

TEAM SOLHEIM

IN HONDURAS

ANNUAL REPORT



2022



WGM



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

CLUB ASLAN



Resumed in November.

Focused on the rural village location.

36 new members.

PLAY = RELATIONSHIP

Candyland, Lite Brite, Hot Wheels and Uno—they all teach important critical and creative thinking skills. But they also offer us an opportunity to relate to one another. Club Aslan is offering young people **CONNECTION** in a world of social distancing and isolation.



#gamesbringusttogether

— FRANCIS

Francis is socially awkward and struggles to fit in. He's shy. And when he first started attending Club Aslan, he could barely make eye contact. Although undiagnosed, we suspect he falls on the autism spectrum.

Francis still doesn't talk much. But he has found a place he's accepted and loved unconditionally. He loves to try new things and excels at logic games. Now Club Aslan wouldn't be complete without his big smile.



—CHRISTMAS

is one of the few times we feel comfortable sharing the **GOSPEL** in the public school setting of Club Aslan. It's a highlight of our Club calendar!



*
Kelly's family
Christmas
cookie recipe!

2018

Club Aslan members hear about the birth of Christ for the first time. No one seems to know why we celebrate Christmas.



Our first Club Aslan Christmas tree!

Many kids had never decorated a tree before.

2020

COVID cancels Christmas.



2021

Older Club Aslan members remember details and are able to participate in a discussion about the birth of Christ!



Our co-worker, Mirna, shares the story of Christ's birth.

NAVIDAD

LOVE

JOY

GENEROSITY

KINDNESS

PEACE

PATIENCE

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

SELF-CONTROL



**Each week Club
Aslan focused on
one Fruit of the
Spirit.**

We thought about how to grow and nurture these qualities in our lives. And we discussed ways to gift them to those around us.

— Medallions

Club Aslan members work to earn medallions in **11 different life areas.**



**Animal
Lover**



Biologist *



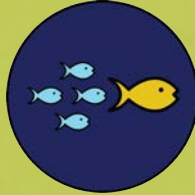
Creativity



Games



Generosity



Leadership



Responsibility



Scientist *



Scriptures



Servant



**Super
Member**

EVELIN

has already earned
10 medallions!



New this year!





For the Guys

Steve wrote affirming letters to each of the Club Aslan guys. These words will be treasured and remind them each how special they are.



Girls outnumber boys
3 to 1 in Club Aslan!

Prayer

Opportunity

Pray for ways to involve the Church, community leaders and partners in the ministry of Club Aslan. More volunteers will allow us to offer activities more often and will help us reboot the mentorship piece of the program.

PRAY

WORLD HEADQUARTERS

GRAND OPENING

Opened in October.

Work and meeting space.

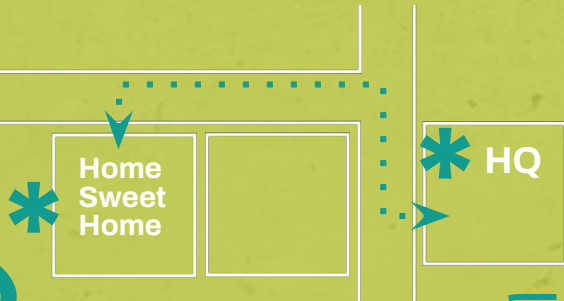
Storage for bouncy balls , googly eyes,
ladder golf and everything in between.



— Balancing Act

HQ not only gave us our house back, but it is also helping us create definition between home and work life.

Kelly is learning to make coffee to offer to our meeting guests!



Prayer
Opportunity

Pray that our new HQ will become more than a workspace. Our dream is that it will be a community hub and meeting space.

* There is **NO RUNNING WATER** in our new HQ! 😞

TEACHING

After two **LOOOOOONG** years,
students are finally back in class.

Impacting more than 250 students.

During lockdown, we improved and
created curriculum.





HOMESCHOOL HERO —



Steve is teaching a computer class for local MK homeschool students. He's developing his own curriculum including typing, software, hardware, logic and basic programming.



EPHESIANS



— BIBLE CLASS

Kelly is teaching an online Bible class to 7th - 9th graders at Oasis, a local Christian school.



Kelly's lesson plans are based on a book study of **Ephesians** written by our ministry partner, **Peggy**.



— SUBSTITUTE TEACHING

Kelly took on an all-ages English conversation class while their regular teacher was visiting family in the U.S. for the summer. The class was part of a local community arts program.



ENGLISH TEACHERS —

We are beginning our school year teaching English at a village public school. Reduced instruction hours and masking regulations will make it especially challenging to learn a new language.



Kelly
teaches
6th-9th
grades.



Steve
teaches
2nd-5th
grades.



*** Many students will be struggling with basic skills like reading and writing after two years of no classes.**

Prayer Opportunity

Pray that COVID restrictions would ease and that students throughout Honduras would be able to receive the quality education they deserve. Pray especially for a rapid improvement in skills delayed or lost during the lockdowns.

LUCY'S LIBROS



Still limited due to COVID restraints in schools.

English library established.

Grown to include nearly **1,000** books!

— KENIA

* Kenia is not a **REAL PRINCESS**. Kelly just threw a bridal shower before her wedding in December!



Kenia is a trained pastor who teaches at Oasis, a local Christian school. She has helped us develop the Lucy's Libros library program and leads the other teachers in using reading materials in their classrooms.

Kenia understands the importance of literacy and sees Lucy's Libros as a new way she can minister to students and teachers. Under her leadership, we look forward to opening the doors of learning and imagination to whole new generation of Hondurans.



READ
FREE
READ

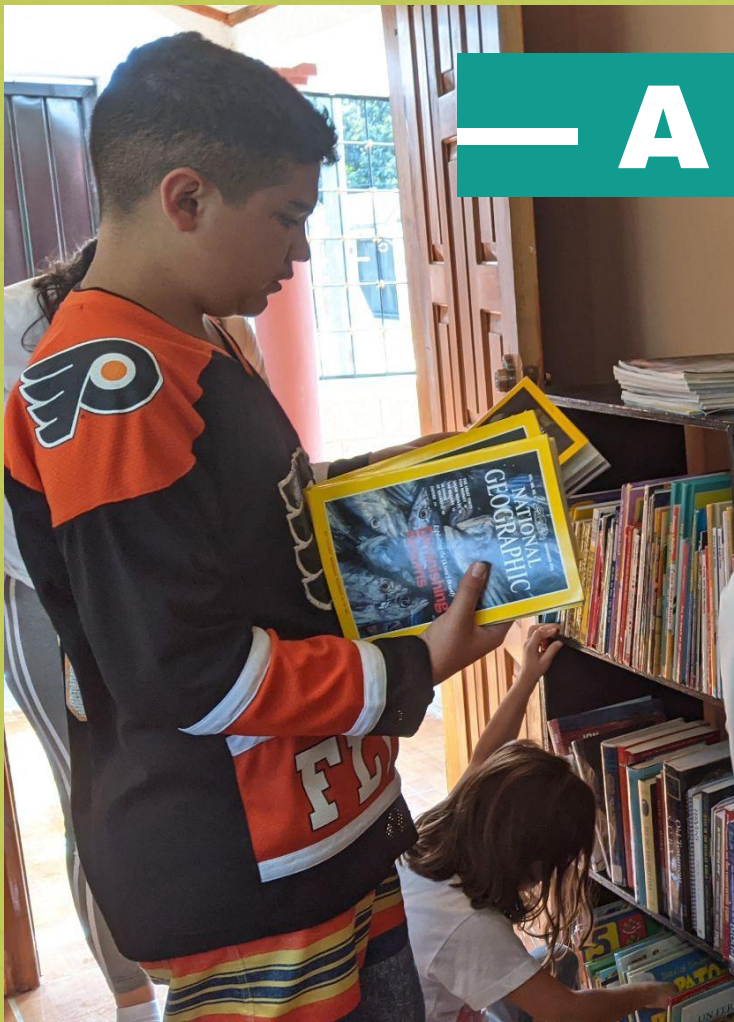
— A LOCAL LIBRARY

At various times during the pandemic, we have opened Lucy's Libros in our Team Solheim World Headquarters for kids in our neighborhood. Students from local bi-lingual schools have really enjoyed our new English selections.

Prayer Opportunity

Pray that instruction hours at the local schools could increase so that Lucy's Libros can be re-incorporated into the curriculum.

* Steve has been able to work with homeschool parents in the U.S. to order new books from Scholastic.



CHURCH

Involvement



Attending a new church in our own neighborhood.

Working on connecting with and supporting other local churches.

Worked with IESH to appoint a new administrator for the church property in La Esperanza.

Continuing English Bible study with other missionaries.

— VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We planned games and creative activities for a local VBS. The Holy Spirit moved through the VBS. Several of the children responded and accepted Christ.



* VBS was the first time many of the kids were allowed to gather since the pandemic began.



PREPARING CHURCH LEADERS —

We created a workshop to help train church leaders how to better engage with youth.



Participants earned a certificate for completing the workshop.



Our ministry partner, Alejandro, was able to lead several sessions.

— A NEW CHURCH HOME

We made the decision to start attending a small church in our neighborhood just before the pastor announced that he was resigning. Now we are entering into a phase of transition alongside our church family!

Our new pastor, Nery, and his family.

Prayer

Opportunity

Pray for the change in leadership in our church. Pray also for more ways to partner with and support local churches.



*Not pictured: Pastor Nery's older son who was too busy climbing the dinosaur to stop for a photo!

COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Elected as part of our neighborhood association.

Community meetings held at
Team Solheim World Headquarters.

Serving other organizations
and ministries.



BLOCK PARTY —

As part of our patronato (neighborhood association), we helped plan a block party to help build a better sense of community.



* Kelly designed special coloring pages featuring scenes from our neighborhood.



— FOSTERING TEAMWORK

We participated in a city-wide event for local businesses providing employee development. We brought games aimed at helping improve teamwork at the workplace.





COMPUTER LAB —



We provided a loan to purchase computers at a local Christian school, Oasis. We shipped in the computers and helped them set up a computer lab for students.

Because of COVID,*
it took nearly two
years for the
computers to finally
arrive in La
Esperanza!






GAME NIGHT!

We hosted a game night for the students and staff of the Spanish Institute of Honduras. Events like this help the school build a sense of community and encourage cultural adaptation for newly-arriving families.



Events like this help  us connect to other ministries that could result in future partnerships!

WALK

SUPPORTING LOCAL VOLUNTEERS —

We were invited to help a group of young volunteers prepare for the nationwide fundraising campaign for Teletón, a medical non-profit. We joined them for the kick-off event where we provided ice-breaker and team-building activities.



* Participating in activities like this help us meet others in our community eager to serve.

— FIELD RETREAT

One of our favorite annual activities is planning for our missionary field retreat. This year, we were particularly excited to partner with WGM Member Health to bless our MKs and their families.



Our WGM-Central America Family

Prayer Opportunity

Pray for a growing sense of belonging in our community.



AHOY MATEY!

ARGHH!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Returned to the field in **FULLY-FUNDED** in May.

Paid off loan from the mission for vehicle.

God continues to provide monthly and annually!

Prayer Opportunity

The new Team Solheim World Headquarters and rising costs will require additional funding this year. Please pray for new partners to come alongside our ministry financially.

100%



FAMILY



UPDATE



Celebrated 25 years of marriage.

Kelly completed the Teaching English as a Second Language bachelor's program at Huntington University.

Steve is working on his degree in Leadership & Ministry from Grace Christian University.

— WELCOME EVIE!!!



Our biggest joy this year was welcoming a new daughter to our family. Nick married **Evie Fordham** on September 25, 2021 in North Carolina. Following their honeymoon, they spent nearly a month in Honduras with us.

IN-LAW

**Lookin'
Good!**



HEALTH UPDATE

While we were on Home Ministry Assignment in the U.S., Kelly was diagnosed with diabetes. Since then we have radically changed our lifestyle. We've been able to control the blood sugar with diet and minimal medication.

* We've lost a combined **100 pounds** This year!



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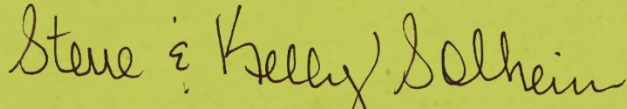
GOD

BE THE GLORY!

But we have this treasure in earthen containers, so that the **extraordinary *greatness* of the power will be of God and not from ourselves.** - 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NASB)

We are so grateful and honored to serve alongside you for the glory of God in Honduras.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve & Kelly Solheim

Team Solheim in Honduras