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## What is SHIP International?

We didn't set out to start a nonprofit, but when we saw the need, it changed us, and we couldn't get their faces out of our minds. We knew we had access to the resources that could set the families in El Salvador up to thrive. We knew that forging a connection between El Salvador and the US would create a pathway for light to shine through.

Twenty years later, the people are still there; the need is still there, so we keep walking through the doors that God is opening for us.

We have seen the change and tangible benefits of our efforts in the lives of kids

and their families. We have witnessed the power of creating sustainable and empowering systems that set people up to flourish.

We share the love of Jesus by providing opportunities and structures that allow people to succeed and learn; we care about the gospel being preached in word and deed.

As we work to facilitate flourishing in our Salvadoran neighborhood, we offer an opportunity for people to partner with us and engage in the work in a personal and meaningful way. Image-bearers helping image-bearers.

# Why El Salvador?

The easy answer is: “El Salvador is where God called us.” We remembered the Sunday School story of Jonah, and none of us wanted to end up swallowed by a fish, so we went where God told us to go.

But, seriously, the real answer is that, after we went where God told us to go, we were struck by the need we encountered there.

We'd never seen poverty like that; we'd never been hugged by children who'd been abandoned and told they were worthless; we'd never encountered a place where people were content but didn't have hope or a vision of a future beyond the possibility of escaping their home country and making the dangerous trek to another place that might enable them to send money home.



## But, what if...

What if people saw a future in El Salvador?

What if boys could form strong, iron-sharpening-iron friendships?

What if girls grew up knowing their worth?

What if moms and dads didn't have to leave their homes, their country, just to put food on the table?

What could this country be if families could stay together and build something beautiful?

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

Jeremiah 29:11



## OUR VISION

To share the love of Jesus in El Salvador by facilitating human flourishing

## OUR MISSION

SHIP International increases access to safe housing, education, and economic opportunities for the people of El Salvador.



# What does SHIP do?

We're okay with being different. (We're even okay with being a little weird.)

We're not trained preachers or missionaries. We went into this ministry with what we did know—business and construction.

It just made sense that, if people felt safe where they lived, didn't have to struggle

for basic needs like food and water, and had an active part in making these changes in their own lives, that they would start to feel stronger and more capable.

We wanted to work hard but also take a back seat so that the people of this small community would come to see and know the One who had made all of this possible.

## faith

Transforming lives through the saving grace of Christ by hosting weekly Bible studies for all ages, outreach services, and prayer groups.



## sponsorship

Building life-changing relationships between sponsors and children in El Salvador, helping facilitate connections that will help children have a chance to flourish.



## education

Encouraging the potential of young people through education, both at our own school, Colegio La Luz de Jesús, and scholarships to private, Christian schools and universities.



## employment

Providing job training and creating economic stability through our sewing ministry and through on-site construction work.



## family

Encouraging strong, healthy marriages and families to increase stability in the community, putting in place physical, economic, and spiritual factors to help families stay united.



## friendship

Providing a safe physical space for neighbors, young and old, to gather together and create strong bonds, making a place for "iron-sharpening-iron" relationships to grow.



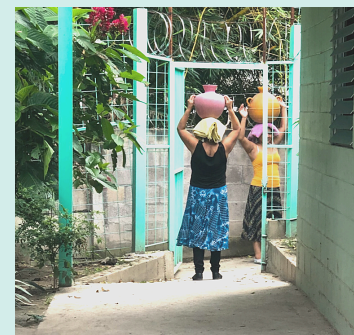
## safe housing

Repairing, rebuilding, and constructing houses that give families safe places to call home.



## clean water

Partnering with Rotary Club of Aggield and Rotary International to drill a 500'-deep well to provide clean drinking water to the community, increasing the overall health and safety.



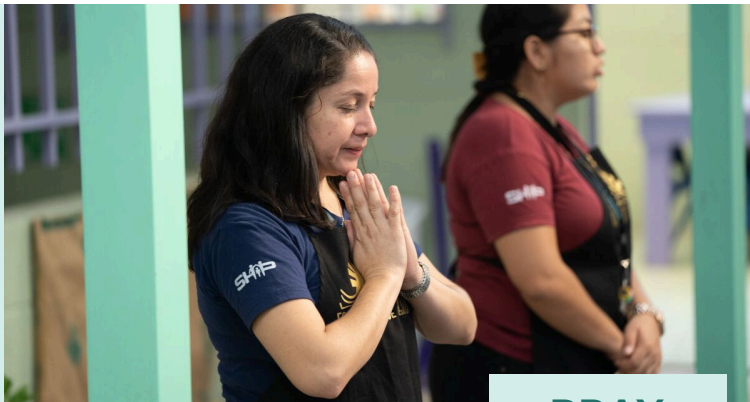
# How to help

SHIP's work depends upon two things: God's goodness and support from people who believe in the work we do.

Since SHIP's founding in 2004, we've built and/or repaired 40+ homes, improved neighborhood health by providing clean water, made infrastructure improvements like sidewalks and a pedestrian bridge, and built four large buildings—two for mission

teams and two to house our school. We started a scholarship program and then opened our own school, offered English classes and job training, and created jobs in our Salvadoran community.

**SHIP has done all of these things without taking on debt.** When you give to SHIP, we put your money back into the work and stretch your donations as far as possible.



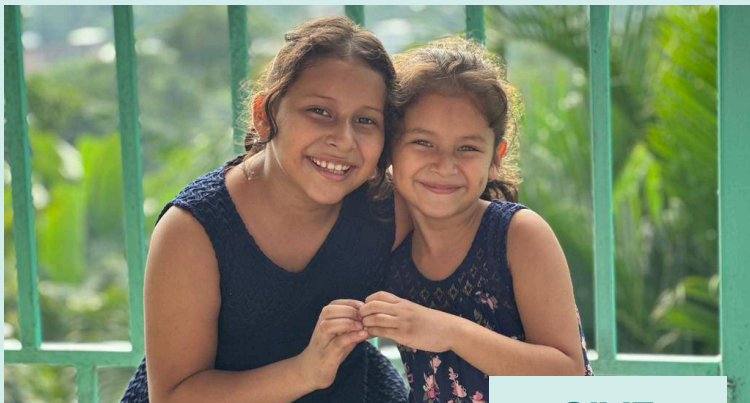
## PRAY

Support our work by praying for our staff, teachers, students, and neighbors.



## SPONSOR

Become a part of a child's life by providing encouragement, prayer, and financial support.



## GIVE

Help continue SHIP's work by becoming a one-time or monthly donor.



## GO

Join a SHIP Trip, and spend a week in El Salvador serving, making friends, and sharing God's love.

# Join us!

If you want to be a part of the work that God is doing in El Salvador, scan the QR code to the right to learn more!

