

TEAM SOLHEIM

IN HONDURAS



ANNUAL REPORT

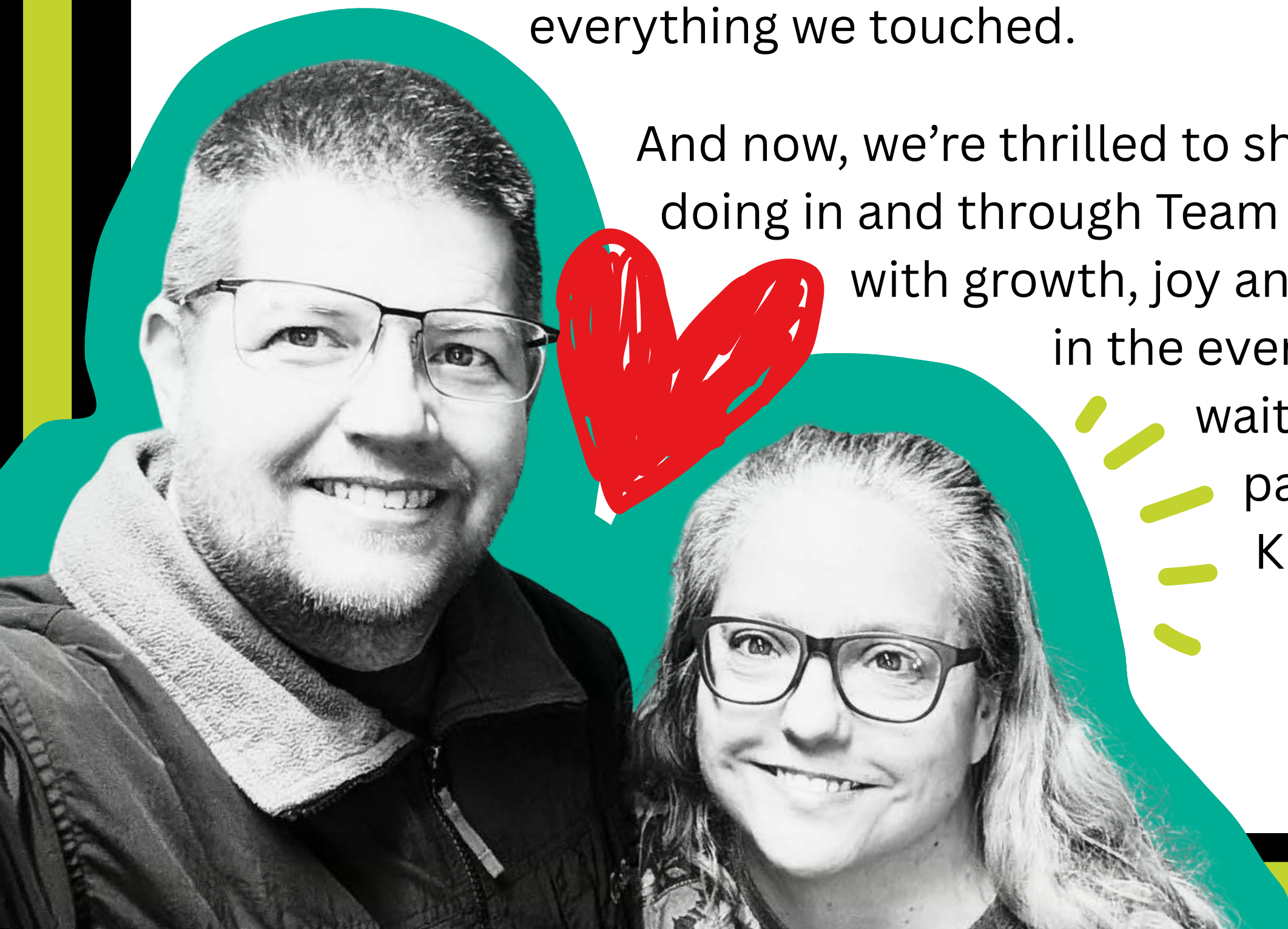


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If you had walked into this ministry at any point this year, you would have felt it—the momentum. Laughter spilling out of Club Aslan activities, volunteers crammed around planning tables and youth leaning in as they heard the Gospel through creative lessons and hands-on experiences. From camps to classrooms, God breathed new energy into everything we touched.

And now, we're thrilled to share just a glimpse of what He's been doing in and through Team Solheim. This has been a year filled with growth, joy and the unmistakable presence of God in the everyday moments of ministry. We can't wait for you to see how your prayers and partnership have shaped this incredible Kingdom work!

Steve & Kelly



Club Aslan continued to be one of the brightest parts of ministry this year, drawing youth in with creative activities and grounding them in biblical truth week after week. Lessons on perseverance, patience, honesty, leadership and the Fruits of the Spirit came alive through hands-on experiences like diamond painting, Frisbee relays, mystery games and even hilarious tongue-twister competitions. Each day offered something new, but the goal remained the same: to point young people toward Christ in a space filled with joy, safety and belonging.



CLUB ASLAN

Board games continued to be the heart of Club Aslan. The youth learned new puzzles, card games, strategy games and even created their own—all helping them build community, think critically and explore biblical principles together.

Our celebrations opened doors for Gospel conversations. At Easter, Sandra used our newly donated flannelgraph to bring the Resurrection to life for many hearing it clearly for the first time. Christmas filled our space with baking, crafts and a focus on God's peace and gratitude. And we celebrated our first Day of the Youth with games, a piñata and a lesson on responsibility.

Serving others also remained a priority. The youth planned and carried out a community project that ended with a special play day for their younger siblings in a cardboard city they designed themselves—showing that everyone, no matter their age, can serve with joy and creativity.



Behind it all, our volunteers were the heartbeat of Club Aslan. Their teaching, planning, listening and behind-the-scenes creativity made every lesson richer and every gathering more meaningful. Their impact on the youth—and on one another—was unmistakable.



As we look back on Club Aslan this year, we can't help but feel energized. Week after week, we watched young people laugh, learn and take real steps toward Christ through the simplest moments—around a board game, during a celebration or while serving someone else. And now the spark is spreading. Inspired by her time serving with us, one of our own volunteers has launched a brand-new Club Aslan in her community. Seeing the Gospel ripple outward through young leaders reminds us that God is doing far more than we could ask or imagine, and we can't wait to see what He does next!

SPOTLIGHT

Cristian

Cristian is one of our newest and youngest Club Aslan members, and his growth this year has been incredible. He arrived shy and unsure, but now he jumps into every activity with enthusiasm and is the first to welcome and guide new kids. His eagerness to try new things and his growing relationship with God have made his joy contagious. Over time, we've watched him form real friendships, step out of his comfort zone and discover confidence he didn't know he had. Seeing him thrive has been one of the sweetest blessings of the year.



CAMP

REEPICHEEP



Camp Reepicheep officially launched this year, and from the moment the first volunteer stepped through our door, everything changed. Our house exploded with energy as young adults from all over Honduras poured in day and night—crammed around tables planning lessons, singing worship songs in the kitchen and filming goofy TikToks in the living room between strategy meetings. What started as months of online planning suddenly turned into a whirlwind of ministry where every corner of our home buzzed with laughter, prayer and last-minute prep. It felt like God had ignited something bigger than anything we could have orchestrated, and we watched in awe as this new camp ministry came to life right in our living room.



We held two camps, plus a full training camp for volunteers, all centered on our theme **I AM IMPORTANT**—teaching youth that they are loved by God, created with purpose and gifted for His work.

Challenges came fast: our first camp had only seven participants, and the second was hit by cold, wind and rain. But God used every moment. The small first camp allowed volunteers and youth to connect deeply, and the second camp—held at our local church—saw students open up, smile and engage in ways their own pastor had never seen before.

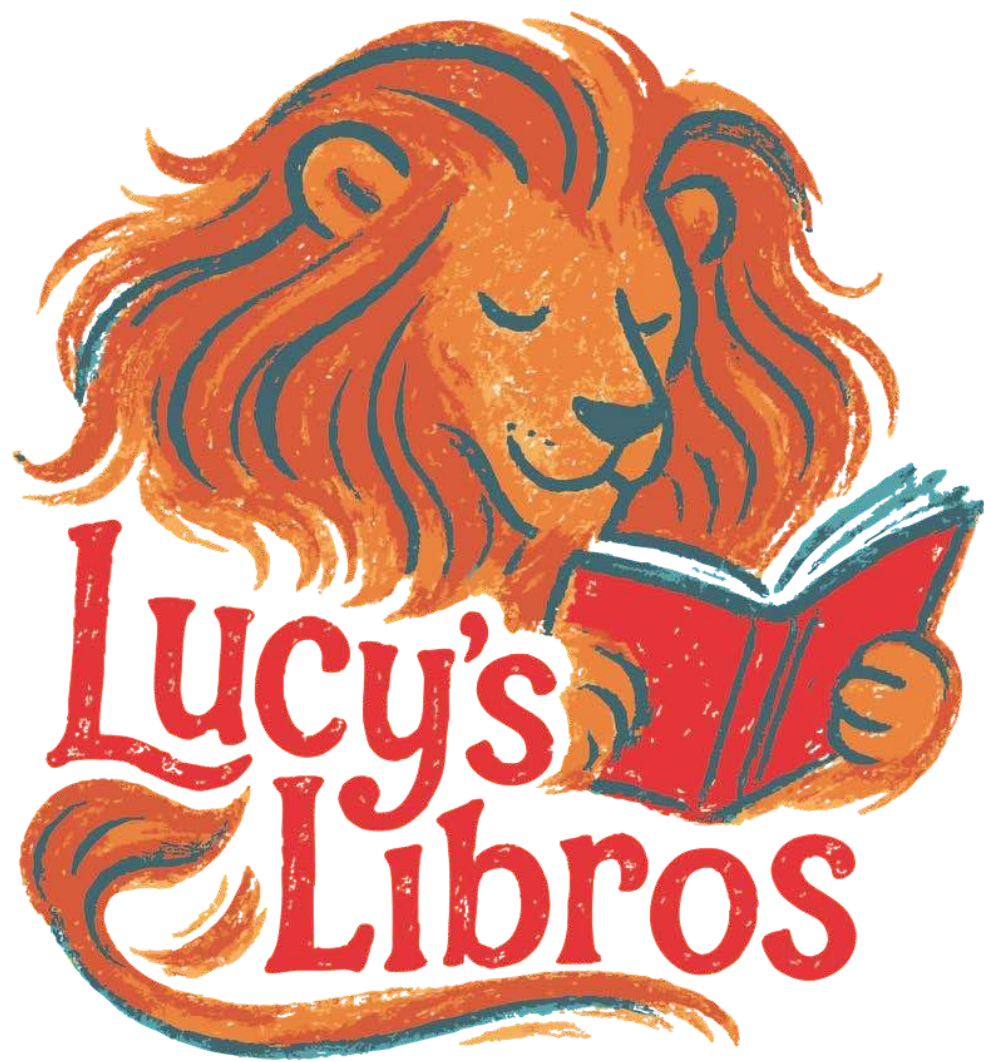
Our team miraculously came together to make Camp Reepicheep happen. More than 20 volunteers poured into La Esperanza, They trained, planned, worshiped and even invented new games like Aro Gol—a wild mashup of soccer and disc golf that instantly became a camp favorite. Their unity and contagious joy set the tone for everything that happened.



Most powerful of all were the conversations—quiet moments in small groups where volunteers simply listened. They created safe, judgment-free spaces for youth to ask real questions about faith, identity, talents and spiritual gifts. Again and again, we watched young people grasp the truth that God sees them, knows them and has a plan for their lives.

Camp Reepicheep's first year left us amazed at what God can do when young people are given space to be seen, heard and loved. These camps didn't end when the last game was played. What happened here is still unfolding, and we're already watching God use these experiences to spark creativity, leadership and faith far beyond La Esperanza. The best part? We have the privilege of walking into whatever comes next.





Lucy's Libros relaunched this year, and even in these first few weeks we can already feel God's hand on this new beginning. After taking time to pause and rethink the program, we stepped back into classrooms with fresh purpose and a renewed desire to help children fall in love with stories. There's something beautiful about watching little ones gather around a book again, their faces lighting up with curiosity as they turn the pages. These early days have felt full of promise—as if God is gently rebuilding something meaningful, one story at a time.



LUCY'S LIBROS



One of the biggest shifts in this relaunch is our focus on equipping teachers. Instead of simply providing books, we're offering training on methodology and how to reach children through literacy—how to read with expression, ask thoughtful questions and turn every story into a moment of connection and imagination. We also created a full set of training materials that walk teachers through practical techniques and simple strategies they can apply right away. To support long-term success, we developed a follow-up and feedback plan that will allow us to walk closely with each classroom and provide ongoing support throughout the year.

In a clear and sweet answer to prayer, God also provided Angie—a passionate volunteer whose leadership and expertise were essential in re-developing Lucy's Libros and shaping it into what it is becoming today. She created lesson plans for nearly every book in the libraries, giving teachers ready-to-use guides that connect each story to meaningful learning moments.

As we move forward, our hope is that Lucy's Libros will become a steady source of support and encouragement for the teachers we serve. These early weeks are only the foundation, but the future is already taking shape as we prepare to expand teacher training, strengthen classroom support and continue stocking shelves with stories that invite children to imagine and learn. It feels like we're planting seeds that will bless classrooms long after this first phase of the relaunch.

What excites us most is how naturally reading opens doors to relationships. Each story shared, each question asked and each moment gathered around a book becomes a chance to connect with children in simple, meaningful ways. That's always been at the heart of our ministry, and it's why this relaunch feels so important. Lucy's Libros is stepping into a new season of growth and purpose, and we're eager to watch how God uses these stories to touch young hearts.



SPOTLIGHT *Angie*

When Lucy's Libros needed a fresh start, God provided Angie. Her dedication breathed life back into the program as she quietly poured countless hours into rebuilding what had grown tired and heavy. She met with teachers, visited classrooms and patiently shaped the relationships needed to make the relaunch possible. Her steady commitment, gentle leadership and genuine love for children turned a fading idea into a ministry ready to thrive again. Lucy's Libros is moving forward today because Angie chose to give her whole heart.





Our English classes remain one of the most joyful parts of our week. There's something special about stepping into a classroom buzzing with excitement, where students are eager to learn new words and proud to practice them out loud. This year we put extra care into creating warm, engaging learning spaces filled with colorful decorations, vocabulary displays and anchor charts that help students feel confident and supported. These inviting classrooms have helped our little learners and older students alike take brave steps forward in their language skills.

ENGLISH CLASSES

During our fundraising travels, the Ulloa-Bardales family stepped in to substitute for us with so much love and dedication. Their willingness to teach and keep classes moving forward meant our students never missed a beat. It was a huge blessing to return and find our learners still excited, still engaged and ready to keep growing.

One of the highlights of the year was celebrating our ninth-grade graduation. Many of these students have been with us since they were small, and watching them walk across the stage as confident young adults was deeply emotional.

Graduation days in our village hold so much pride and hope, and being part of their journey remains one of the greatest privileges of our ministry.

As we continue serving in the school, we're grateful for the way English classes open doors for deeper connection and trust. These lessons aren't just about vocabulary—they're about showing God's love in simple ways to students and families we've grown to cherish.



SPOTLIGHT *Nicolas*

Nicolas is an autistic special needs student who became one of Steve's brightest joys in English class this year. Though he was in fourth grade, he flourished among the first graders where he could learn at his own pace. His face lights up every time he makes a new discovery, and his enthusiasm is contagious. He also loves visiting Club Aslan, especially building Lego creations—including a Lego creature he designed to battle the action figure he won from the prize box. Watching him grow in confidence has been a gift.



If there is one place where we are watching God move most clearly, it is in our mentoring program, Link. What began quietly around a small café table has grown into six mentoring groups meeting all across Honduras, each one anchored in honest conversation, Scripture and a deep desire to grow in Christ. Every single day of the week, somewhere in this country, young men and women sit down with open Bibles and open hearts, ready to dig into truth and talk about the things that matter most. And every week, God meets us there.

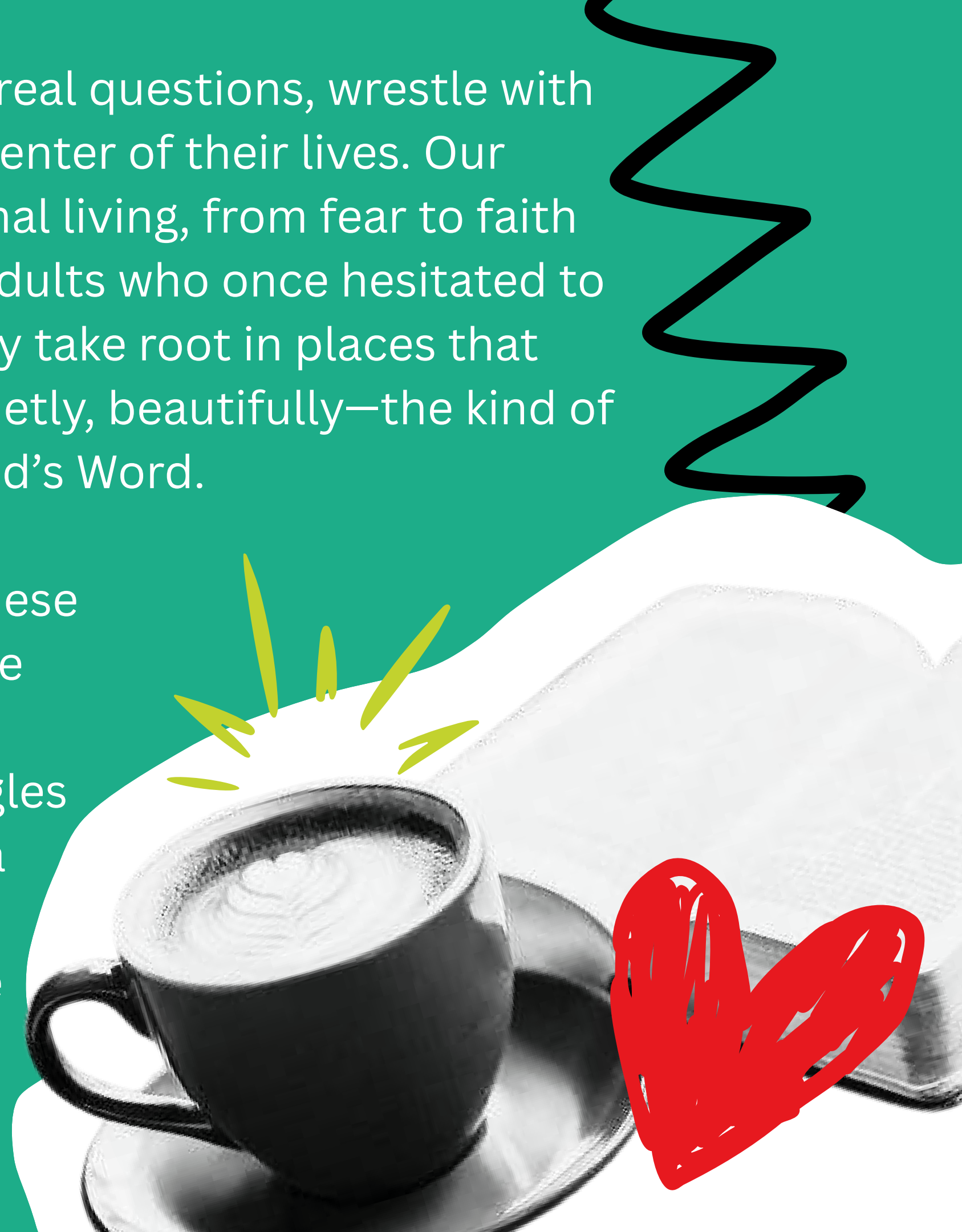


LINK



Link has become a safe place for young people to ask real questions, wrestle with doubts and see how the Gospel speaks into the very center of their lives. Our conversations have taken us from identity to intentional living, from fear to faith and from confusion to clarity. We've watched young adults who once hesitated to pray out loud begin to pray boldly. We've seen honesty take root in places that once held only silence. Growth is unfolding slowly, quietly, beautifully—the kind of transformation that lasts because it is grounded in God's Word.

One of the most meaningful parts of Link is the way these relationships deepen over time. The trust built in these circles is unlike anything else we do. When a young person chooses to be vulnerable, to share their struggles or to celebrate what God is teaching them, it creates a sacred space. These moments often become the spark that leads to healing, courage, restored purpose and a renewed walk with Jesus. We come away from each meeting humbled and grateful because we can see fruit right in front of us—fruit we prayed years for.



At the center of our mentoring program is Student Link, a powerful discipleship tool created by our ministry partner, Peggy Allan. With 52 relational outlines and a focus on spiritual disciplines, it guides our groups through meaningful topics that speak directly into their lives—truth, salvation, identity, intentional living and more. This framework forms the basis of our mentoring program.



Perhaps the most beautiful part of this season is how Link is multiplying. Leaders are rising. New groups are forming. Conversations are spreading beyond the table and into homes, friendships and churches. The ripple effect is unmistakable—disciples making disciples, just as Jesus commissioned. What started with a handful of young women has now become a quiet wave of spiritual growth across the country, and we're watching God move in ways we prayed for years to see.



SPOTLIGHT

Bessy



Bessy is one of our faithful volunteers, yet she comes to Link with the heart of a learner, eager to grow. As a university psychology student, she approaches every discussion with curiosity and a desire to understand God more deeply. This year, she's been amazed to discover how the lives of biblical figures still speak powerfully into our own, and those lessons have been stirring real change in her.

Little by little, Bessy has begun sharing her faith in her university practicum—something she says she never would have done before joining Link. Watching her take these brave steps has been a gift. Her faith is becoming active, steady and beautifully contagious.

Our volunteers are one of God's sweetest gifts to this ministry. These young men and women live full, busy lives, yet they continually carve out time to serve at Club Aslan, in our classrooms and across special events. Sandra, our Volunteer Coordinator, often reminds us how remarkable it is that whenever we ask for help, they show up ready to say yes. They might not always be able to come, but when they do, they arrive with so much love and the best attitude. Their joy and willingness set the tone for everything we do.



VOLUNTEERS



This year, our volunteer team has grown in both number and depth. They've helped prepare crafts, plan games, decorate classrooms and support community projects. They baked Christmas cookies, created decorations, taught life-skills sessions, led worship with kids at camp and even served missionary families during annual meetings. Their creativity has enriched every part of our ministry, but even more impactful is the way they build relationships with the young people we serve. They listen without judgment, show kindness consistently and model the kind of character we pray our youth will grow into.



Serving alongside this team has been a humbling reminder that God uses ordinary people in extraordinary ways. Their dedication strengthens our programs, encourages our hearts and opens doors for deeper ministry in La Esperanza. We are thankful every single week for how God is using these volunteers to shine His light in beautiful, quiet and powerful ways.

SPOTLIGHT

Tania

Tania is one of the volunteers we can always count on. She serves with a gentle spirit and a servant's heart, stepping in wherever she's needed and doing it with joy. This year we've watched her grow in confidence as she shares lessons at Club Aslan, and she often blesses our team with snacks and homemade treats. Her steady faithfulness inspires all of us who want to serve the Lord with the same love and humility she shows every week.



Caring for the WGM missionaries who serve across Honduras has become an important part of our ministry this year. God gave us two meaningful opportunities to support and encourage our wider missionary family, and we were grateful for the chance to serve behind the scenes in ways that strengthened our team.



TEAM BUILDING



Our first event we hosted was the World Gospel Mission—Central America Missionary Retreat in Copán Ruinas. Pastor Mario and Denise Delgado are especially dear to us because Steve and Mario served in the Marines together. It meant so much to have them come all the way to Honduras to pour into our team with such love. They spent the week ministering to the teens, while Dan and Katy Beth Searls led devotionals for the adults that helped us refocus on Jesus. Sandra cared tenderly for the toddlers, and our missionary pastors, Greg and Teresa Leeth, prayed with families and encouraged us throughout the week. Hosting this retreat meant coordinating activities, schedules and materials for every age group, but watching our missionary family rest and reconnect made every effort worth it.



A few months later, we hosted our entire missionary team here in La Esperanza for the first time. While the adults met for field business and strategic planning, we coordinated a full program for the missionary kids. Our volunteers stepped in with joy and creativity, preparing games, crafts and activities that kept the kids engaged and happy so their parents could focus on the important work at hand. Their service turned the day into something truly meaningful for these families.



Both gatherings reminded us how deeply important it is to support those who serve alongside us. Caring for our team is a privilege, and we thank God for every opportunity to bless our missionary family with love, rest and encouragement.



FINANCIAL UPDATE



We are deeply encouraged by the way God provided this past year through the generosity of our partners. Thanks to many meaningful conversations and sacrificial gifts, we received \$1,500 in new monthly support, along with special donations that helped us launch Camp Reepicheep and support the opening of Abide, the new Christian bilingual school we are partnering with. These gifts strengthened our ministry in ways we could not have anticipated.

As we enter the new year, we are trusting the Lord to provide an additional \$1,500 in monthly support so we can continue serving faithfully in La Esperanza and meet the needs of our growing ministries. Steve is following up with partners and new contacts, and we are praying for God's provision, wisdom and open doors.



This year held a special milestone for our family as Steve turned 50. We celebrated with a memorable trip to the Grand Canyon alongside our son and granddaughter, Margot, enjoying time together in one of the most beautiful places on earth. Afterward, Steve and I attended our first board game convention, a fun break during a very full season of ministry.



PERSONAL UPDATE



Nick and his family continue to do well, and watching the grandkids grow has been one of our greatest joys. We are so proud of the man Nick has become and thankful for the moments we've been able to share with his family this year.

On the ministry side, God has been stretching us as our work grows. We're learning what it means to lead a larger ministry, which has meant loosening our grip, trusting others and empowering leaders to take ownership. It has been both challenging and deeply rewarding, and we are grateful for the ways God continues to teach and guide us.

A YEAR OF

BLESSING



Looking back on this year, we are simply grateful. God has allowed us to see real spiritual growth in young people through Link, joy and transformation at Club Aslan and renewed energy in programs like Lucy's Libros and Camp Reepicheep. Our volunteers have grown into confident leaders, stepping into roles we once carried ourselves, and it has been beautiful to watch God work through them in powerful ways.



This has also been a year of learning to trust God more deeply as our ministry grows. Letting go and empowering others hasn't always been easy, but it has brought tremendous fruit. We see God shaping a new generation of leaders in Honduras, and we consider it a privilege to walk beside them.

As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude and hope. God has been faithful, and we trust He will continue to guide, provide and bear fruit through every part of this ministry.



THANK YOU

FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

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