Partnering with ASJ

Over the years we have seen the incredible impact that ASJ has had in Honduras. They continue to be agents of Christ and operate to change the systems and culture behind the scenes for many in Honduras. Over the years they have proven to be brothers in Christ and have been allies for us in hard times. We are excited to now partner with ASJ to serve at risk youth in Honduras as we begin to support one of their oldest programs named “Strong Communities”.

Strong Communities seeks to equip youth and families to build each other up and build stronger futures. This transformative operation builds up these communities in 5 primary ways.

Mentoring for Kids Who Are At Risk

Mentoring is something that research suggests is one of the most effective and formative ways to build up youth who are at risk. In this program, there are 230 kids, whose mentors work through a curriculum to teach Christian values, skills, leadership, and service learning.

Strong Families Training

ASJ directly trains the families in Christian values, better equipping the parents to raise their children. These trainings focus especially on training the families healthy ways of discipline without resorting to violence.

Monitoring the Local Schools

ASJ was permitted to run a deep dive into the effectiveness of teachers and schools on a national level. With the help of their partners, they were able to identify many issues and help Honduras to improve their education. With the relationships they have on the national and local levels, they are able to continue to monitor the quality of the education that is provided for the children.

AGC is excited to partner with ASJ to serve at risk youth in Honduras through their “Strong Communities” program.

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Universities in Honduras require each student to complete an internship on top of regular classes. These internships count towards their community service requirements. Many students never reach this point and we are very excited and proud that we have three students who are currently in the middle of their internships.

Carlos is soon to finish up his work at the airport as an electrical engineer. He has been working full-time at the new international airport in Comayagua. Not only is he working hard and learning along the way, but his bosses have also recognized his hard work and skill.

Glenda has also been recognized for her hard work. Recently she was congratulated by her boss at the attorney general’s office in Tegucigalpa, where she is completing her internship. She is studying business relations and in her internship, she is helping out by auditing invoices and pay stubs.

Vivian is a nursing student and recently left Tegucigalpa to go to the far west region of Honduras. This is an area of great need and she has been able to assist in the operating room and she has been getting a great experience. She is living alone for the first time but enjoying serving the community.

These students have shown us that they are more than capable of excelling in their areas of study. Thanks to all of you who have helped make this possible through your donations which helped pay living expenses and education costs. Thanks be to God for providing and uniquely creating these students with drives and passions that we can see are now blessing the communities around them.

We currently have 14 students in our University Program including four new students. Riksi, Marta Maria, Mirna, and Johana are all living together and beginning their studies in Comayagua. God has been good in providing for AGC and we are excited to be working with all of these students. They have proven themselves to be strong students and we look forward to watching them grow over these next few years.
Not much seems to be the same, the whole world is struggling through this pandemic. Honduras, and especially the children AGC serves are particularly hard hit. They were only allowed to leave their homes but one day every other week. Clearly people can't go to their jobs. The medical care is very poor, the hospitals are overrun, and no medicine or vaccines are available. We refuse to live in fear or despair, instead we take Comfort in the knowledge that none of this has taken God by surprise. He isn't scratching His head wondering how He is going to care for these children, He is on His Throne and ultimately in control. He raised up an army of our supporters to drive back the darkness. AGC is honored to be the conduit God put in place to help these children. Thank you for standing with us.

- Al Heerema

**An Update from Nelly**

Dear friends,

I want to send you a warm greeting and my best wishes are that our Lord Jesus Christ Bless you with much Peace and Joy in your heart. Today I thank you infinitely for the support we are receiving from you, personally I feel like a favorite daughter of God for having allowed me to be a direct beneficiary of you by equipping me with my wheelchair, which is a great blessing for me. In the same way, thank you for keeping us in your minds and hearts by being aware of our needs. CasaAyuda is very grateful to you all for solving needs that we cannot cover by ourselves. Thank you AGC for financing the electric fence and rain gutters and especially our partners at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church. Security is very necessary in Honduras, because we live with a lot of violence and crime, with the electric fence we will protect the property and all CasaAyuda belongings, in the same way correcting the conduction of rainwater is necessary to keep the place free of ponds that promote the proliferation of mosquitoes and disease. God undoubtedly has us in His hands and has placed you all as a source of blessing that gives us joy and peace in a world so lacking in charity. Thank you, thank you very much and may our good God grant you the wishes of his heart. A big hug, and always count on my prayers.

- Nelly

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Monitoring the Health Centers
Similar to ASJ’s ability to monitor local schools, they also work with local residents and youth. ASJ monitors local health centers to ensure the presence of the workers as well as the quality.

Working with Victims
ASJ built its organization by trying to be the bridge between the community and the government, restoring trust on both sides of the aisle. In communities they continue operating this way, connected victims of violence and sexual abuse with Christian counselors for recovery as well as working with police and lawyers to investigate cases and bring them to trial.

All God’s Children looks forward to supporting these communities in Honduras to help build up the next generation to prevent so many of the tragedies that we have seen. We are excited to bring serve trips to visit the projects God is currently using ASJ in, and continuing to support them in prayer.

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