

Honduras “Faith & Works” Sponsorship Program

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

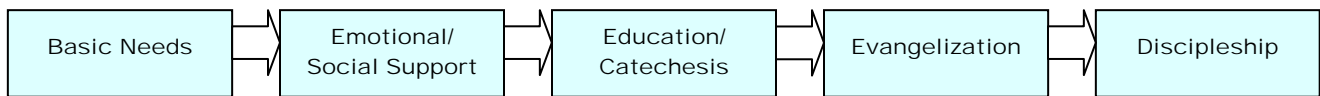
The Missioners of Christ, in conjunction with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, have begun the implementation of our “Faith & Works” Sponsorship program to serve the children & youth of Honduras.



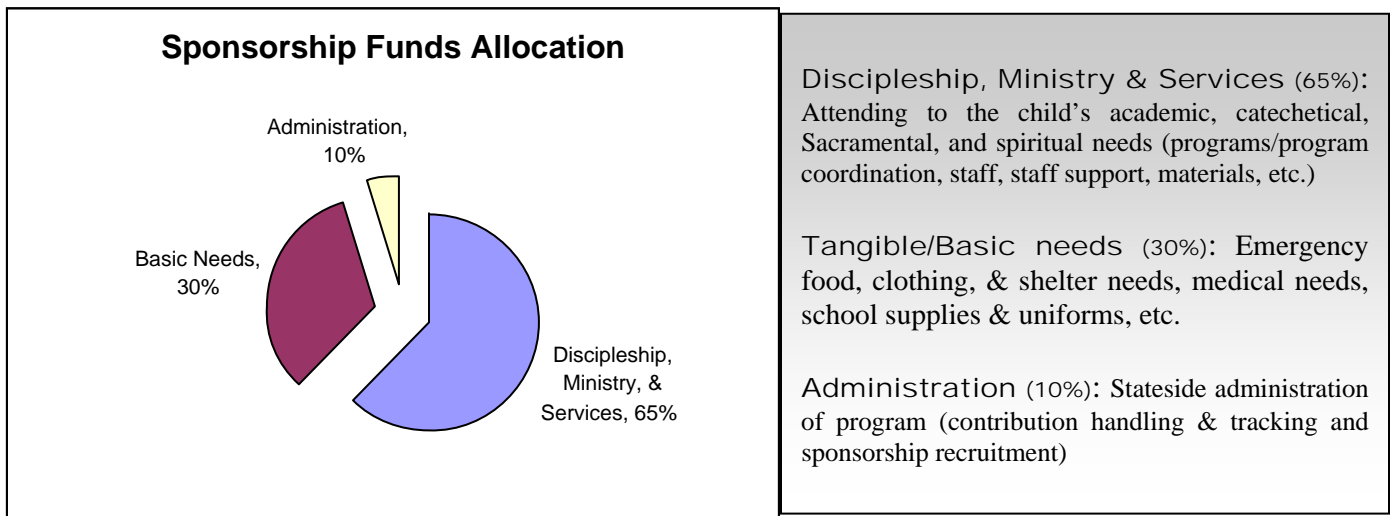
This particular ministry is unique in that its primary focus is on Discipleship – not only teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but teaching the young Hondurans how to teach and evangelize others in their country.

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 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.



Sponsorship Program Implementation in Phase III!

In desiring to establish an innovative, high-quality sponsorship program, the Missioners are implementing program components gradually over a projected three year period. In our current phase, all ministry/program components are being implemented. A Sponsorship Coordinator has been established in Honduras and 60+ children/youth in our ministries have been identified. In this phase, communication between the sponsor and the child is somewhat limited, with the child writing the sponsor twice a year. Implementation of Phase III is anticipated to be completed by Spring 2006. At this point, Phase IV will begin, where the Missioners will employ up to twenty local Honduran community leaders to serve as a type of social worker, each being responsible for 10 – 20 youth in the program. In this phase, more specialized services will be able to be offered to the youth and their families, and more frequent updates on the child/youth's progress will be supplied to the Sponsors.

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.



Education

Educadores: A program sponsored by the government of Honduras and USAID which allows continuing education through night and weekend study. The Missioners have employed three teachers, offering three different classes: primary school (1st-6th grade), 7th Grade, and 8th/9th grade. 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.

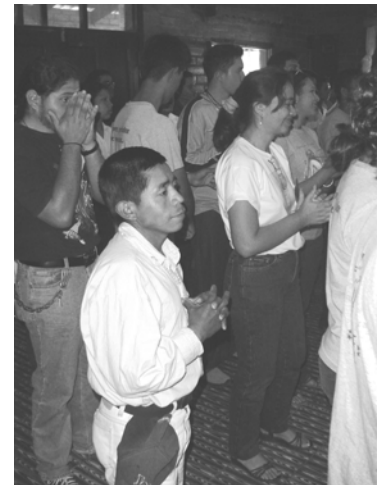
Tutoring: The Missioners offer tutoring regularly every Tuesday night from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. and also on a case-by-case basis if the need presents itself.

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 primary to middle-school aged boys.

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



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 in these programs, email us at sponsorship@missioners.org.

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