



A ministry in the Danli Honduras trash dump community “La ciudad de los sueños” “The city of dreams”

Over 15 MILLION people in the world live in or nearby and make their living from a trash dump. Among thousands of trash dump communities is one in the community of Danli Honduras. Everyday there are flies, foul smells, rodents, toxic smoke, trash and people struggling to survive, without a rescue mission, food bank or government assistance to help.

The people who live in or near the Danli Trash Dump Community are the focus of this ministry

Does the good news of Jesus work in a trash dump, are the promises of God for these people also? Does the Father really raise the poor from the dust and lift the needy from the garbage heap (Psalms 113:7)?

We who pray for and give our resources and services to the Danli Trash Dump Community believe so

Our mission: Work together in holistic partnership **with** the people of Danli Honduras Trash Dump Community while partnering with like-minded local and international organizations for improving conditions and opportunities for development of both body, soul and spirit.

Our vision: Develop and sustain opportunities in the following areas: nutrition, discipleship, education, health care, infrastructure and employment.

The community and Honduras:

- 300 families live in the community
- On any given day there will be up to 100 people including 10-30 children collecting trash to exchange for money at the local recycling center
- People recycling trash will make \$2-\$4 per day
- If not recycling trash most people work menial labor jobs in the community
- Less than 50% of children progress beyond 6th grade, far less finish high school
- Local churches are more known for taking advantage of people than helping people
- Honduran murder rate is 7 times higher than the USA and is 5th highest in the world



A journey that continues to this day:

July 2021: we visited the community in hopes of finding a ministry we could join together with that was serving the community. Instead what we observed and learned from the residents was:

- No one would look us in the eye when we spoke with them; everyone looked down at the ground
- The people said they wanted opportunity for betterment, but lacked encouragement and resources
- Many “ministries” had promised to help the community; none returned to fulfill their promises

January 2022 We returned to the Danli Trash Dump with a desire to build relationships with people in the community and to work together to improve their lives and living conditions

Our philosophy:

- The Creator of the universe created the people in this community in His image
- The people have talents, abilities, gifts and resources that should not be overlooked nor marginalized
- Everything we do we endeavor to do in partnership with Jesus, the people in the community, other organizations and people
- We partner together with the community to create opportunities, we do not give away free “stuff” unless free assistance is warranted



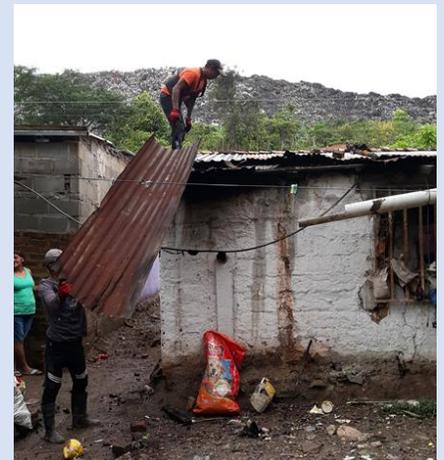
Our current work:

- Build long-term relationships by listening to concerns, ideas and dreams for betterment
- Repair household roofs
- Provide low cost daily lunches for all the children in the community’s kindergarten-6th grade school
- Provide low cost school supplies for the students and teachers at the community school
- Infrastructure improvements at the community school
- Twice a month medical clinic staffed by a Honduran doctor and others from the community
- Water project to provide year round drinking water for the community
- Water storage systems and latrines for households
- Vocational training for individuals in the community
- Provide scholarships for children wishing to further their education beyond 6th grade



Future work:

- Continue building and sustaining relationships with our sisters and brothers in and around the Danli Trash Dump community
- Encourage leadership development from within the community
- Acquire land for co-operative farming
- Work together with businesses willing to hire individuals from the community
- Start businesses to employ people from the community
- Build better homes away from the trash dump
- Engage Christians in Honduras to help in the community
- See a Honduran shepherd and other leaders raised up that will work for the people and to be an example of one following Jesus and see the church grow in the community



More Info:

<https://danlitrashcommunity.com/>