

Jardin de Gracia History

Jardin de Gracia was opened in 2004 with first and second grade. Focused on the children that cannot afford to attend public school in the rural village of El Socorro, Jardin de Gracia serves children in Kindergarten through sixth grade. The first graduating class was in 2008. The children are given a Christian education by Christian national teachers and we hope that when the children learn to read, so that they will spread the knowledge of the Bible to their families and the community.

The school is a ministry to the children and the community in so many ways.

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Matt. 14:19

Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these

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Sponsorship information



Jardin de Gracia FAQ's

Where does my money go?

Your sponsorship dollars go into a general fund. This means that even though not every child is sponsored, every child will benefit from your donation.

What then is the point of a "Sponsorship"?

The point of a sponsorship is to connect you with a particular family & child. As many of our long time sponsors will tell you, the connection with a certain face is a sweet one. It is fulfilling to see your little child grow, and you have someone to visit when you come to Honduras on a short term trip. The ultimate goal is to share your heart. It is easier with a face!

Where do I send a check?

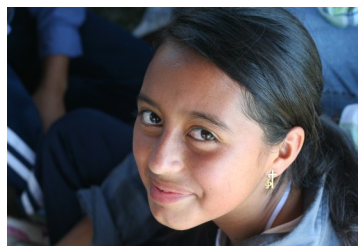
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Do you take credit cards?

Not at this time but, with increased interest, we are definitely moving that way! You can check our website at www.jardindegracia.com for information about direct deposit

Is sponsorship only donations?

No. We expect you to pray. Pray for your child every day. They face obstacles far greater than we can imagine from the United States. Pray for their families and their teachers as well!



Education makes a difference

The required education in Honduras is 6th grade. According to statistics though, only 30% of Hondurans ever reach that "required" point. Education through sixth grade is described as "free" by the Honduran government, but the truth is that families need to pay for enrollment, purchase supplies, uniform, shoes, PE gear, pay extra teachers (such as computers, art, English...) pay for security... and other fees that the school mandates. The list is extensive and while the fees may seem minimal to us, for a family in the village of El Socorro, that is living on about \$5-\$7 a week, even a \$20 enrollment fee is out of reach.

Jardin de Gracia is designed to be a truly free school for the children who cannot afford to attend public school. The school provides the uniform, teachers pay, lunches, most supplies, all textbooks, electricity, and everything to make the school run smoothly. Education is what makes a difference in a rural Honduran's life. It gives them an opportunity that was not available to their parents.

Your sponsorship dollars and prayers make it all possible!

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\$50 a month? Where does it go?

How we came up with \$50 per month to sponsor a child.

Employees	\$51569
Lunches	\$14490
School Upkeep	\$1967
Electricity	\$462
Text Books	\$500
Miscellaneous	<u>\$500</u>
Total	\$69488

\$69488/ 120 students/ 12 months= \$48.26 round up to \$50 for a little cushion.

Currently, we are not at full sponsorship but we pay what we can. Keep in mind that this is our "dream budget". Things like salary, electricity & bare minimum lunches (pb&j) are covered by our supporting churches & individuals. Things like new textbooks, field trips, shoes, hot lunches and so many other things are pushed to the bottom of our "needs" into the "wish" list and God is **always** faithful. We are blessed to have Garden of Grace mission on site. They are a separate mission working in the village of El Socorro, they partner with the school as it ministers to the school families and those families in the community. They also help with many little things that our budget does not cover. The hope is that the school alone will soon be able to cover this budget and more! Your \$50 is so important! With more, we could do SO much more!



Jardin de Gracia impacts the community of El Socorro in so many ways. Our hope is that the children that graduate, become beacons of hope in this poor village.



All the children at Jardin de Gracia live within walking distance