

This summer Westney Heights Youth ministry had the privilege of taking a team to Honduras to help support the Casa Hogar children's home ministry. July 4 - 15, 2024.

Through the Fellowship website we learned about FAIR and the Casa Hogar ministry. After being in contact with Rick & Ena Ward, they visited our church and presented the needs and opportunities of serving at Casa Hogar. Our youth spent about 10 months raising funds and building a team to go and serve there. The ask from the Ward's and Melodie Francis at Casa Hogar was to build a playground structure for the children at the home.

Westney team on the completed play structure!



Our youth worked very hard doing work projects for people in the community, their families and our church and presented the need to our church congregation. Westney Heights Baptist Church has been very generous to our team and through hard work and lots of prayer we reached and surpassed our goal.

Our team stayed at CEE school in Siguatepeque, a Christian bilingual school. We were able to sleep and eat at the school as well as do a few work projects around their compound. We

ran a VBS for a week at CEE during the morning and one of the joys of this trip was partnering with Honduran teenagers who know English because they attend the bilingual English Spanish school as they joined with our youth to run our VBS. Having our teenagers be able to meet Honduran Christian teenagers and work together is such a blessing for our young people. One evening while we were there, Honduran Christian families invited our team into their homes for dinner and to spend an evening together. We divided up into groups of three or so, and were able to meet these Christian families in the community.



VBS at CEE school with our Honduras youth partners.

Then in the afternoons, we had three teams who would head in different directions to do building projects, painting projects both at CEE school and at Casa Hogar. Another team would head to Balibrea, a small community in the Hills outside Siguatepeque to partner with a local pastor in their work of building a church in that community.

We are so thankful for Westney Heights Baptist Church that continues to support our youth in learning about missions both at home and around the world. Each summer, we do a missions trip

Balibrea church, with Pastor Giovanni. Westney has supported this ministry since 2018.



to either a local ministry, an outreach to another part of Canada or a ministry overseas. (This is our 4th time going to Honduras!) It is our hope that our youth would learn that God's heart is for the whole world! We are also very grateful to Rick & Ena Ward and Melodie Francis, who were such a support in allowing us to take a team to Honduras. They were on the ground helping us navigate the complexities of a foreign culture, and we are so grateful for their support. We would recommend to any church in the Fellowship to reach out and partner with this ministry. Build a team and go and serve! It will be a wonderful blessing in the lives of your youth.

While I'm sure this was helpful for the missionaries on the ground in Honduras, the real blessing is to our young people and, what they can learn about the heart of God as well as build friendships with Christian young people in Honduras that will go with them through the rest of their lives.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



Westney Youth Mission Team 2024!

22 youth and 12 youth leaders thank God for His guidance, protection and supplying ALL our needs!