

## **Project Education Honduras, Inc.**

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## **Dear Family and Friends,**

We are coming to the end of 2022 and what a journey of many blessings this year has been. We have watched as God has been faithful and guided us through the process of becoming a non-profit and through the discernment of creating a plan for ministry in Honduras. Take a look at what all He has accomplished this year:

During the fall of 2021, the first team trip of PEH occurred and work was completed at La Laguna, a village that is near and dear to the hearts of Dennis and Teresa. In that trip, the PEH Board was formed and upon return to the states, lots of work and planning began. In January and February of 2022, the paperwork to apply for 501(c)(3) status for Project Education Honduras, Inc. (PEH) was completed and in March, an official Bank Account was opened. God was showing off as things just continued to fall in place for Project Education Honduras, Inc.

PEH also launched a Facebook page, as well as a website at [www.peh.school](http://www.peh.school) that will seek to keep all those who are interested updated on what God is doing in Honduras through PEH.

March 19-29, 2022, Co-Directors, Dennis and Teresa Gray made a trip to Honduras to begin the process of discerning where PEH should be in ministry. They visited with Jimmy and Sandra Pinnell in San Pedro Sula and then traveled to the region of Chaguitillos. After several days with Jimmy and Sandra and seeing what Prayer Plan Mission is accomplishing through God, they headed to Copan to visit with Steven and Audrey Long. With Steve and Audrey, they were able to visit many villages in the mountains of Copan to see what God is doing through the Honduras Evangelistic Association. During this trip, God began to show Dennis and Teresa exactly where God wants PEH to serve and what He is calling PEH to do. The picture to the left is at Chonco. This particular village stole both Dennis and Teresa's heart. The school in this village does not get help from any other place. As a result, it would become one of the villages that PEH would begin to build long-lasting relationships, and the school would be one of the first to be on PEH's list to support.

May 18, 2022 was a very special day for PEH. Our dream was no longer a dream or vision of God. It was now official. Project Education Honduras, Inc. received a letter from the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Tax Exempt and Government Entities telling us that they had determined we are exempt from federal income tax Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Our official EIN number is 88-0876391.

***The mission of Project Education Honduras, Inc. is to work in partnership with rural communities and other ministries and organizations in Honduras to support the education and basic needs of children and youth.***

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*I can do all things through Christ  
who gives me strength.*

*Philippians 4:13*

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## **The October 2022 Trip of Project Education Honduras, Inc.**

**Our first trip as a non-profit was October 1-10, 2022. Despite hurricanes that affected Honduras and the states, as well as torrential rains in Honduras, God was glorified, and we accomplished exactly what He intended.**



1. As soon as we landed in San Pedro Sula, we headed to the home of Jimmy and Sandra Pinnell, where we stayed for the evening. We spent time in fellowship and packaged medicines that were brought from the states for Prayer Plan Mission to take to Chaguitillos.
2. On the second day, we traveled to Copan to spend time with Steve and Audrey Long with the Honduras Evangelical Association. We spent our first day at Mayatan Bilingual School in Copan, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ using puppets. Children from preschool-age all the way through high school came to be a part of worship and learning.
3. Most of our time was spent in Chonco with Steve and Audrey, Edgardo, Gabby, and Emilio, as well as many of the men in the village and one of the teachers. While there, our team assisted in remodeling the bathrooms so that they are both usable with a flush toilet. In addition, a new roof was installed over the bathrooms and pila and a sink with running water was added. While the men worked, others on our team led a VBS with the children and loved on them all day long. The smiles of the children and teacher, as well as the men of the village, are to be cherished always. We look forward to doing more work in Chonco and continuing to develop relationships within the community.
4. Our final time in Honduras was spent touring more schools and continuing to have discussions about the future of PEH in Honduras.

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## **Partnerships and Relationships are Key in Ministry!**

One of PEH's goals is to work with other ministries and organizations to accomplish what God has asked. We are so fortunate that God has put two ministries in our pathway, with whom we have formed a partnership, the Honduras Evangelical Association (HEA) and Prayer Plan Missions (PPM). Both of these ministries have been doing so much for the Kingdom of God and have been in ministry for many years. HEA, with leaders Steve and Audrey Long and Hondurans Edgardo, Emilio, Yadira, and Gabby, ministers to Chorti villages in the region of Copan, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and planting churches and bible studies. They have been gracious to come alongside us and help us in communicating with villages and determining which villages we should support. They have become great friends as they help us with all the small details of projects, as well as allowing us to stay at their home when we are in Copan. PPM, with Ed Shonkwiler, Jimmy and Sandra Pinell, and Carol Lynne Usher, ministers to villages in the region of Chaguitillos providing medical care and support for the widows and carrying the message of Jesus Christ to people who are far from the big city, as well as who are inside the city of San Pedro Sula. Jimmy and Sandra have been on this journey with us from the beginning as hosts at the Bed and Breakfast they own in San Pedro Sula and where we have stayed many times when on mission trips in Honduras. Over the years, the bond has strengthened, and they are good friends. In October, we had the privilege of meeting with Ed and Carol Lynne and the partnership with PPM began. God has such big things in store as PEH continues to follow its mission, alongside HEA and PPM.



For I know the plans I  
have for you, declares the Lord, plans for  
welfare and not for evil, to give you a  
future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11





## Fall 2022 Fundraiser a Success!

The summer months were spent planning and organizing our first big fundraiser. On Saturday, September 19, 2022, we had a Fall Craft and Vendor Market. We did well and plan on making this an annual event to raise money for all our projects, as well as to offset all of our costs for transportation and lodging when making trips.

## Thank you!

We would like to say “thank you” to all of those who have come alongside us as we began this journey. Project Education Honduras, Inc. is God’s ministry, and we will continue to put Him in the driver’s seat of all that we do. Through prayer and staying in His Word, our steps will be guided, and we will go where He tells us to go, when He tells us to go.

## Goals for 2023 from the Executive Directors

In 2023, God will continue to guide each and every step that we take. As we head into the new year, several goals have already been established. . . .

1. A short trip will be made by two of the PEH Team members to assist PPM relocate the school in Cosmul to a building that they own. The school that the children and teachers currently use is not safe, nor is it conducive to learning. We will be assisting with cleaning and getting the building ready. In addition, we will be working with the teachers and helping them to get prepared for the new school year.
2. In February, the team will make another trip back to Honduras to deliver school supplies to fifteen different schools across Honduras. The school year in Honduras begins in February and ends in November. We have committed to forming relationships, providing school supplies to teachers and children, and helping with maintenance and buildings to six schools in and around Copan, alongside of HEA. These schools include El Limon, Las Medias, Chonco, Mecatal, San Miguel, and Miramar. In addition, PEH has committed to providing school supplies to children in La Laguna and Miramundo. In and around Chaguatillos, alongside PPM, we have committed to assisting with school supplies for teachers and children in six villages. These villages include Huertas, Lahoya, La Campa, El Junco, Chaguatillos, and Comenas. In total, we will pack and distribute approximately 700 Drawstring Bags for children and youth that will contain notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, colored pencils, pencil pouches, crayons, pencil sharpeners, and erasers.
3. In addition to school supplies for children, PEH plans to pack 30 bags of supplies that will be given to teachers. This initiative will take place in January before the trip in February.
4. When delivering the school supplies, our goal is also to take the message of Jesus and his love with us. So, we are planning a VBS lesson to share in the villages as well.
4. Another trip is also being planned for October 2023 to do more maintenance on schools and more VBS’s.
5. Finally, we will do whatever else God calls us to do!

As we head into 2023, please continue to pray for Project Education Honduras, Inc., the individuals who are committed to do God’s work in traveling to Honduras, and also for provisions for all that God has called PEH to accomplish. We are in awe at how God has continually provided and the road that He has paved. We will continue to give all glory and honor to Him and thank Him daily for calling us to be a part of His plan in Honduras!

If anyone is interested in being a part of a trip or being a part of what PEH is doing beyond prayer and financial assistance, please contact us so that we can talk and get you more involved in the day-to-day operations of PEH.

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