



Run to Hogar de Vida

Homes of Life



What is Hogar de Vida?

Established in 1992 in Guatemala and 1995 in Costa Rica. Homes of Life (Hogar de Vida in Spanish) is a Christian ministry in Latin America that exists to serve the needs of at-risk children in Costa Rica and Guatemala. The missionary work of each home has its own unique objectives. However, both homes return abundant blessings to the children being cared for.

Tim and Dena's vision for love, support and passion for the Kingdom of God and the care for God's children is being realized in both special homes. The founders Tim and Dena Stromstad, along with dedicated staff and volunteers, minister to the precious children at risk and provide a safe, nurturing place to learn about God's love for them in Christ.

Many children arrive completely destitute, without a family's care or basic provisions that many people take for granted. Often the victims of abuse or neglect, the children's needs are met by the patience and hard work of caring men and women as well as through your support.

Video Overview (6 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2BLCMbyISM>

Mission Statement of Hogar de Vida:

*Honor God by fulfilling
crucial needs of Costa
Rican and Guatemalan
children*

*"These are at-risk
children of God who
have little to none of
the things we take for
granted"*

Hogar de Vida...

A nurturing Christian home and family system that give children from families in crisis the tools they need for a brighter future. Our goal is to protect and love them for the period the children are in our care. Most importantly we provide an opportunity to know Jesus and receive His love.

Our homes...

- **Costa Rica** - Hogar de Vida currently houses up to 35 children at any given time. The three homes on the property provide a secure environment, clothing, nutrition, education, parental figures. We have a paid psychologist, nurses, teachers, a director, human resources, secretary as well as 40+ paid staff including early childhood caregivers and maintenance workers providing 24/7 365 care. Our children will be healed in heart and formed for service.

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGPOVhgo1UQ>

- **Guatemala** - Providing for the daily nutritional requirements for a healthy body and healthy mind by sharing God's word Hogar de Vida supports boys, girls and families who have faced a situation of risk or violation of rights in their own environment, which is why they are under our prayerful care. Our duty is to ensure all their needs; physical, emotional and spiritual; understanding that our work is temporary, for that reason our greatest desire is to be able to sow the seed of the word of God in the hearts of the children, families and the personnel who work with our mission.

Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRmqkpMW_aE&t=7s

Project Description: needs and impact

- This year, in 2023, we made a commitment to develop an Advisory Outreach team to build a sustainable outreach and funding sources team to ensure Tim and Dena's vision for love, support and passion for the Kingdom of God and the care for God's children would be realized well into the future.
- Costs have rising sharply over the last four years with new government requirements, licensing, caretaker ratios, the overall cost of employees and general inflation. We are facing budget short falls; our expenses are greater than our income. COVID-19 took fund raising to near zero, as most of our funding was done by the support of teams visiting. In 2020 we had 0 teams and 2021 just 4. We need to diversify with the expansion of critical fund-raising efforts.
- The most powerful tool in God's 'workshop' is YOU! Sharing the gospel and adding one more to the Kingdom, that one more turns into two more and before you know it, growth is exponential!





Top needs: for Hogar de Vida

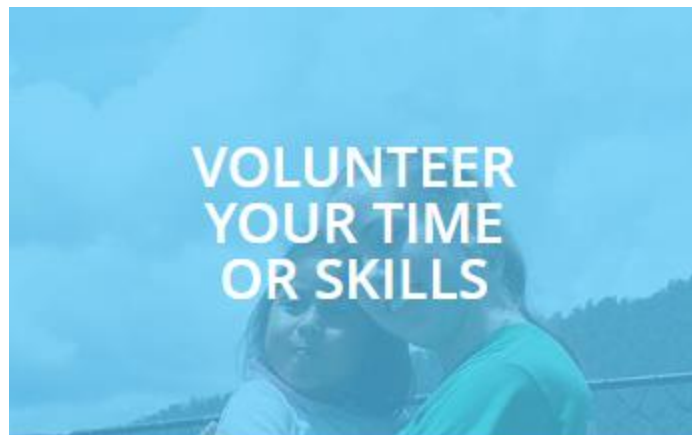
- **Become a Group/Church Sponsor**

Talk with your church leaders, your family, your friends, your small group or your bible study group about becoming a Group/Church Sponsor. Commit to giving a continuing gift. In order to plan and project into the future, Hogar de Vida needs financial stability. That is where churches and groups come in. Help to take a load of stress off the administration at Hogar de Vida by committing and giving a substantial, continuing gift to add to their general fund.



- **Missionary Work in Costa Rica and Guatemala**

Come to us for an extended stay. We need people like you, with the desire of God's heart and mind, to assist us in our missionary work by coming alongside our caregivers, administrative staff and maintenance staff. We need help conducting outreach programs, coordinating teams before and after their arrival, receiving volunteers, completing basic office work and budgeting, assisting with the children, and so much more. Having a handle on basic understanding and speaking the Spanish language is necessary, as there are very few fluent English speakers in both locations. If you have the ability and the desire to serve with us for 1-3 months or longer, contact us.



- **Serve from Your Home**

If you are unable to come to us, serve from your home. **Raise Funds:** We are always in need of financial assistance. Rally your friends, community, or church to assist us by donating or raising funds for salaries, food, medical needs, clothing, special projects, educational expenses, and maintenance of infrastructure. Remember the US dollar goes a long way in Costa Rica and Guatemala. **Raise Awareness:** Spread the word. Recruit donors. Talk about us. Contact us to receive a brochure, PowerPoint, Videos, or be a Hogar de Vida ambassador to come speak to your church or organization.





Needs:

\$75,000 Costa Rica
\$45,000 Guatemala
towards our annual
operating fund

Project Description: need new church and mission sponsors

- Branded recognition plaque or signage at the facility
- First choice on mission teams dates
- Recognition in email and website
- Recognition across all social media platforms
- This is a one-year sponsorship

Project Description: need fulltime onsite administrative/ team liaison coordinators

- Follower of Jesus - Committed Christian with Home Church support and oversight
- Do outreach/general administrative support for mission
- Must speak both English and Spanish fluently
- Calling churches - sharing our message
- Follow up on inquiries, requests for info, need accurate and expedited follow up
- Raise your own support, for the internship \$900 per month, food and board included, on campus, off campus opportunities available \$300 per month, this is a full-time working position (open to females only)
- Content/social media/newsletter support
- Help the staff with childcare
- Return to US and tell the stories in order to create more fundraising efforts
- Strong planning and advanced organization skills
- Need someone on site (CR or Guat.) to manage the teams - work with director to manage the workers/projects
- Coordination of mission trips - of 15 to 20 people each trip
- 6 to 8 months minimum commitment, contact us for this special opportunity





We need monthly giving, no matter how small, for Costa Rica & Guatemala. Every donation is helpful and appreciated.

Project Description: need outreach associates to serve from home, reaching out to individuals, groups & churches to grow the monthly program

**Monthly Program
Homes of Life in Central America**

If you wish to participate in the *Monthly Support Program*, you can make your intentions known in any of the following ways:

- Send your tax-deductible donation to:
Children of Promise International
77 W Elmwood Dr. Ste 112
Centerville, OH 45459-4263
- With a note that indicates the country Children's home you want to support (Costa Rica or Guatemala)
- Online via PayPal, debit or credit card:
<https://www.homesoflife.org/donate-now.htm>



Get involved



If you're looking for a reputable organization to donate to or to participate in life-changing mission trips, we hope you'll prayerfully consider Hogar de Vida, also known as Homes of Life.

Be a driving force for expanding the Kingdom of God.

We count on the generosity of churches, volunteers, donors and other organizations who share in our dedication to the well-being of the children.

Come help us with the Lord's work!

Cost to operate-need monthly giving to support our annual budget, no matter how small, this gift supports, health care, education, counseling and shelter. In a Christ centered child focus mission. Please support Costa Rica & Guatemala

Monthly Support will provide	Description	Monthly Gift	Annual Total
Nutrition	Provides food for one child, two weeks	\$50	\$600
Healthy Child Budget	Provides food and medical care for one child, sometimes for only a month	\$150	\$1,200
Sponsor-a-Caregiver (Guatemala only)	Full salary and benefits for one Caregiver	\$400	\$3,600
Shelter	Housing for 9-12 children	\$700	\$8,400
Sponsor-a-Care giver (Costa Rica only)	Full salary and benefits for one Caregiver	\$1000	\$12,000

Please join with us, to sustain and grow our mission and to keep us doing this amazing labor of LOVE!

Thank you so much for your support!

Tim and Dena Stromstad

Additional Outreach Initiatives in Guatemala

need monthly giving, no matter how small, to support both operational expenses and outreach in Guatemala

Monthly Giving Needs	Description
Milk Project	Currently, Hogar de Vida in Guatemala supports eight needy families who have babies in the San Andreas area. These families are supplied with eight months of formula and nutritional support and for three additional months as babies transition to solid foods. We are also able to teach them about Jesus's love for them. We need financial support to maintain and expand this beneficial family project. With additional financial support we would be able to serve more families.
Food Baskets and Family Support	Currently, Hogar de Vida blesses ten families with school-aged children with food and school supplies once a month. The basic food and nutritional information that they receive is not quite enough to completely sustain the family but rather to help them learn how to feed and support themselves. This comes from the theology of "teaching people to fish" as opposed to giving them all the fish that they need. These families also receive basic school supplies, so the children are able to attend school. The parents are responsible for ensuring that their children are attending school clean, with appropriate hygiene and with their homework completed. Throughout this program, Hogar de Vida is given opportunities to feed families both nutritionally and spiritually. With additional financial support, we would be able to expand this program to include more needy families.
School Support	Hogar de Vida works closely with some of the elementary schools in the surrounding villages. Since the Guatemalan government does not provide school supplies, Hogar de Vida gives them items such as crayons, notebooks, pens, pencils, glue, markers, paper, even photocopying and teaching materials. Additional funds would allow us to expand this program to further equip the schools that we already are involved with or support even more schools.

Success Stories: in Costa Rica & Guatemala are endless, touching both Givers and Receivers'

The most powerful tool in God's 'workshop' is YOU! Sharing the gospel and adding one more to the Kingdom, because that one more turns into two more and before you know it, growth is exponential! Many of the staff leading the work in Guatemala today entered our mission years ago as children in need. Now, as adults, they are serving at the Children's home and in our Nutrition outreach and Education programs in Guatemala!



When it comes to lessons to help the children cope, Dena said, "It's simple, we teach them to pray and we teach them patience." It brings tears to my eyes to see the results of the good work they are doing, so please consider getting involved.

Tim and Dena Stromstad: Founders Timeline



[Meet Tim hear his testimony:](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJSB7qVUtBs)

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[How it all started:](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJYDWNl7VOw)

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- We began our mission work in 1988 when we were sent to Haiti to help lay the foundation for ministry there
- In 1990 we moved to Guatemala where we studied Spanish and helped at an orphanage
- In 1992 we had the opportunity to start a children's home in San Andres, Sajcabaja
- In 1995 the Lord moved us to Costa Rica to start another home. We now have three homes here on an expanded and much improved campus
- We partner with Children of Promise International

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Join us in this adventure of serving the King!



Partner with us

Pray for us



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