

# Honduras “Faith & Works” Sponsorship Program

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19)

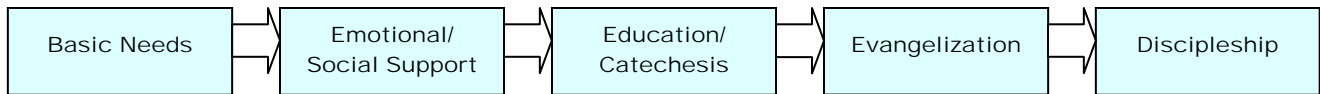
The Missioners of Christ, in conjunction with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, have moved forward in the implementation of our “Faith & Works” Sponsorship program to serve the children & youth of



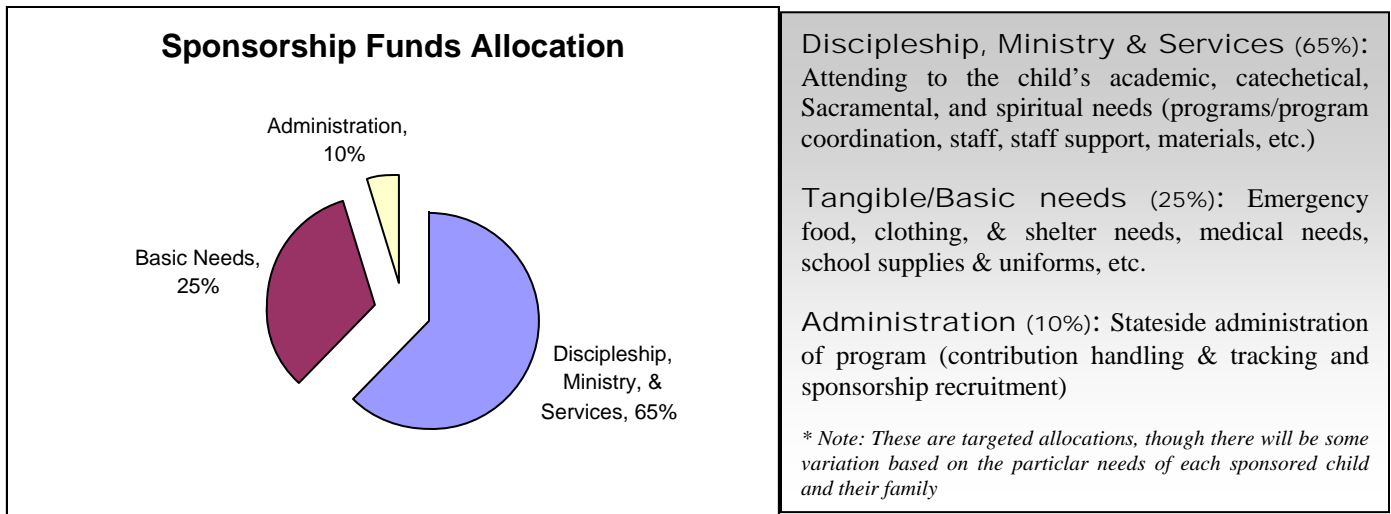
Honduras. This particular ministry is unique in that its primary focus is on *Discipleship* – not only teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but teaching the young Hondurans how to teach and evangelize others in their country.

Of course, as Saint James tells us, “Faith without works is dead.” (James 2:17). Therefore, we have developed this Discipleship ministry on a continuum of ministries/services, beginning by assuring that the basic needs of each child/youth are first met, then progressing incrementally to education/catechesis on to full and active discipleship.

## Discipleship Continuum



The Missioners are already serving over 200 children/youth and their families, empowering an entire community by planting and nurturing seeds of Faith and hope so that these children & youth will be able to work side-by-side with us, and eventually lead, in evangelizing and discipling Honduras with the fullness of Truth that our Catholic Faith provides us. Even with only a fraction of the children/youth in any of our programs being sponsored, we are able to keep the ministries going for all.



# Our Ministries & Programs

With the ultimate goal of forming and Discipling the Catholic leaders for the future of Honduras, the Missioners, in collaboration with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, have developed a continuum of Ministries serving the children & youth of Honduras.

## Sponsorship Program Implementation in Phase IV!

In desiring to establish an innovative, high-quality sponsorship program, the Missioners are implementing program components gradually over a projected seven year period. All aspects of Phase III were fully implemented by year end 2007, with the Missioners now having a full-time Education Coordinator and a full-time Social Worker. In implementing Phase IV, we have started the process of exchanging letters between the sponsored children and the Sponsors twice a year. The Education Coordinator oversees a daily tutoring program, as well as meeting with teachers and school officials regarding each sponsored child's educational situation. The Social Worker meets with the families of the sponsored youth, assessing true need and assuring tangible assistance is given where most needed. Other aspects of Phase IV that we hope to implement by 2009 are monthly progress briefs submitted for the sponsored youth/children which would be viewable by sponsors online.

## Education

**Educatodos:** A program sponsored by the government of Honduras and USAID which allows continuing education through night and weekend study. This program is ideal for youth and young adults who cannot attend regular schooling, often due to being too far behind, or needing to work during the day to support their families.



**Tutoring:** The Missioners have expanded our tutoring program to two sessions daily, and are opening a library for use by our sponsored youth.

## Discipleship

**Hijas de Rey (*Daughters of the King*)** Catechesis, evangelization, and discipleship for high-school aged girls.

**Rosas de Maria (*Mary's Roses*)** Catechesis, Sacramental prep, & evangelization for middle-school aged girls.

**Niñas del Rey (*Children of the King*)** Catechesis, Sacramental prep, & evangelization for primary school girls.

**Compañeros del Corazon de Cristo (*Companions of the Heart of Christ*)** Catechesis, Sacramental prep, & evangelization for middle and early high school aged boys.

**Misioneros de la Paz de Cristo (*Missionaries of the Peace of Christ*)** Catechesis, evangelization, and discipleship for late high-school to post high-school aged boys.

**Montessori Good Shepherd Program** A new program rooted in the Montessori teaching method for catechesis, Sacramental prep, & evangelization for primary school boys.



**Misioneros de Juan Pablo II (*Missionaries of John Paul II*)** Our exciting new program using the oldest form of Discipleship – 1 on 1 walking side-by-side through a youth's faith journey. Each member of the Missioners Community in Honduras is assigned three same-gender youth for intensive and extended mentoring, formation, and discipleship.

**Equipo Juvenil de Evangelizadores (*Youth Evangelization Team*)** – Our highest level of evangelization & discipleship, these youth/young adults between the ages of 16 – 25 receive monthly formation in their Catholic Faith in order to evangelize the people of their own country. These young people are missionaries-in-training that are given the opportunity to put their Faith into practice through participation in missions in mountain villages, leading youth retreats, and serving in other evangelical opportunities.



To sponsor a child/youth involved in these programs, or for more information, email us at [sponsorship@missioners.org](mailto:sponsorship@missioners.org)

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