

LAMB Institute, Honduras – Margaret Merritt, Executive Director, US



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Ministry Focus:

The LAMB Institute is a multifaceted ministry working in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, with the mission of sharing the hope found in Christ Jesus as we care for, educate, protect, and empower those in Honduras.

In the countryside of San Buenaventura, LAMB operates *Casa Hogar*, a children's home for young lives who have been marked by abandonment, abuse, or neglect; *Mirada de Jesus*, a home for our precious lambs with special needs who have aged out of the children's home; and *JOY Academy*, a bilingual school for grades K-5.

In the barrio of Flor del Campo, LAMB operates *God's Littlest Lambs*, a day care that provides a safe space for toddlers with working mothers, and K-9 school that provides a comprehensive education and supportive learning environment for students. Also in Flor, LAMB facilitates a *Youth in Action* program that provides Christian mentorship and support to youth who are at risk of gang involvement, and a *Holistic Community Development* program that seeks to help the poor grow small businesses to feed their families. Finally, LAMB supports 24 young adults age 18+ through our *Transition Program*, who are pursuing either a college education or independent living through trade school.

Strategies for Sharing the Gospel in this Ministry:

Community Development; Discipleship; Humanitarian Aid; and Leadership Development.

As we "follow the Lamb wherever He goes," LAMB hopes to share God's redeeming love with all those we serve. In Honduras, sometimes that looks like reaching out with love to children whose gang-member parents have the power to harm us. Other times, it means we offer a home to an abandoned infant from social services when we don't know yet where he will sleep or how to pay for the treatment and medicines he needs to thrive.

Mostly, though, we share the gospel through the day in and day out love of those He has brought to us in all areas of this ministry. We seek to love with depth and intention, offering hope and opportunity to those who were once lost in despair. Our Transition Program is a great example of the discipleship heart of this effort. Currently, we have 18 young adults in University in a country where only 8% of all who enroll in primary school attend University. Our intention is to love them like they are our very own children, offering them all the benefits we can from the loving heart of our donors, and sticking with them all the way through life. In return, we get the joy of watching these young adults in our Transition Program grow up into community leaders who long to serve others and share Jesus' love, as multipliers of the gospel.

In the US, we focus on the discipleship of our donors by reaching out to churches and individuals with stories and inspiration that proclaim the glory and goodness of our God. We invite teams to visit our ministries in Honduras and witness the transformative work that God is doing in their hearts while serving in the mission field. We long to be a conduit for the power of the Holy Spirit to unite the needs of the poor with the generosity of God's people.

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\$7500 – average monthly cost of food for the children at Children’s Home
\$9500 – average monthly cost to pay teachers and staff in our K-9 school in the inner city;
\$16,000- average monthly cost to run our bilingual school
\$7500- average monthly cost for Transition Program (transitioning young people to independent living after 18- includes University study or trade school.)
\$10,000- for upfit of Mirada de Jesus and/or The Multi-Purpose Building

Total amount needed to sustain this Ministry: \$1.5M USD per year.

Prayer Needs:

1. Continued protection and provision for our children, staff, and communities that we serve.
2. Prayers for our young adults in our Transition Program, who are learning to become independent and be examples of Christ in their communities.
3. God’s direction over Joy Academy, as we seek expansion as well as short term missionaries to help teach our children English.
4. God’s blessing over Mirada de Jesus, which will be a forever home for our precious lambs with special needs.
5. Prayers that God invites whomever He desires to come serve and visit our ministries in Honduras.

Short-term Mission Opportunities: ☒ Yes ☐ No (not at the moment)

- We are excited to invite teams back to visit our ministries in Honduras! Do you feel called to service God on the mission field?