Your generosity is allowing us to accomplish God’s work here in one of the poorest regions of Honduras where daily life is so difficult.

Poverty’s crushing grip is evident everywhere in Aldea La Fortuna, El Corpus. There is a 45 percent unemployment rate in this rural community. Families live in poorly constructed houses that offer little protection against the elements, especially during the region's fall rainy season. Most adults make their living as day laborers or subsistence farmers, earning the equivalent of only USD$105 per month – not nearly enough to feed children the nutritious meals they need to grow and develop properly.

The extreme poverty creates a severe lack of opportunity in the community. Some do not believe in a better future. Families often are too poor to send their children to school, unable to pay the fees or to purchase supplies. Due to both the poor economic conditions and cultural thinking, parents simply do not see education as a valuable investment in children’s futures. Most parents only achieved a primary school education.

This Sponsorship Launch is needed to develop the children in four key areas of the program’s focus: spiritual, physical, socio-emotional and intellectual. Action is crucial to develop children properly and give them the tools to unlock and fulfill their God-given potential. To accomplish this, children begin attending the center-based program as early as 3 years of age.

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This program represents a significant improvement opportunity, bringing the hope and love of Jesus Christ to the lives of those in need in a tangible, meaningful way. Because this center will serve more than nearly 150 registered children, many new families in this small village will be introduced to the Canaan Central American Evangelical Church.

Successful intervention action will transform the lives of children and their families, giving true hope for the future by helping to release this suffering community from poverty. Your support has made this work possible.

Dear Friends,

I extend a warm and cordial greeting to you, and may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your lives and the lives of your families!

It is an honor to address you here and thank you in a special way for the valuable help you have given to this center.

My name is Juan Javier Moreno Sevilla, and I am the partnership facilitator for the southern part of Honduras. I support 13 churches that have holistic development centers for children.

One of these is God’s Provision Child Development Center, which has just begun its ministry and received the funding to start serving the vulnerable children living in poverty in this community.

I want to thank God because it is He who filled you with the Holy Spirit and the will to move you in mercy to donate and support these vulnerable children in the community of Aldea la Fortuna.

I want to share what will be done with the gift you have shared with us.

Medical checkups will be carried out for all of the beneficiaries at the center — a total of 139 children will be given dewormers and iron supplements will be provided for the children younger than 5 years old.

Office equipment will be acquired, such as a computer, printer, desk, cupboards and chairs for the proper administration of this center. Kitchen equipment such as a stove, freezer, blender, eating utensils for children, glasses and plates will be purchased. Furniture for classrooms, chairs, tables, as well as teaching materials to provide lessons will be acquired. Fans also will be installed to provide the beneficiaries with a better learning environment. Medical equipment such as a scale and height meter also will be ordered.

With God’s help and the support of our sponsors, future plans for the center are to enroll and serve more children living in conditions of poverty, and to impact their lives and thus be able to change generations.

I say goodbye to you cordially, telling you that I will have you in my prayers. I will ask God to bless your lives and the lives of your families, and may God continue to bless you greatly.

Sincerely,

Juan Javier Moreno Sevilla
South Zone Facilitator
Compassion International
The implementing church partner has an important responsibility to recruit, select and train committed staff members who will serve the children of their community through the center. The team at Iglesia Evangélica Centroamericana Canaán in Aldea la Fortuna includes the following individuals.

Right: The staff and volunteers of God’s Provision Child Development Center.

Top Left: Pastor Luis Enrique Perez of Iglesia Evangélica Centroamericana Canaán Church

Top Right: Center Director Sarai Lopez

Bottom Left: Center administrator Marleni Rodriguez Capacitadora

Bottom Right: Health worker Eda Maria Endez
Church: Iglesia Evangélica Centroamericana Canaán  
Location: Aldea La Fortuna, El Corpus  
Number of Registered Children: 139

- Located in a hilly area of Honduras, the village of Aldea La Fortuna has a population of 1,346.
- Typical homes are made up of mud, clay or adobe walls with a wooden roof and dirt floors.
- The community experiences a high unemployment rate of 45.50 percent, with few job opportunities.
- The majority of parents are subsistence farmers or day laborers that make the equivalent of about US $105 per month to meet the needs of the whole family.
- Although there is a medical facility in the community, medical resources are limited and children suffer greatly from preventable diseases such as respiratory problems, skin allergies, and diarrhea.
- Malnutrition is a common problem in this area. The typical diet in this community includes beans, eggs and maize.
THANK YOU. We are grateful for your partnership in meeting the critical needs of children. It is an honor to share this update with you. Please call or email me with any questions you may have about this report or other opportunities to serve children in need.

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