-electrical program at the Honduran Air Base in Pamerola, Comayagua.

We also interviewed and accepted two new young men into our University scholarship program, Joel Moreno from La Union, and Alejandro Hernandez from Siguatepeque. Joel will be studying at UNAH in finance, and Alejandro will study marketing at the Universidad Técnica de Honduras in Siguatepeque.



HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

In December, two of Casa's students, Amy Mathus and Ivan Meza, traveled to Guatemala City, Guatemala to see an ocular specialist, Dr. Roberto Iglesias Vargas, to make ocular prosthetics for them. Both were born with a congenital malformed eye, and they were ridiculed and teased for their appearance. With the placement of an ocular prosthesis which was crafted to match their other eye, both now are more confident. Amalia and Luis Castillo traveled with them to Guatemala for their appointments. We invested \$4,500 in this process.



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 home to stay in when our mission groups and board members are in Honduras. It is also where we store our equipment for our health brigades. We let members of the church use the home for retreats and also the boys from our education project in Comayagua come up frequently to get away from the city of Comayagua.

We own and maintain 2 vehicles in Honduras, a 2011 Toyota Hilux Pickup and a 2004 Toyota Tundra Pickup. The costs for insurance, registration, and repairs is approximately \$2,500 a year.



We hold non-profit status in both the United States of America as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and have a Personaria Juridica en Honduras. We have a lawyer, Guillermo Argueta who has been Casa de Esperanza's lawyer in Honduras since we started in 2004. Legal and accounting fees both here in the USA and in Honduras are \$6,500 yearly.

We also give frequent offerings to people to do work for us on short-term projects throughout the year. This cost averages \$3,000 per year.

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

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