

HONDURAS: MOISES CHINO

About Moises' ministry

I serve in the Iglesia Misionera de Cristo at El Pedregal, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Central America. The IMC churches' ministry is addressed mainly to the poor. We try as much as we can to replicate Jesus' ministry to the poor as recorded in Matthew 4:23. Our local church, located on the main road of El Pedregal area in Tegucigalpa congregates an average of 300 members to its Sunday morning worship service. Over the years we have planted daughter churches in rural communities near Tegucigalpa such as Yaguacire, Villeda Morales, and Malalaja.

How do you communicate with the people you are trying to reach?

I establish direct contact with the people through their diverse needs, physical needs on first instance. I visit them in their homes, meet them on the streets, visit their sick in the hospitals, attend their funerals and celebrations, etc.; all of them opportunities to minister to their spiritual and emotional needs with the Word.

What do you like to do for fun?

We follow the school and festival calendars and holydays of the Hondurans to fit activities proper of our ministry: Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Independence Day, Easter Week, etc. During the holidays we introduce activities for our children and youth: VBS, retreats, camping out, soccer tournaments, etc.

How have you seen God at work in your ministry?

Our God has blessed our ministry to the poor by providing us with the resources to minister them integrally; to their soul, body, and spirit. Our church has implemented the following programs to assist the poor:

- **CDI Program:** A program directed to the very poor children of the community surrounding our church. CDI stands for Centro de Desarrollo Integral (Integral Development Center) and is sponsored by Compassion International. We provide spiritual instruction, as well as health and educational assistance (tutoring) to 150 children registered in the program.
- **SE Program:** SE stands for Servicio por Educacion (Service for Education). The program provides scholarships for students from middle school up to college. We have 20 students in the program, including three at college level, and one about to graduate from medical school.
- **CSA program:** This is a program aimed to recover children in a malnourished state. We have two centers or feeding stations with an average of 40 children each, one located in El Pedregal neighborhood and the second at the church facility in the rural community of Yaguacire.
- **Medical and Construction Brigades:** Construction and medical brigades from friends in the US have visited our church for the last 12 years, and they have been doing much good for our ministry to the poor.

What is your future vision for this ministry?

As Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 10:37). Pray and prepare. I feel the call to concentrate my efforts on preparing more people to minister to the spiritual needs of children, teens, youth, and adults.

What can we do to help?

- Sponsor ministerial activities for our children & teens, such as camps, retreats, VBS, Bible training seminars, etc.
- Provide scholarships for kids and teens to continue their education.
- Continue to build houses for poor members, make repairs, or provide funds for the people to get involved in improving their dwelling places.
- Support our medical efforts by providing medical and dental supplies for our clinic.

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