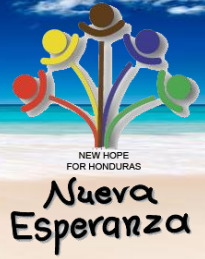


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Five years ago, the two of us (Tanner and Kayla) came to Tegucigalpa for the first time with a youth mission team from our home church in Rochester, MN. While here as fifteen and sixteen-year-olds, we both felt a call to come back to Honduras and work with Nueva Esperanza. However, at that time, it was not exactly clear how or when this would happen. Four years later, Tanner came back to Honduras with our home church and felt God tug on his heart once again to come back to Honduras in more of a full-time capacity. This summer, both of us are here in Tegucigalpa working alongside Carlos and Barbara, as well as the rest of the Nueva Esperanza staff, as summer interns. We have been so blessed the last month to have been working with teams, helping in the office, and aiding with day-to-day operations.



Throughout the next six weeks, we will be shifting our focus to learn more about the inner workings of the organization and start some extra projects.

Nueva Esperanza has been transforming lives by seeking permanent change in the spiritual, emotional, mental and physical lives of children and families here in Tegucigalpa. For us, the positive change in each child is plainly seen. Every day, we are greeted with a tangible sense of joy from the children at Nueva Esperanza. The situations faced by each child here are unimaginable to us, but the perseverance they display is inspiring. The staff here continues to do an amazing job of caring for the children and meeting them where they are at emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. God's work is evident here at Nueva Esperanza and throughout this city.

We are excited to be here until the end of August to be a part of what Nueva Esperanza is doing in Honduras. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue on this journey, and pray that the Lord would lead us in our work here and beyond.

**Kayla Ness and Tanner Fiek**

The care Nueva Esperanza gives to its enrolled children varies greatly depending on each child's age, family struggles, and individual personality. However, the goals of the organization stay the same no matter what the situation. Children of all ages and status are first taught the gospel of Jesus Christ. This foundation of faith works as a building block for each child's life and is used throughout the other teaching that Nueva Esperanza provides. Educationally, Nueva Esperanza offers individualized tutoring and age-appropriate classes to ensure each child is set up for success in school. Thanks to the work of Nueva Esperanza, families are staying together, and children of all ages are being shaped into young men and women who can be lights in Tegucigalpa and the country of Honduras.

### Dennis and Brittany's Story

Dennis and Brittany are two of the younger children Nueva Esperanza serves. Dennis is currently in first grade, and Brittany is in our Pre-Kinder class. About a month ago, our prayer team was able to give Dennis and Brittany a bunk bed and hear their family's story. Dennis and Brittany's mother Wendy lived with both her parents until they separated when she was 17. Wendy's mother left to live in another city, so Wendy stayed with her father and siblings in Tegucigalpa. When she was 20, Wendy became pregnant with Dennis and left to live with Dennis's father and grandmother. A year later, Dennis's father was killed. Since Dennis's grandmother was helping take care of him, she decided to continue to stay with her. Two years later, Wendy became pregnant and shamefully returned to her father's house, which is made of wood and is in very poor condition. Many of Wendy's family members and their families lived in the house as well, so it was very crowded. Brittany's father left for the United

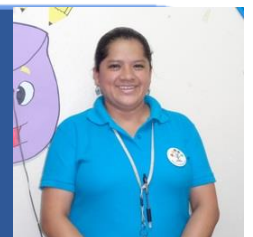


States and has had no communication with their family since, leaving Wendy on her own to care for her children. Dennis's grandmother had not been doing well financially, so she was not able to help with Dennis like she once did. During this same time, Dennis was reaching the age when he needed to start school, but Wendy did not have the funds to be able to send him to school. It was because of this that Wendy came to Nueva Esperanza seeking help. After Dennis entered Nueva Esperanza, Wendy found some temporary jobs to provide for her children. Last year, Wendy was working and was leaving Brittany in the care of her sister who was unemployed and had two children of her own. One day, one of Wendy's uncles who was an alcoholic tried to sexually abuse Brittany. Wendy decided to leave again to live with Dennis's grandmother and had to leave her job.

Brittany was accepted into Nueva Esperanza earlier this year when she became old enough. At present, Wendy, Brittany, and Dennis are back living in Wendy's father's house. They moved back because Wendy's uncle moved out, but recently he has moved back into the house. Wendy is currently unemployed but is actively seeking work.

### What does a Pre-Kinder class do every day?

Julia works diligently with our Pre-Kinder class so Brittany and her classmates can get acquainted with Nueva Esperanza. Julia teaches them things like the alphabet, numbers, and colors to prepare them for elementary school. She also helps them with their motor skills by doing things such as balancing and grabbing onto small objects to strengthen their fingers. Most of all, Julia teaches them about the love of Christ.



### Jenifer's Story

Jenifer started at Nueva Esperanza in 2007. Her mother Reyna was working in a clothing shop and was not making enough money to be able to care for Jenifer. Olivin, Jenifer's father, was an alcoholic and wasn't ever responsible enough to help support her. Jenifer's parents were separated for a year, but the problems continued when Jenifer's father came looking for her. While Reyna was living with Olvin, she suffered domestic violence even during her pregnancy. Reyna worked very hard in order to take care of her three children as a single parent. When



Jenifer entered the program, Reyna had a lot more time to dedicate to working. Some time passed, and Reyna was promoted because of her good work and eventually became a very sought-after dressmaker in the city which led her to obtain her own store. With this business, Reyna was able to remodel her house little by little. Jenifer's older sister was also able to graduate and now works to help support the family. In order to have more time, Reyna bought a motorcycle to use for transportation. Jenifer's older brother got married and moved out of the house. With the help of scholarships from Nueva Esperanza, Jenifer was able to go to enroll in a private

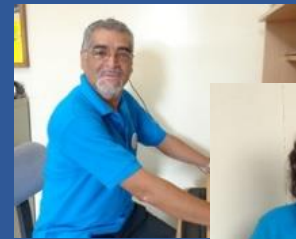
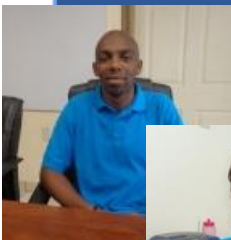
high school. Jenifer maintains communication with her father, but he continues to drink and does not support the family. Recently, Reyna was able to buy a car for her and her family to use. Jenifer has accepted Christ, and her life has changed; she even shared her testimony where she thanked the staff and everyone involved in the youth program for their love and support over the years. Jenifer is now a very mature and responsible young woman. She encourages her friends and classmates to follow the good path God has set out for them just like she is doing.



### What does a day look like in our youth program?

*Nueva Esperanza's youth program is overseen by two couples on staff: Andres and Sandra, and Erick and Zulman. Together they have created relationships with the youth and serve as teachers and mentors to the students. On a typical day, students receive tutoring, attend specialty classes in trade skills, eat snacks,*

*and have time to hang out and play soccer. Students also have the opportunity to attend a weekly bible study and are guided through their faith journey with their peers. The youth are very thankful to have a safe, Christ-centered place to help them grow in every area of their lives.*

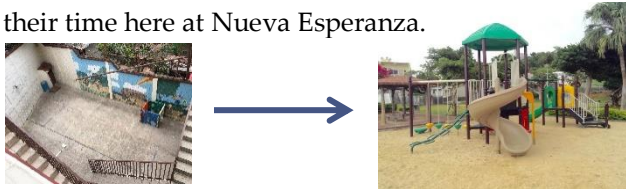


**Want to be a part of what's happening here at Nueva Esperanza? Visit our website and see how you can sponsor a child today!**

*With over 170 children and youth enrolled, the needs and plans we have to continue growing are vast. Here are just a couple things we have in store for the years to come, and with your help, we can make these a reality.*

### Playground Equipment

For the last twenty years, children enrolled in the preschool and elementary programs have played in a small, concrete courtyard. Although the children find joy in the existing space, Nueva Esperanza has a desire to update the play area. As of now, there is only a small toddler jungle gym and a toy car that is suitable for younger-aged children. The space itself is in need of new equipment that can be enjoyed by all ages of kids within the ministry. Playground equipment is an urgent need for the ministry so kids can further enjoy their time here at Nueva Esperanza.



### Youth Vocational Center

For two years, the youth have been meeting in a house located a block away from the ministry. During this time, the youth program has continued to grow and new needs have come to our attention. After graduation, our youth are struggling to find jobs. Our students have also expressed desires to learn skills and trades they can use to find work. As we began to think of ways to help our youth, the dream of the Youth Vocational Training Center was born. Upon completion, it will consist of training areas for plumbing, electrical engineering, carpentry, cosmetology, and many other skills, along with classrooms, offices, intern apartments, and much more. As a ministry, this building will give us opportunities to reach the community and spread the good news of Jesus Christ in some very unique ways. Through God's provision, timing, and guidance, we believe this dream can become a reality. God has been faithful in so many ways and has provided for Nueva Esperanza throughout the years, and we know He will do it again. Our dream is big, and our God is bigger!

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