

Making a **DIFFERENCE**

SUMMER OUTREACH SETS BUFFALO ABLAZE!

"Whenever I stand in front of my church to preach, I ask myself – What have I done this week to earn the right to preach? What has the Buffalo Dream Center done in our city to shine the light of Jesus?" This is something Pastor Eric reminds himself about every week.

The Buffalo Dream Center reaches out to the city nearly every day of the week all throughout the year. This is important to Pastor Eric Johns, his family, and everyone who calls the Buffalo Dream Center their home church. The church, known for its outreach to the homeless and especially all they do at Christmas, never takes a break. They reach out to families every week and every month. But the summer is more intense than any other time.

The Buffalo Dream Center hit the streets of Buffalo, New York for six weeks during the months of July and August. During that time more than seventy outreaches were held including street ministry, homeless ministry, children's outreaches, food distributions, and more!

Every ministry is important. However, each summer the premiere ministry is Kidz Club. Nearly one thousand children attended the Kidz Club outreaches that took place over six weeks in four neighborhoods. The carnival atmosphere that included games, face painting, crafts, and other fun activities was followed by a high-energy program. Large crowds of children filled empty lots. Boys and girls sat on tarps spread out over the ground. They enjoyed the program filled with songs, skits, and crazy games that brought the Gospel in an unique way to all of the children and their parents.

During the final week of the summer, a bus traveled to each Kidz Club location and transported children to Camp Adventure, a three-day event at the Buffalo Dream Center. Children from the neighborhood walked and many were dropped off by their parents. Children enjoyed games, sports, good food, and powerful chapel services. Each

day had a theme like Survivor Day and Wacky Day. Many children gave their lives to Jesus. At the final Sunday service in August a woman walked down the middle aisle to give her life to Jesus. She told someone, "I dropped off my kids every day for Camp Adventure. I had no plans on attending church myself. But my kids kept bugging me to take them to church. So I came today and gave my life to Jesus!"

Love Grant Street took place every Monday night as volunteers took the Gospel to one of the most dangerous streets in Buffalo. They walked up and down Grant Street with sandwiches and water praying for everyone they met. Adopt-A-Block teams served the neighborhood surrounding the Buffalo Dream Center. Lawns were mowed, trash was cleaned up, and families were invited to church.

The summer ended with a huge food distribution on Buffalo's west side. The Buffalo Dream Center teamed up with Price Rite and Feed the Children to give food, hygiene products, and school supplies to four hundred families.

Kevin and his wife, Kim, were the leaders of two teams from Bridge City Church from Pittsburgh. Kevin said, "Buffalo has always been an incredible experience, and after nine trips, it has truly become something special for our entire family. It's a welcoming, loving place that gives us an incredible opportunity to serve others and live out Jesus' call on our lives. With this trip our family crossed a milestone of having lead more than one hundred fifty people to experience what God is doing in Buffalo." Kevin went on to talk about Camp Adventure saying, "I will finish with this – Camp Adventure wow! That was especially meaningful and one of the best experiences we have had yet!"



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WE ARE ALMOST HOME: A PERMANENT PLACE OF HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONDURAS

For more than 15 years, Love Honduras has been serving the people of Honduras—sharing the love of Jesus, feeding children, reaching families, strengthening churches, caring for women, and bringing hope to places where hope can sometimes feel very far away.

Now, we are standing at the edge of a new chapter in our ministry. We are almost home. God has opened the door for us to purchase 25 acres of land just outside Tegucigalpa, a place that we believe can become a permanent home for the ministry God has entrusted to us. The total purchase price is \$160,000. Through the incredible generosity of people who have believed in this vision, we have already raised more than \$120,000.

Less than \$40,000 more to go!

We can see the finish line. We believe this land is about so much more than property. **It is a place where hope can begin.**

Our vision is to create a peaceful, Christ-centered community where vulnerable women and children can find safety, healing, love, education, and a new beginning.

On this property, we envision:

A Women's Shelter

A safe place where women and girls who have experienced trafficking, violence, exploitation, and difficult circumstances can be protected, loved, disciplined, and given an opportunity to rebuild their lives.

A Children's Home

A safe, loving home for vulnerable children—a place where children can be protected, cared for, educated, and surrounded by people who believe in their future.

A School & High School

Education can change the outcome of a child's life. We want to provide an environment where children can learn, grow, discover their gifts, and be equipped for their future.

A Medical Clinic

A place where physical needs can be met while people also experience the compassion and love of Christ.

Housing for Mission Teams & Missionaries

A home base where teams can come, serve alongside Honduran leaders, build relationships, and participate in ministry throughout the country.



Outreach & Discipleship Ministries

A place where churches can be strengthened, leaders can be equipped, and the Gospel can continue to go into communities that need hope.

This is more than a building project!

We don't simply want to construct buildings. We want to build a place where lives are transformed. We picture children running through the property laughing and playing. We picture women discovering that their past does not have to determine their future. We picture missionaries and Honduran leaders serving together. We picture classrooms filled with children learning. We picture families receiving medical care. We picture worship, prayer, discipleship, meals, laughter, and community. And above everything else, we picture people encountering the love of Jesus.

For years, Love Honduras has gone wherever there was a need. Now we have the opportunity to establish a permanent place from

which the ministry can continue to grow for generations.

When we first stepped out in faith toward this property, the amount we needed seemed enormous. But one gift at a time, God has provided. One person said yes. Then another. Then another. Churches have given. Families have given. Friends have prayed. People who have never even been to Honduras have decided to become part of this story. Now, after all that God has done, we have only \$40,000 left.

We are so close. Only \$40,000 stands between us and the full purchase price of this 25-acre property. We believe this is a moment for all of us to come together and finish what we started. Maybe you can give \$1,000. Maybe you can give \$500. Maybe you can give \$100. Maybe you can give \$25. Maybe you cannot give financially right now—but you can pray and share this vision with someone who can. Every gift matters. Every prayer matters. Every person who shares this vision becomes part of the story.

We are almost home!

There are moments in ministry when God asks us to step out before we can see the whole picture. This has been one of those moments. We stepped out in faith and God has been faithful. Now we are asking you to help us take these final steps. Let's believe together that the day is coming when we can say, "The land is paid for!"

Once the land is paid for, we can begin building—not simply buildings, but a home for children, a refuge for women, a place of healing, a center for education, a base for missionaries, and a permanent home for the work God has called Love Honduras to do. Will you help us cross the finish line?

PRAY. GIVE. SHARE. Thank you for believing with us. Thank you for praying. Thank you for giving. And thank you for being part of what God is doing in Honduras.

SUMMER INTERNS IMPACTED BY JESUS

The summer ministry would not have been possible if it were not for the summer interns. Every summer young men and women who have a call of God upon their lives decide to spend their summer at the Buffalo Dream Center to learn everything they can about ministry. They assisted with all the outreaches and ministries and helped lead the mission teams that came from across the country. They studied college level Bible classes and had opportunities to preach. They learned how to pray and have personal daily time with Jesus.

Rashawn, one of the interns, said, "The internship program gave me many opportunities to prepare myself to be a leader. It helped me mature spiritually. It was one of the best

decisions I have ever made to help me grow as a Christian."

"I am so grateful for everything the Lord has done through this internship," said Ashlyn. "This summer has changed my life and I am so thankful for the people who were there with me and for how God moved in my heart and in the lives of others."

Isabella said, "Doing the internship helped me to refocus my life and it opened my eyes to the bigger picture."

Ari said, "I cannot even fully explain in words how this summer has impacted my life and walk with Christ forever. I love getting to do ministry



and showing love to so many people. It was truly a privilege to be on such an amazing team while doing it. We were not only pouring out onto others, but being poured into and learning things to equip us as leaders."

If you are interested in applying for a position as a summer intern, please visit our website.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY CONTINUES TO HELP THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES

The Joseph Project Mobile Food Pantry has been serving families in Western New York for more than two decades. What began in a two-bedroom apartment, has now grown into a massive food distribution center, trucks, forklifts, and volunteers who deliver food to various neighborhoods throughout Buffalo, New York.

Instead of trying to travel to a food pantry located in a church or community center, many single mothers, senior citizens, and families rely on the mobile food pantry to pull up in their neighborhood each month.

The mobile food pantry served a record number of families this summer as the staff, interns, and summer mission teams brought the love of Jesus and groceries to many places in Buffalo. Not only are there many distribution sites, but there are also home deliveries each month to help those who

cannot leave their homes, such as the disabled and seniors.

Your support of the Buffalo Dream Center enables us to keep our warehouse, the BDC Outreach Center, open all year. The outreach center stores the food that goes out each week in the neighborhoods and also is a hub of activity providing food to several ministries and organizations in Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and as far away as Pittsburgh.



**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY
JULY & AUGUST 2026**

**36
FOOD PANTRY SITES**

**2,055
FAMILIES SERVED**

**5,209
INDIVIDUALS SERVED**

KIDZ CLUB AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. MAKING DISCIPLES. REACHING KIDS.

Kidz Club After School Program (KCASP) continues to make an impact in the lives of children on the east side of Buffalo. Located at the Frederick Douglass Community Center, KCASP serves children ages five through twelve and provides a place where children can have fun, build relationships, receive help with their homework, enjoy a snack, play games, and learn about Jesus! The heart and vision behind the program is to build relationships with children and connect them to the Buffalo Dream Center.

One of the ways we can connect children and families to the church is through our bus ministry. Each Sunday, a school bus transports the after-school program children to church and takes them home afterward. This gives children the opportunity to continue the relationships they have built while becoming connected to the larger church family. During the church service the children who rode on the bus are seated with a BDC family for praise and worship. Many of the families they join during that time are also faithful volunteers at the after-school program.

We also love encouraging the children to get involved. Throughout the semester, children can earn points by attending KCASP, coming to church, bringing friends, and learning the weekly Bible verse. At the end of the semester, the top five winners are rewarded with an ice cream party with all the KCASP leaders. It is a fun way to celebrate their hard work, participation, and commitment throughout the semester. This month, the children are learning what it means to "Walk, Talk, and Live Like Jesus". We are teaching them that following Jesus is not just something we do at church, it is something that should affect the way we live every day. The children are learning how to treat others, how to use their words, how to show God's love, and how to be an example of Jesus to the people around them. We are also encouraging them to share their faith with their friends at school. Our hope is that these children will not just hear about Jesus from us, but that they will become confident in telling others about Him and showing His love wherever they go.

As KCASP is entering its fifth year, we are excited to continue investing in the next generation. We are thankful for every child, family, volunteer, and staff member who makes KCASP possible. We believe that the relationships we build today can have an eternal impact on the lives of these children!



DCSA: MORE THAN AN ARTS SCHOOL

Dream Center School of the Arts (DCSA) has opened its doors again for the 2026–2027 school year. Going on five years, DCSA has continued to grow and has become so much more than just an arts school.

DCSA is not an average arts school. It was created to break the stigma often found in the world of the arts. While many traditional arts environments can become rooted in comparison, competition, and the things of this world, the vision behind DCSA was to create something different, a place where families come first. Everything we do at DCSA is family oriented. We want students and their families to feel welcome, valued, and part of a community. Our teachers can pour into their

students, not only through their musical and performing arts abilities, but by shining the love of Jesus into the lives of every student and family who walks through our doors. DCSA is a safe place for students to grow in their musical abilities, discover their talents, build confidence, and develop the gifts God has given them. We do not want our students to perform for the approval of people or to compare themselves to others. Instead, we encourage our students to perform for an audience of One.

This year, DCSA is placing a special focus on our musical and performing arts classes. We are currently offering piano, drums, voice, and theater and acting lessons. We are incredibly excited to see how much DCSA has grown. We

currently have more than twenty-five students enrolled this year, and our available lesson spots are almost filled.

As we enter another school year, we are excited to see what God has in store for DCSA. Our prayer is that we would continue to create a space where children can grow in their gifts, families can build relationships, and the love of Jesus can shine through everything we do. We are so thankful for every teacher, student, parent, and family who has helped make DCSA what it is today. What began as an arts school has become a ministry that is helping connect families to the Buffalo Dream Center. We cannot wait to see what God does through DCSA in this next school year.



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