

Wesley Church is Partnering with Church in Honduras!

In the Honduran community of Aldea El Venado, a lack of jobs in the area causes meager family incomes and a large number of malnourished children. If all a child sees is death, hunger and a general sense of “not enough,” he will have no hope for his own future. He will buy into the mindset that he was born into poverty, and therefore he will die in poverty. Poverty ravages a child’s dreams and tells him he doesn’t deserve a way out. Beyond the physical and environmental desperation, a child in poverty is blind to the transformational understanding that he is loved by God, and was created in His image.

This is unacceptable, and as Christ followers, we have a responsibility to act.

Evangelical and Reformed Church in Cortes, Honduras would like to have a lasting impact on the children and families in this community, but they lack the resources. On the flip side, God has provided Wesley Church with the resources and we believe He has directed the mission committee to act, so together with Compassion International and Evangelical and Reformed Church we can provide a lasting, Christ-centered refuge for children and families through the launch of the Evangelical and Reformed Church Child Development Center.

With our help Evangelical and Reformed Church will be opening this new child development center within 6 months and has agreed to have at least 150 children enrolled in the project within the next two years. Can you begin to imagine the impact this will have on the community and families in the area?

Compassion’s church-based child development centers are the hub for delivering relevant, life-changing opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach for children in poverty, including:

- Christian training and encouragement
- Educational opportunities
- Health treatment, nourishment and training to promote self-care
- Guidance to develop social skills and self-confidence
- Critical life skills and vocational exposure

Church-based child development centers are required to manage their ministry through the responsible stewardship of funds. Expectations for church partners include:

- Creating a structure that is not dependent on Compassion for its long-term existence
- Maintaining integrity and excellence in all operations
- Setting up accountability procedures and an annual budget
- Striving to maintain the respect of local government, the Christian community and general public

This funding is a one-time commitment used to help the church get the new project up and running. The funds are specifically being used for:

- Purchase and organize furniture and teaching materials for the children.
- Equip and set –up kitchen area for the preparation of children’s meals and snacks.
- Improve the environment to meet the needs of children (decor, bathroom, etc.).
- Hire new project staff that will support start-up phase.

What can you do?

- Pray for this church as they begin this process. Pray especially that they would find Godly men and women with a passion for children to staff the project.
- Consider sponsoring a child from this specific project. Compassion has reserved 30 children for Wesley church members to sponsor. Please let us know if you are interested in sponsoring a child.