

TEAM SOLHEIM

IN HONDURAS



ANNUAL REPORT

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MEET SANDRA

Sandra, our new Volunteer Coordinator, has been a game-changer for Team Solheim. Her passion for helping others discover and use their giftings to serve the Lord has transformed the way we recruit, mentor and mobilize volunteers for the La Esperanza ministries. Sandra's creativity and fresh perspective have invigorated our processes; fueled growth; and brought a renewed sense of purpose and enthusiasm to the team. Hiring her was undoubtedly the most impactful decision we made this year.



CLUB ASLAN



Club Aslan has continued to thrive this year, celebrating six years of ministry and deepening its connection to the community. Our focus on identity has led to more profound lessons, as we've explored what it means to find our worth and purpose in Christ. Through games, activities, art projects, special events and field trips, we've been able to teach these essential Biblical values in engaging ways.

This year's field trips have been particularly impactful. We took the youth on a bird-watching tour, where they marveled at God's creation. Another trip included a visit to an outdoor space where we set up our own slackline activity and enjoyed lunch together, fostering a sense of community and fellowship. Another highlight was our visit to a coffee shop run by our Christian friends. They shared their values and the importance of running a successful business with integrity and faith. This real-life example of living out one's beliefs resonated deeply with the youth.





Our annual Christmas and Easter celebrations have proven to be great evangelistic opportunities each year, allowing us to share the hope and love of Jesus with our community.

Thanks to the support of our new volunteer network, we've been able to spend more one-on-one time with each Club Aslan participant. These personal connections have allowed us to tailor our lessons and activities to meet the unique needs and questions of each individual. As we look to the future, we are excited to see how God will continue to use Club Aslan to transform lives and build His kingdom in rural Honduras.



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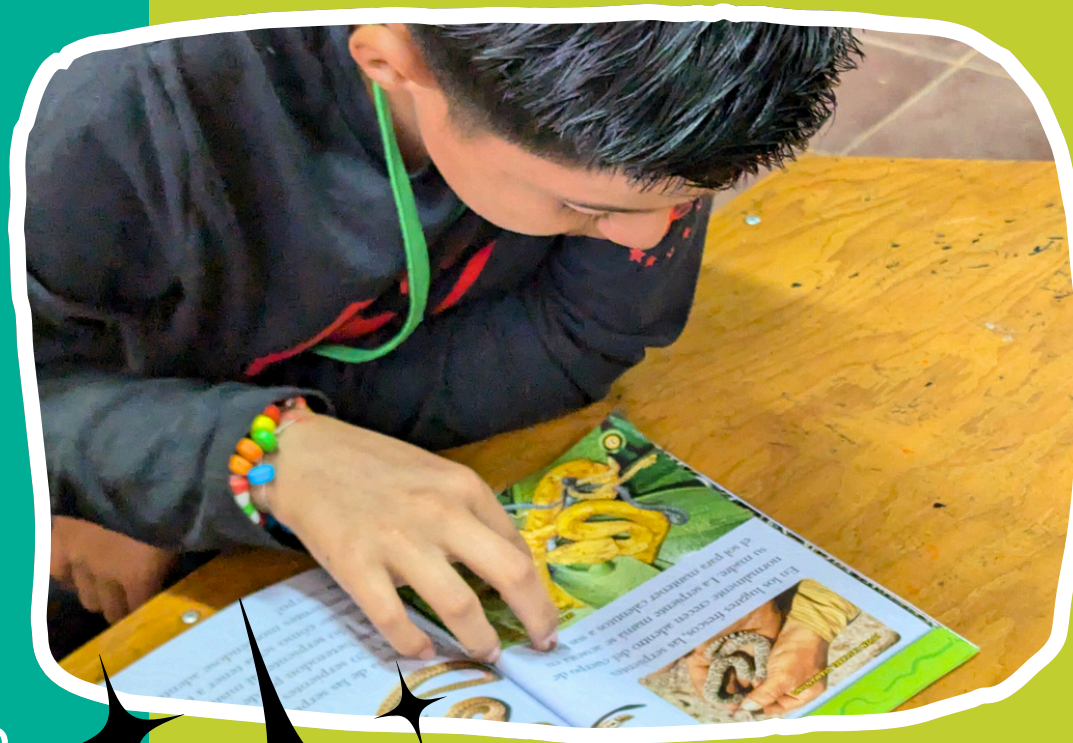
STORY



Fany's journey through Club Aslan has been transformative. As our first graduate to become a volunteer, she has stepped into a leadership role. Her involvement with our volunteer network led to a life-changing trip across the country to lead camps. The bus rides were a highlight for her, filled with conversations about faith and life. Fany said, "We talked about everything from popular music to boys, but somehow the conversation always returned to talking about God. I've never had friends talk so openly and freely about God before."

Back home, she's been actively involved in special projects and learning to lead Club Aslan. She is also involved in our new Student Link mentorship program, where she is learning more about a genuine relationship with the Lord. Her growth and leadership are an inspiration to us all, demonstrating the life-changing potential of our ministry. We are excited to see how God will continue to use Fany to impact lives..

This year, we've taken a thoughtful pause with Lucy's Libros to reflect on its impact and explore ways to enhance its effectiveness. We're excited about the opportunity this pause presents as we work closely with volunteers to re-structure the program. Our focus is on empowering teachers and leaders to seamlessly integrate the library and literature into their curriculum. By advocating for reading in the classroom, we aim to foster a love for learning and align the program more closely with our ministry's mission. We believe this strategic pause will ultimately lead to a more sustainable and impactful program, better serving the needs of the students and educators we work with.



LUCY'S LIBROS

ENGLISH CLASSES

Our English classes at the village school have become a cornerstone of our ministry, allowing us to cement our place in the community. Through consistent engagement, we've strengthened relationships with students and their parents, fostering trust and open communication. Teaching English meets a real need in the community, providing quality education that empowers young people for future opportunities. Beyond the classroom, these classes give us invaluable opportunities to show God's love in tangible ways. As we continue to serve, we're grateful for how these classes have opened doors for deeper connections and the chance to share the Gospel with those we've grown to love.



NEW PARTNERS



We're thrilled that Enoch and Cindy, our dear friends from Olancho, have arrived in La Esperanza. Their support as volunteers has been a blessing to our ministry. They're starting a new bi-lingual school called ABIDE, and we're excited to help them launch it and serve together again. Our involvement will be similar to how we work with other schools, extending our English, Club Aslan and Lucy's Libros programs. Just as they've helped us, we'll do the same for their school. We're grateful for this partnership and the chance to collaborate in this new endeavor.

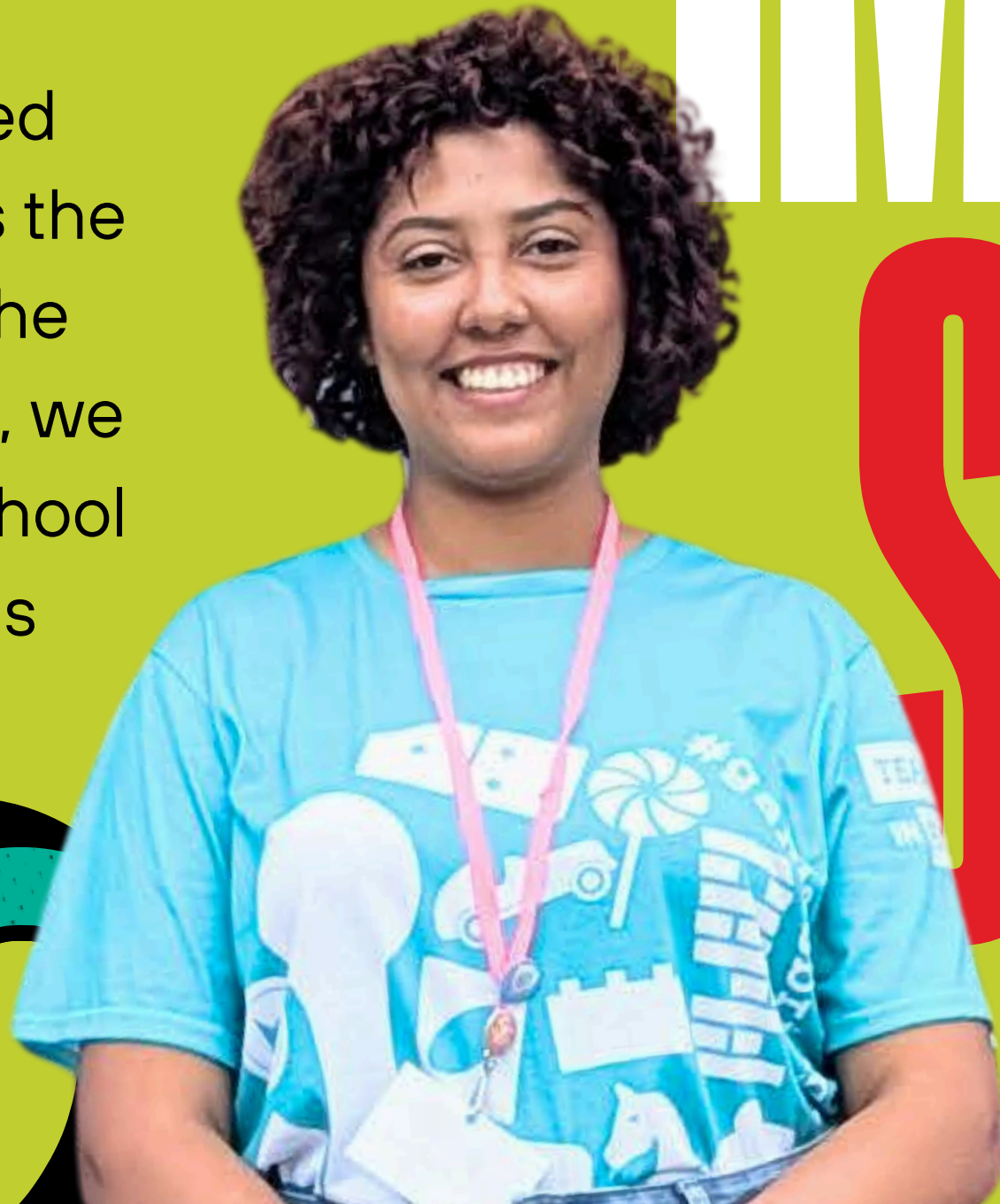


VOLUNTEERS

Our growing network of young Christian volunteers marks a huge leap forward for our ministries and its future. Their passion fuels our programs, from class prep and classroom decor to fresh ideas for Club Aslan. Their service during camp season was transformative as they became role models for young people locally and across the nation. We're committed to supporting their growth with training, team-building and a weekly bulletin. This vibrant community of servants signals a promising future for the youth of our community!



Karina, a dedicated volunteer, sparked a movement spreading God's love across Honduras. She served us in various capacities over the years. After leading our ministry during our last U.S. trip, she felt inspired to start a youth game night at her church, located hundreds of miles from La Esperanza. To support her passion, we agreed to help create a camp for her church's youth. Karina planned all the activities, made arrangements, prepared themes and recruited speakers and volunteers. We traveled across the country to provide logistics and resources. The Protected Identity camp was born! Together, we hosted four camps during the two-month school vacation, including one at Club Aslan. Karina's initiative powerfully shows how God is using Team Solheim to ignite a fire for Him throughout the country!



IMPACT STORY



TEAMS

This year, we had the privilege of hosting a short-term team from the Mobilization group of World Gospel Mission. Their visit was focused on gaining a deeper understanding of the ministries in Honduras to better support short-term teams and mid-term volunteers. It was a valuable opportunity for us to share our specific needs and for them to witness firsthand the work we do and the opportunities we offer for those seeking to make a kingdom impact through

missions. Their visit has strengthened our partnership and will hopefully lead to increased support and more volunteers joining our efforts to share God's love in Honduras.



We were blessed to host a team from our home church this year (Team Lighthouse from Friendship Church). Not only did they serve alongside us in our ministry, but they also took on the responsibility of serving our missionary kids at our annual missionary retreat. The team, though small, made a significant impact. Led by Peggy Allan, who shared devotionals for our missionaries, the team included three college students who worked with the missionary kids. They brought with them a powerful resource called Student Link, which they shared with the field after having it translated into Spanish. This mentorship resource has had a profound impact on our ministry, and we are seeing more fruit than ever before thanks to this valuable addition. We are grateful for their service and the lasting impact they've made for the glory of God in Honduras.



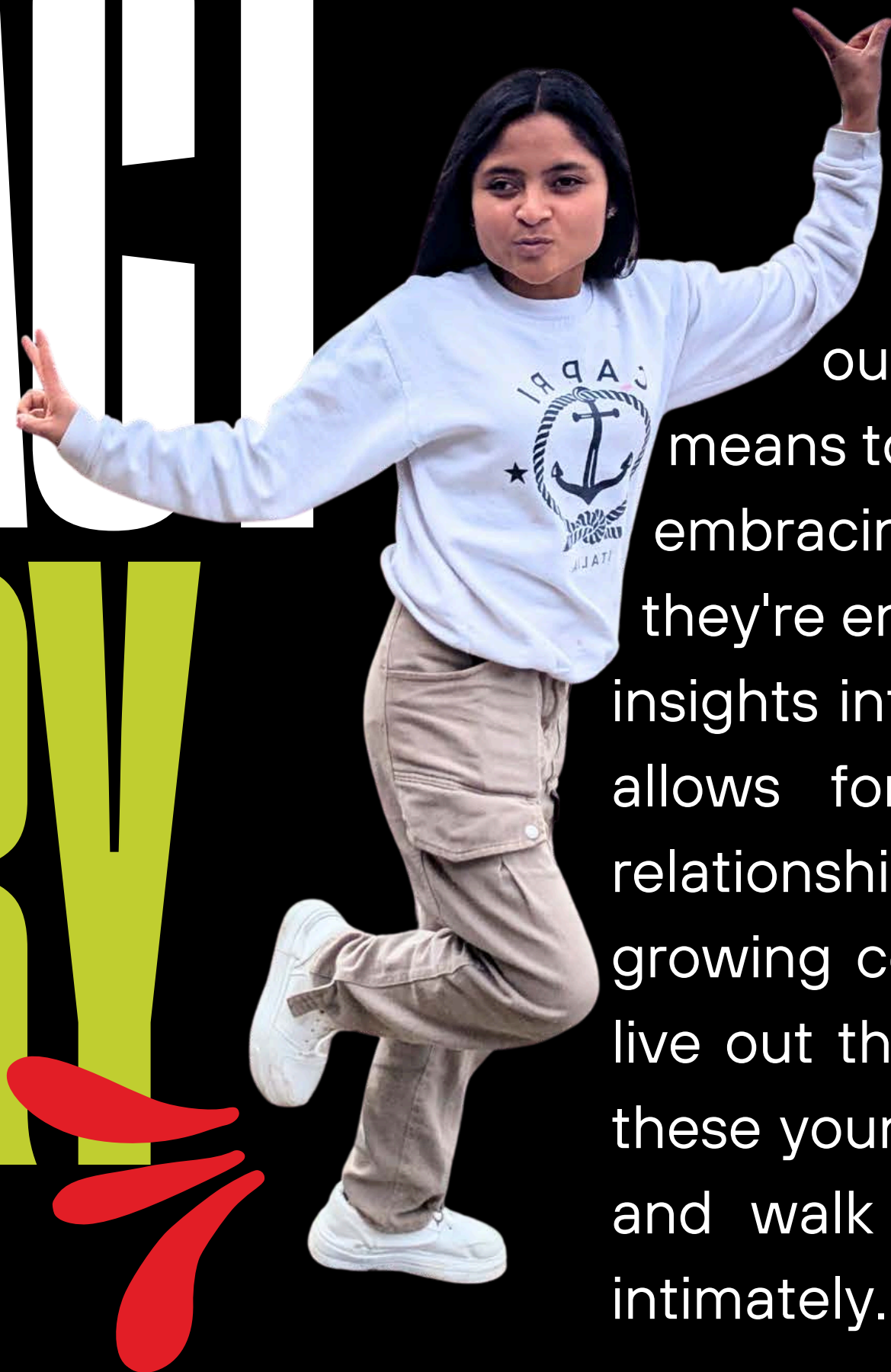
Student Link, created by our partner Peggy Allan, has become a powerful tool for deepening young people's faith and profoundly impacting our ministry. The Lord is finally allowing us to see the fruit we've prayed for! We started this year with three young ladies ready to go deeper with the Lord. Through weekly discussions at a local coffee shop, we engage with the Bible, explore the Gospel and grow in faith together. Their commitments to reading the Bible, memorizing verses, serving the community and sharing their faith have transformed their lives and breathed new life into our ministry.

Sandra has now started the program with a new volunteer, and our vision is for every volunteer to be mentored as we create disciples that make disciples through the Student Link program.

MENTORING



IMPACT STORY



The girls in Student Link are experiencing a profound transformation, learning and opening up to understand who they are and God's immense love for them. Dafnne's powerful statement, "I've never read the Bible before," echoes the life-changing impact of this program. Through our discussions, they're discovering what it means to be a Believer, questioning beliefs and embracing biblical truth. Engaging with Scriptures, they're encouraged to go all-in with their faith, gaining insights into God's character and plan. The safe space allows for real questions, doubts, and a deeper relationship with the Lord. The fruits are evident in their growing confidence, eagerness to learn and desire to live out their faith boldly. Student Link is empowering these young women to embrace their identity in Christ and walk in the freedom and joy of knowing Him intimately.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

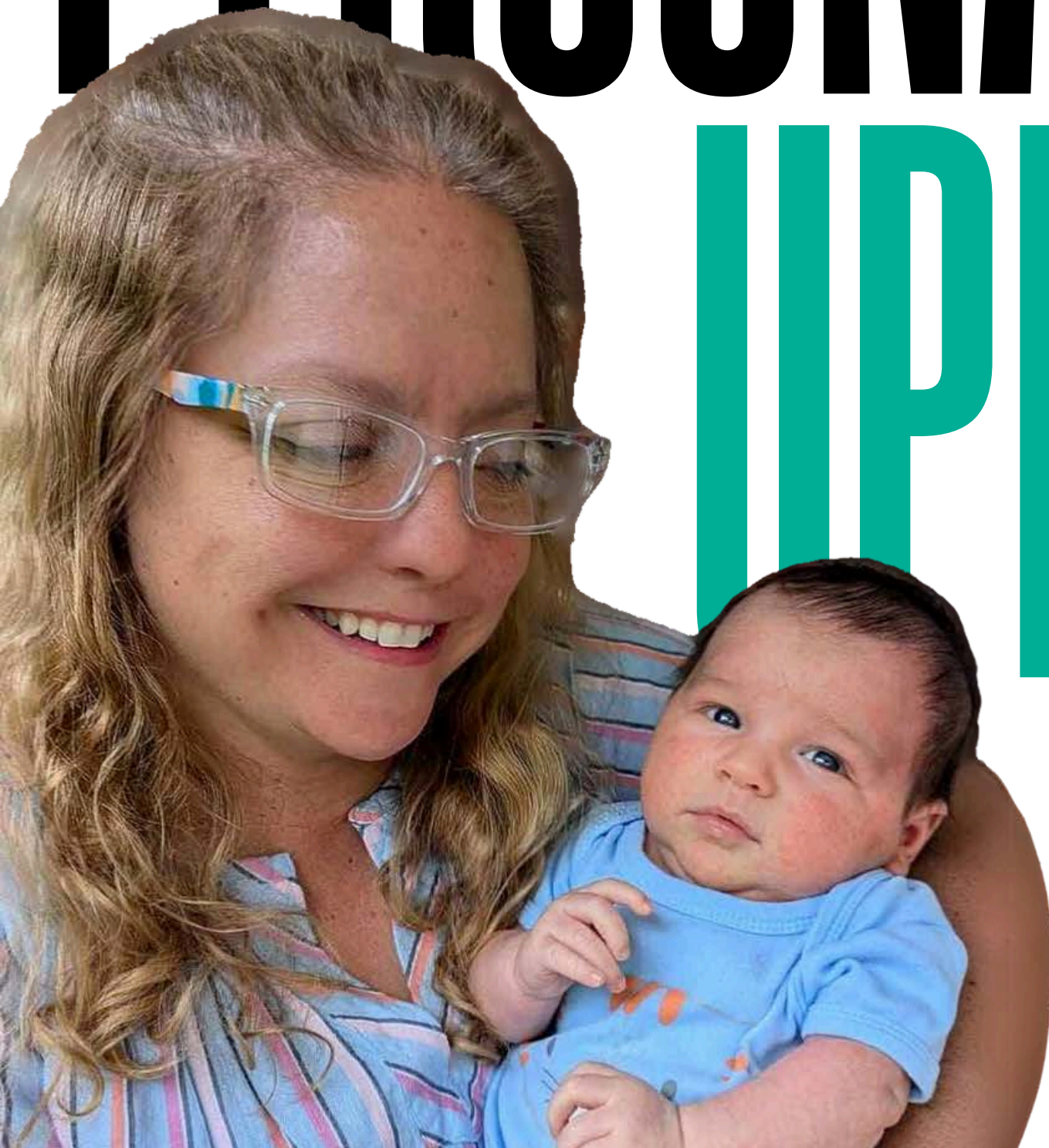
Our 2024 fundraising trip did not go as planned due to the unexpected loss of Kelly's mom. We spent the time mourning and dealing with family matters instead of focusing on fundraising. However, God's faithfulness shone through as we had a very successful end-of-year campaign that helped us end the year on-target financially. Looking ahead, we estimate that we need to

raise an additional \$1,000 in monthly support in order to sustain and grow the ministry this year.

We are trusting in the Lord to provide miraculously for our needs. As we continue to serve, we are grateful for the sacrificial giving of our supporting churches, families and individuals. Their partnership allows us to share God's love and truth with these young people. We invite you to join us in prayer for the Lord's provision as we seek to expand our impact in 2025.



PERSONAL UPDATE



This year has brought many exciting changes for our family. We moved into our new home, which is large enough to host all our friends, family and co-workers. It can even accommodate a small team, making it perfect for ministry gatherings.

Most importantly, the new house provides ample space for our growing family when they come to visit. In August, we were blessed with a new grandson, Nicholas Sawyer Solheim, Jr., whom everyone calls Sawyer. He joined his big sister, Margot, and we are absolutely loving being grandparents. It's a joy to watch our family grow and to share in these precious moments.

We also made a significant change in our church life this year, which has been a game-changer for us. We started attending CCI, and it has been incredibly uplifting. We feel like we're being fed the Word of God in a way that nourishes our souls. It's a church we want to invite others into because we trust that if we bring someone, they will grow spiritually. After a long time of not feeling particularly excited about church, this has been a refreshing and much-needed change.

As we reflect on these personal updates, we are grateful for God's faithfulness and provision in our lives. We look forward to what He has in store for us in the coming year, both personally and in our ministry in Honduras.



A YEAR OF BLESSING



What a remarkable year it has been! From the challenges we faced to the joys we celebrated, we can't help but feel overwhelmed by God's goodness and faithfulness. The Lord has truly blessed us in ways we couldn't have imagined. **God has allowed to see fruit at last, and we are seeing young lives transformed!**

As we look ahead, we're filled with anticipation and trust in God's plan. We believe He has even greater things in store for our ministry and family. We're excited to see how the Lord will deepen young people's faith through Student Link, equipping them to be disciples who make disciples. Our growing volunteer network is a testament to God's provision, and we eagerly welcome more dedicated individuals to join us. With our faithful partners' support, we're confident we'll reach our financial goals and expand our impact in Honduras. **Above all, we look forward to walking closely with the Lord, trusting in His guidance and provision every step of the way.**

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

Dear children, let us not love with word or tongue, but with actions and in truth. - 1 John 3:18



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