

## **Serve the Kingdom International Ministries**

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### **ABOUT US**

#### **Please describe the nature of this ministry:**

Serve the Kingdom International Ministry (former Sueños y Sonrisas) is a legally recognized 501c3 that serves 6+ village communities in the provinces of La Paz and Comayagua, Honduras. At one of our Resource Centers, named Sueños y Sonrisas, the 100+ families can go to church services and become members, be fed a meal, receive a shower, wash clothing once per week, be served clean drinking water for their family, and also receive an education in job-training and more.

#### **Does this ministry have a vision/mission statement?**

The mission of Serve the Kingdom is to reach the socially and economically disadvantaged and unreached population to feed, clothe, educate, and provide gospel-inspired truth to the people, growing and changing the impoverished generations.

#### **What is the vision for the future of this ministry?**

Having near completed the construction at Suenos y Sonrisas, this is what it provides the village of Buenos Aires: a church building, bathrooms and showers, a kitchen and dining room, 3 classrooms for children, a conference/meeting room, and 2 job-training rooms. The church will contract a pastoral team to lead the community in full-time ministry and shepherding. The kitchen serves one meal a day (currently 3-4 meals weekly) for all 100+ families. The bathrooms and showers provide clean water, sanitation and bathing facilities for the people. The classrooms for the school-aged children will have contracted teachers to offer Spanish, Math, English, and Bible classes. The training rooms will offer job-training and career-ready courses for people ages 8-16+, learning local trades and how to discover entrepreneurship opportunities.

With the success of this project nearing its completion, we have a team in place to keep running the facilities, and there will be more added as needed. Our organization and its popularity has outgrown itself to the point of needing to build our own Mission House in Honduras, in order to best service the 4+ teams that go to these villages each year to help. And more are coming. The future is more space in order to house teams and ministries worldwide, to store vehicles and resources that we send out as aide, etc.

**How long has this ministry been in existence?**

The building and construction of Sueños y Sonrisas began in 2017. The Honduran government donated a portion of land to a local Evangelical Church to use. The Pastor of this church signed for the land. The Pastor and his church have never started a project or done anything with the land, but agreed to let a few church members do so. This was the platform that took a dream and is turning it into a reality. Serve the Kingdom was born officially in 2023, with the name and branding and mission statement changing from what it started with at Suenos y Sonrisas. It had to change because of the unexpected growth.

**Please describe the needs of the ministry (financial, teams, resources, training, etc)**

- 1) MISSION HOUSE - we need funding to build, we already have funding for the land.
- 2) CONSTRUCTION TEAMS - willing and able bodies to help with the construction finishes of the building
- 3) FINANCIAL - our #1 priority is to finish construction of the building, which is now fully funded. Then the incoming missionary financials can provide salaries for a Pastor, 2-3 teachers, and the funding for the kitchen to feed the village once a day. CLASSES - The classrooms and teachers will need educational resources i.e. curriculum. Lastly, we will need resources for training for job-training classes.

**Explain how this ministry is effective at doing what it exists to do.**

Because of the individuals and missionaries directly involved with Serve the Kingdom (our core team and Board of Directors), we are servicing 4+ trips to Honduras annually. Currently, as each trip allows, we feed, clothe, provide clean water, VBS for the kids, church services for the adults, and continue as much construction as possible. We also take fundraised money and are able to hire local bricklayers to further the project while we are not there on ground. As of 2025, we even got the approval to bless our most faithful bricklayer to build him his own home for his family, as he has never had a home before. This home will be completed by the end of 2025.

**What markers do we use to evaluate the ministry at its effectiveness?**

- 1) Prayer walks and in-home evaluations, and invitations for evangelism and relationship building
- 2) Weekly attendance of villagers to church services
- 3) Local community tithing to Sueños y Sonrisas
- 4) Training of villagers to lead prayer walks and build prayer groups
- 5) Quarterly meetings with the church pastors to assess and prioritize the community needs and bring those to the Board of Directors for approval
- 6) Website and Social Media influence

**How is reaching the lost a high priority for this ministry?**

In terms of “the lost” being Honduran citizens, they are living in extreme poverty and are socially isolated and economically lost. We believe and know that our ministry reaches them at the highest priority. In terms of “the lost” spiritually, our missionaries are choosing a life-long relationship and partnership with the spiritual development of this community.

### **How is making disciples a high priority for this ministry?**

We are developing a program for men and women to be trained in Christian Theology, so that they may disciple and lead their own families first, then serve in the church. The cultural generational shift will go from a Catholic-based understanding of God to the relational and evangelical Christ-centered understanding of Christian living and a biblical perspective of Jesus.

### **Explain how the ministry works with local churches in the field.**

In Honduras, there is a 88%+ predominantly Catholic presence and manner of living, thinking and doing. However, the local evangelical churches are similar in structure and theology. There is a head church and they have daughter churches. Sueños y Sonrisas is not a partner to a local church simply because no church has adopted/partnered with the project/ministry. This is based on financial reasons and politics.

### **What are some of the challenges this ministry faces?**

Currently, our challenges are having/funding the rest of the construction phase of building the projects to completion. Our team is small, so we are praying for growth and wisdom in who joins our ministry. We are praying for a pastor, and that the Lord will provide a full-time missionary on-ground. Although our “team” is made up of less than 10 faithful souls, our volunteers are faithfully 100+, this growth has been amazing, and we believe God will send more.

### **What else you should know about the heart and history of this ministry.**

In 2017, the first mission team came down for one week from a church in Minnesota and built the first wall of a church plant that would also incorporate a resource or community center for a slum village. Only 3-4 weeks worth of mission teams came down and spent time on the construction of the project up until the 2020 pandemic. Since the summer of 2019, all mission teams stopped coming and financially supporting the continuation of this ministry. In March of 2019, God spoke to Lyndsee Martinez (founder of Serve the Kingdom) directly while she was there leading the last mission team. The Holy Spirit imprinted on her heart to become a missionary in that location, serving the community and helping direct the construction and programs at Sueños y Sonrisas. She has since returned more than 15 times and spent 7-10 days during each visit. Because of a few faithful donors and support, please go to the website and you will see for yourself. This is only possible because God does what he says he will do.

**What is our (Luis & Lyndsee's) role and responsibility with this ministry?**

We do a bit of everything involved. We communicate with everyone involved. Since Lyndsee speaks fluent Spanish, she is able to bridge any communication gap. We oversee the process and progress, offering advice and resources. We help the local Hondurans hold up their commitments while we are not physically present. Luis assists in the hiring of local laborers, making sure that they understand our expectations. Lyndsee networks with everyone and builds awareness in the community. The people in all the villages there know who we are. They trust us because we keep coming back. They trust us because they see our commitment and follow-through. They are seeing the projects come to life, and they invite us into their homes. We are praying fervently for business growth and wisdom and that our team grows even bigger so that we can delegate some of these responsibilities to other strong team members. We currently fly 4+ times a year to oversee, manage, preach, teach, buy materials and do the physical labor to continue this project.

**What accountability do you have set up for yourself?**

- 1) Graceland Church is our home church, and they support our ministry organization and send 2 teams a year to provide construction and medical help. The missions department at the church help us with trip decisions and what kinds of service the church can offer its members to help with.
- 2) We run every decision for a discussion and vote through our Board of Directors. We have a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 3) Our ministry has a bank business account at Indiana Members Credit Union. It is for business only. All financial transactions are shared with everyone involved to ensure trust and accountability.