Launching New Child Development Centers in Honduras

Summer 2019 Update
A Message from the Partnership Facilitator, Libni Aviles Saucedo

Compassion’s Partnership Facilitators manage relationships with local churches, helping them build capacity, mobilize resources and strengthen ownership of the ministry.

Dear KeHE Employees,

My name is Libni Aviles Saucedo. I am the facilitator of the Brisas Del Cielo Student Center (HO0144) and Hogar Esperanza Para Ninos Student Center (HO145) projects in San Ignacio, Honduras.

I greet you with blessings from our Lord Jesus Christ and thank you for your support and trust in these churches to administer your gift for the benefit of the children of this community.

As a facilitator, I made regular visits to the churches and communities to see their material and spiritual needs. I also saw the passion the churches have to utilize Compassion’s development approach which is essential for transformation in the lives of the beneficiaries.

Your financial contribution and prayers are allowing the churches to be more prepared and equipped to attend to the beneficiaries in a comprehensive and high quality manner by investing the funds in the best way, including:

- Learning materials
- Cookware
- Office Equipment
- Material for curricular lessons
- Educational toys

Without your support, it would have been very difficult for them to fully attend to each of the 300 children currently registered in the two centers. An excellent team of volunteer collaborators care for the children three days a week, make home visits and invest much of their time ensuring that each child is loved, known and protected. I cannot express in words the joy my heart feels when seeing children develop integrally in a safe environment full of love.

Thank you very much for being part of this wonderful ministry. May God bless you richly and prosper the work of your hands.

Libni Aviles Saucedo

About the Community of San Ignacio:

Children in the community are vulnerable because the high unemployment generates a lack of health, food and education.

The poverty in San Ignacio hinders child development as not everyone has resources to help children study.

Average Unemployment Rate: 31.1%

Primary Occupations: Day laborers and subsistence farming.
Meet the Staff Members

Brisas Del Cielo (HO0144) staff (L to R): Darwin Josue Sandoval (Tutor), Miriam Elizabeth Rodriguez (Project Director), Blenda Lizeth Rivas (Chief Cook), Rosa Isabel Lopez (Tutor), Blanca Oneyda Romero (Administrative Assistant), David Alfredo Rodriguez (Tutor)

Hogar Esperanza Para Niños (HO145) staff (L to R): Raul Reyes (Tutor), Dilcia Velasquez (Tutor), Marlen Lopez (Tutor), Karla Torrez (Tutor), Larissa Gevara (Director)
Meeting Critical Education Needs in Honduras

Through a holistic approach to child development, Compassion carefully blends physical, social, cognitive, economic and spiritual care together. Thanks to the support of KeHE Cares, children and young adults at Brisas Del Cielo Student Center and Hogar Esperanza Para Niños Student Center now receive all of the benefits of Compassion’s child development assistance, as well as opportunities to thrive in areas such as education.

With an estimated 40 percent of children globally failing to meet learning standards, the need for educational opportunities is critical, especially for children living in extreme poverty. In Honduras, impoverished children face many challenges. Not only does the nation have one of the highest homicide rates in the world, but Honduran children are also often lured to youth gangs.

Honduran Public Schools Are Free, But Lacking

Primary school is nominally free in Honduras, but a lack of infrastructure and qualified teachers affects the quality of education. Children are often kept home from school to help with household duties or work on the family farm. Less than half of Honduran students complete secondary school, and around 12 percent cannot read or write at a functional level. High dropout rates, children repeating grade levels, low achievement scores, and insufficient alternative educational opportunities all contribute to hindering Honduran children from escaping a life of poverty.

In addition, there are not enough secondary schools (for ages 12-16), meaning that many primary school graduates (ages 6-11) are unable to continue their education. This is why 55 percent of Honduran children are not enrolled in secondary school.

Thanks to the generous support of KeHE Cares, Honduran children are being equipped today with skills to succeed tomorrow. KeHE is helping children excel in their public school studies, giving them a strong start toward a life beyond poverty.
Because of your gracious support, the churches in San Ignacio, Honduras are full of joy for the new child development centers that will ultimately benefit so many eager children. Your heart for those in need gives hope to children, families, center staff members, and communities. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!

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