

Mission UpReach Newsletter



Meet Carlos

His passion for bringing others to Christ and his growing leadership within the local church exemplify the final product of the various ministries and programs MUR has implemented over the past 10 years.

In 2019, a position opened up in the MUR accounting department. Carlos eagerly accepted the change, seeing it as an opportunity to grow and expand professionally. Having young men of high integrity with a desire to grow and learn are the key to growth for Mission UpReach. But the more important characteristic of Carlos is his passion for all things related to God and his church. Carlos sees himself as a leader in the making. His goal is to lead and serve in the church while motivating and inspiring others to do the same.

Carlos is very similar to so many of the young men and women we encounter here in Santa Rosa de Copán. His family suffered intensely with the lack of opportunities, which lead to extreme poverty. At one point, Carlos' dad considered suicide as an option because of the oppression of their financial situation. Coming into contact with the church and God's people through DESEO gave Carlos opportunities to develop and grow. He is now able to support himself through his job with MUR while studying on the university level.

When asked what he thinks about the call of Christ on the lives of people, Carlos said, "I am convinced that each human has a call from God, but hearing that call depends on each individual. God does his part, but we must do our part in answering that call and allowing the Lord to lead us."

Mission UpReach has as one of its many goals, to provide more opportunities to others like Carlos. The opportunity is multi-faceted and complex and includes not only bringing more young men and women to Christ, but also providing opportunities to come out of the oppressive situations in which so many find themselves.

When Carlos was 15 years old, DESEO came to his school with an invitation to join a newly formed after school basketball league. Being athletic and very social, Carlos decided to join the league. Carlos' love of sports, especially soccer, motivated him to learn how to play basketball. Not only did he excel at it, but he became an obvious leader on the court. Carlos was invited to a youth retreat with the local church of Christ and made a decision to be baptized at the retreat. Carlos demonstrated from the beginning his love for the Lord and his desire to grow as a Christian leader.

When the DESEO program decided to recruit some of the younger talent to help with their basketball leagues for younger children, Carlos was their #1 pick. He began working with DESEO part time in 2013 and in time was asked to join the DESEO team full time. His work ethic and talents eventually led to Carlos heading up the afternoon basketball league. After working with DESEO for several years, Carlos was offered a position with the Mission UpReach church planting team. Carlos spent the previous years studying in our Boot Camp program as well as graduating from our CRESCO program.





Forward progress for Subida Coffee

Everything we do at Mission UpReach is focused on developing people. Whether it is our values-based education program, evangelist team, school for the deaf, or the Moses Project, our programs all strive to help people build a relationship with Jesus. Our path towards sustainability highlights a desire we have to grow each and every one of our programs to better serve the community where we work. Subida Coffee is one of several businesses we have started that we believe will

help us reach this goal.

We have heard from countless people about how much they love our coffee, but we have also heard that the shipping charges were too high. We have been working very hard to lower shipping costs and we are so excited to announce that it has finally happened! Shipping on all Subida Products has now decreased by up to 50%!!

We also have the exciting news that we are now selling Subida Coffee on Amazon! Success on Amazon

heavily depends upon the review system. That is why we need your help. If you have been waiting to buy some coffee, or are in need of some more, head to Amazon and search for Subida Coffee and pick up some today! Also, be sure to leave a review. By doing so, more people will hear about the amazing products we offer and the incredible cause it supports.

Thanks again to everyone for the support, and as always, we hope you enjoy Subida Coffee and feel good about the work it is supporting.

DESEO news

New Opportunities

This new school year that began in February, brought new opportunities for DESEO and Mission UpReach. We accepted the challenge to conduct the “School for Parents” that each school is required to offer monthly in 6 different schools. These sessions are an hour long every month. We are teaching themes like The Christian Home, Family Time, Teaching My Children to Work, etc. This past month Karol Murillo, former DESEO teacher and mother, taught a class on Child Abuse: How to recognize it and prevent it. This is such an important topic in a culture where approximately 85% of all girls are sexually abused before age 18. The turn out and feedback has been great, and we feel it is one more door the Lord has opened for us as we try to make a lasting difference in the society in which we live and serve.

DESEO Finalizes 1st Session of Tutoring

DESEO has been offering afternoon tutoring in the schools in which it works for several years. The goal of this program is to help children who are struggling get the boost they need in the hope of them not giving up. Giving up is so common here as many of the children we serve come from homes where education isn’t valued. The most beneficial result of our tutoring program is the personal relationships built with our team members. For many, it’s the first time anyone has taken time to sit with them and help them with school. The tutoring program includes two weeks out of the 9 where the team visits each of the children in their homes and meets their family. This is a highlight for the children as well as our team. It is a blessing to work in a culture that values home visits. Gratitude for the visits are expressed as “thank you for taking me into account.” In other words, ‘thank you for valuing me enough to visit and get to know me.’ We consider this just another open door from God to impact lives and be utilized by Him to serve others.

DESEO Project

Please consider visiting our DESEO Project website at www.deseoproject.org to see the children who are available to sponsor. Through these sponsorships we can continue to take advantage of the open doors and serve more children.





A note from Donna



This past month I have had the privilege of teaching a weekly workshop for our women on the topic, "Who Am I?" I have felt the weight of responsibility to combine

my education, life experiences, and God's word to bring a message that helps move each woman to a better understanding of herself. The audience is challenging because it includes several illiterate women, 10 deaf

women, numerous who have been abused and several who are currently living in very oppressive relationships. The turnout has been amazing, with as many as 70 one week. This workshop is the first of 3 we plan to have this year for the women of our local church and several surrounding congregations.

On the home front, we are happy to say that Harrison is doing well after transitioning back home from his 5-week stay in Chicago. A generous friend is donating her deceased daughter's lift system so that Harrison can continue to make attempts at walking at home. His wife, and perfect soul-mate will graduate from Nursing school this coming August, an amazing feat considering her many responsibilities with Harrison's care. They celebrated 5 years of marriage on May 31st, a day that we treasure for many, many reasons. Our oldest daughter, Sarah, celebrated 32 years this past month and our youngest, Laura celebrated 22 years. We appreciate your continued to prayers for them as well, that God may protect them and bless them. As always, thank you for your faithful and generous support of us as we live out our calling here in western Honduras.

2019 Brigade Season

January 5-12	VCOM	Medical
February 9-16	Surgical	General and ENT
February 16-19	Pine Tree	School sponsorship
February 23-March 2	Tusculum Church of Christ (TN)	Medical
March 9-16	Belton Church of Christ (TX)	Youth-VBS
March 16-23	Lipscomb University (TN)	Medical
May 18-25	Oklahoma State (OK)	Construction
June 1-8	Snellville Church of Christ	VBS
June 8-15	Pine Tree Church of Christ	Medical/VBS/Construction
June 15-22	University Church of Christ	Medical
June 22-29	Burnt Hickory Church of Christ	Medical/VBS/Construction
July 6-13	Lexington Church of Christ	Medical
July 6-15	VCOM	Medical
July 20-27	University CofC Youth	VBS
July 20-27	Disciple Trips	VBS
July 27-August 3	Southside CofC (TX)	Medical
Sept. 28-Oct. 5	Surgical	Orthopedic
Oct. 5-12	VCOM	Medical

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