



If we had one snapshot from the past year that could show you everything we wanted to remember, it would be this one. One of our college students, Cecy, captured this image of three Kinder-4 students at our school's annual Sports Day.

So, when you see this picture, you're seeing all the joy and excitement of our littlest students, all the love they have for one another. But, you're also seeing the talent of one of the students we've worked with for years and how SHIP's investment in her life has helped shape her into the adult she's becoming.

Our dream is always to be a part of our Salvadoran community—encouraging, supporting with prayer, being there to see children grow, families become stronger, and our

friends experience all the milestones of life. The other part of our dream is someday to see this community be self sustaining, full of individuals who've grown in knowledge and wisdom that will help them lead their community to great things.

We have a ways to go toward seeing that dream come true. Years of war and gang violence have done a lot to strip away the confidence of our Salvadoran friends.

But we know that there is One who knows the plans He has for our friends, and, with help from people like you, we get closer to seeing dreams become reality. In the next few pages, you'll learn how you can be a part of the bright future that's starting to unfold for our friends in El Salvador.

Big things are happening in 2025!

Sometimes 2024 at SHIP felt overwhelming. We had so many needs to meet, so much work to do. But, it also felt like a year of unbelievable blessings. And, out of those blessings came the understanding that we have even more to do in our little corner of El Salvador. We've been blessed so that God's blessings can pour from us. Fortunately, God is good, and He has equipped us with ways to meet the needs we're seeing and to be able to share Christ with our neighbors.



The Escudero Family

For years, we've needed and prayed for a fulltime missionary in El Salvador: someone to encourage our neighbors, and to be a part of their lives, visit them in their homes, and minister to them. We've needed someone who could grow relationships that would point people to Christ. This past year, when we least expected it, our prayers began to be answered. We heard from someone—Edwin Escudero—from Panama. He was interested in our ministry.

Edwin and his family joined us for a mission trip in El Salvador. We tried not to get our hopes up. But God showed us what it could be like to have Edwin, his wife Yenifer, and their two boys, Ivan and Matias, join our ministry. We saw them interact with our Salvadoran friends, heard Edwin preach at an outreach service, and saw Yenifer teach a children's church. We saw how their whole family fit right in with our Salvadoran community, and we knew that this is what we'd been praying for.

In January, the Escudero family will join the SHIP family to be our on-site missionary family.



Lunch Program



That cute picture above is from the first year our school was open. Each day started with breakfast for the kids and was such a sweet time of coming together to share a meal before the school day started. Then came the pandemic and the school closure and a whole list of new rules. The breakfast program stopped.

Since that time, we've seen that our students need more food throughout the day, more food than their families can provide. El Salvador's economy is tied to the United States' economy, and as they say in El Salvador: "When the United States gets a cold, El Salvador gets pneumonia." They're facing difficult economic challenges right now, and the rising price of food is a big part of that.

To help, we're starting a lunch program for our older students who have a longer school day and a snack program for our Kindergarten students. In order to offer this lunch and snack program, we need to get our kitchen up to code, purchase plates and utensils, and hire people to prepare the food. It's a big undertaking, but it's necessary.

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Gathering Together

Each year we invite a few hundred of our closest friends to have lunch with us, and each year we're surprised by how many of them show up.

This year was big for us: Our 20th anniversary. To go along with that big celebration, we announced a big fundraising need, a new classroom building. Soon, we'll need to start construction to keep up with the growth of the school and our goal of adding one grade per year until our school serves students from Kindergarten through high school graduation.

The estimated cost of that building? \$498,000. We said it was a big need! But, if we've learned anything over the years of hosting our friends, it's that they come through in a big way. This year's luncheon raised \$170,000, which gives us a great start to accomplishing this goal. Thank you to all who gave, prayed, and helped. We couldn't do what we do without you.



ANNUAL LUNCHEON



See you in El Salvador!

We love nothing more than introducing people to our friends and neighbors in El Salvador. What better way to show the work that God is doing through SHIP in El Salvador?

Each trip is as unique as the individuals on it. What remains the same is that each trip takes us out of our comfort zones and lets us be the hands and feet of Jesus in El Salvador. If that sounds like something you're interested in doing, we want to talk to you about going.

Basic Info: The SHIP Trip cost is \$850 + airfare. That includes all transportation in El Salvador, food, lodging, and an excursion. Learn more at SHIPinternational.org.

2025 SHIP Trip Dates:

March 1-7 June 21-27
March 8-14 July 19-25

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