



BUFFALO **DREAM** CENTER MAKING A DIFFERENCE

WINTER 2023

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HONDURAS

MICHELLE JOHNS

Today our team woke up at 3:00 a.m. to begin our fourteen-hour journey by truck and boat to La Mosquitia. For the next five days the Love Honduras team will be preaching in churches, training pastors and leaders, and holding Kidz Clubs and evangelistic campfires. After that, we are headed to La Ceiba, where we will help strengthen a new church plant by doing an evangelistic campfire, Kidz club, and ministering in the Sunday service. The next town will be El Tizate, Orica to work with Go Project World and then moving onto Montana De La Flor where Love Honduras is currently feeding approximately 1,500 children three to four times a week.

The past two weeks our team has been involved in starting the second year of the ROAR Bible school, helping with two new church plants, and pioneering a new street ministry in downtown Tegucigalpa. This part of the city is run by the 18th Street gang. There are a lot of immigrants living on the streets and families living in abandoned buildings. There are streets full of prostitutes, including a street where children are

being sold into prostitution. Our goal is to begin a feeding program in this area, open a night shelter for minors and families with children, and ultimately reach the people living and working in this area with the love and hope found in Jesus.



You can partner with us to reach the broken and overlooked people of Honduras. It only costs \$5.00 a month to feed a hungry child. For \$200 a month you can help us support a new church plant. Keep up to date with what is happening through Love Honduras on our website www.love-honduras.org and on our Facebook page.



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Worship Service:
Sundays at 11:00 AM

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NEW TRUCK NEEDED FOR THE JOSEPH PROJECT MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

As the Joseph Project Mobile Food Pantry feeds more families and transports larger loads of food into neighborhoods, the truck has been taking a beating. The current box truck is twenty years old and has recently needed several repairs. It is time for a new truck that is larger and can accommodate the loads of food needed to feed hundreds of families each month.



The Board of Directors and the staff of the Buffalo Dream Center have been searching for a truck.

If you would like to donate towards a new truck, please send your gift to the Buffalo Dream Center. We would like to have a new truck by the spring. The need for food is greater than it has been in a long time, and we need your help to feed families in need.

IMPORTANT LINKS



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BOXES OF LOVE TOUCHES THE CITY OF BUFFALO ONCE AGAIN

Boxes of Love has been bringing food and toys to families for twenty-four years. Pastor Eric, his two sons, and two of his nephews lived on the streets of Buffalo the week of Thanksgiving. The next week all of the work began as more than one thousand volunteers came from several states and three nations to pack bags of groceries and wrap toys.

The month of December was incredible! Food distribution sites were held throughout the city and hundreds of families came through the Buffalo Dream Center to get new,

wrapped, Christmas gifts. The Buffalo Dream Center worked closely with social workers and teachers in the public school system to provide food and toys to hundreds of families in need. The ministry was also able to provide thousands of pounds of food to other organizations like churches, soup kitchens, and food pantries.

All of the groceries and toys were distributed before the blizzard hit Buffalo. After the blizzard, there was a driving ban in the city and all the major

grocery stores were closed. The Joseph Project Mobile Food Pantry was able to immediately spring into action and distribute groceries to four hundred families at two distribution sites on the east and west sides of Buffalo.



- Families received food - 2,996
- Christmas gifts distributed - 3,234
- Food pantry distribution sites - 34
- Volunteers - 1,002
- Additional pallets of food given to ministries - 19

Thank you to all who made this possible!



BLIZZARD DOES NOT STOP LASAGNA DINNER

Every Christmas Eve the Buffalo Dream Center and Hearts for the Homeless partner together to serve a lasagna dinner to our friends from the streets. All throughout the year, people talk about it with anticipation. It is more than just a dinner. The annual event is a Christmas Eve party

filled with music, prizes, and a special message from Pastor Eric.

The days surrounding December 24, 2022 saw Buffalo, New York, buried under several feet of snow in one of the worst blizzards since 1977. It was impossible to run buses and transport people to the Buffalo Dream Center. The dinner had to be postponed. Even after it was safe to drive, the buses could not be moved.

Although it was not exactly the same, the lasagna dinner still took place. The freshly cooked lasagna was



brought to the streets. Volunteers from Friends Feeding Friends joined the team and the Christmas party became a New Year's Eve party instead. Prizes were given, Christmas music filled the air, and everyone enjoyed a delicious lasagna meal. Several people gave their lives to Jesus. It was an unforgettable evening in downtown Buffalo.



Nick Calandra, Skylar Shurr, Pastors Eric & Michelle Johns, & Regina Weise

NEW KIDZ CLUB AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

ANNA JONES

For many years the Buffalo Dream Center sent buses into neighborhoods throughout the city of Buffalo to pick up children for an after school program and for Sunday morning services. The church would be filled with children from the inner city ready to play games, win prizes, and hear the good news of Jesus. During the pandemic, the bus company shut down. Even though the summer Kidz Club program continued, children could no longer be transported to the Buffalo Dream Center.

In 2022, God spoke to our hearts to go into the neighborhoods throughout the year, not just the summer. A few weeks ago, in January 2023, we entered the Fredrick Douglass / Town Gardens area with our new Kids Club After School Program. Rather than transporting children to the program, we brought the program to their neighborhood. We packed a

car full of activities, snacks, and tools to reach the children with the Gospel. Ten children showed up for the first Kidz Club at the neighborhood community center. We had one other volunteer and children gave their lives to Jesus.



The next week was even better! We had ten volunteers and twenty-five children. Twelve of them gave their lives to Jesus. God gave us

multiplication in every area in just one week!

Our goal with the Kids Club After School Program is to reach the children of the inner city at a young age with the Gospel. We desire to teach and demonstrate the love of Jesus to every child and every parent we encounter. We want to build relationships with the children and disciple them as they grow up so they too can be a light in their communities. In addition, we eventually want to establish a large enough group of children so we can begin to send buses to the community and transport them to the Buffalo Dream Center on Sunday mornings once again. We want the Buffalo Dream Center full of children who are hungry for the Word of God.

If you are interested in reaching the children in the inner city of Buffalo with the Gospel, contact the Buffalo Dream Center.

THE JOSEPH PROJECT MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

EMILIE MCCLINTON

The Joseph Project Mobile Food Pantry is one of the key ministries at the Buffalo Dream Center. Last year, the ministry served more than 14,000 families through 206 mobile distribution sites.

The vision for 2023 is much greater! Not only do we want to assist more families in Western New York, but we are preparing to send a shipping container to Honduras. This container will have clothing and supplies to help the people that are impacted by the ministry of Love Honduras.

God is doing exciting things. We have more donations pouring into our warehouse than ever before. Just last year



430,657 pounds of food alone came through our doors. This does not include clothing, household items, and more. We are bursting at the seams. The more we give away, even more comes in! I believe that in the year 2023 the Joseph Project Mobile Food Pantry is going to surpass anything we have ever done in the past. We want to feed more people, bless more ministries with donations, send containers to more nations, and ultimately share God's love with every person who receives bags of groceries from us.

2022 STATS

430,657 POUNDS OF FOOD CAME THROUGH OUR WAREHOUSE

14,369 WNY FAMILIES WERE SERVED AT 206 MOBILE DISTRIBUTION SITES

61 ADDITIONAL PALLETS OF FOOD WERE GIVEN TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND SCHOOLS

A BIG THANKS TO THE 2,269 VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE THIS ALL POSSIBLE



2023 UPCOMING HONDURAS TRIPS

MONTAÑA DE LA FLOR

April 22-29: **APPLICATIONS DUE BY MARCH 15.**

May 27-June 3: **APPLICATIONS DUE BY APRIL 15.**

August 17-24: **APPLICATIONS DUE BY JULY 1.**

EVANGELISM CITY TRIP

August 26-September 2: **APPLICATIONS DUE BY JULY 15.**

***\$650** (\$50 deposit with application)

For more information or to apply for a trip, please visit:

love-Honduras.org or
 buffalodreamcenter.org

**Does not include airfare or other expenses.*





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DREAM CENTER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

VICTORIA SHURR

Dream Center School of the Arts is a vision God put on my heart years ago. I felt the dance community needed a strong Christian dance school. When I was eighteen years old, I attended Hillsong Bible College and majored in dance. I also interned with their dance school and learned a lot about running a school. Finally, in 2022, the time was right for Dream Center



School of the Arts to open. What I originally thought would be a dance school developed into an arts school. We offer ballet, hip hop, voice, guitar, Judo, piano, cello, drums, and art classes. All of our teachers attend the Buffalo Dream Center.

A couple weeks before we started, we only had one student signed up. I was discouraged, but wanted to see my dream to open the school come to pass. Another five students signed up right before we opened. We now have seventeen students with multiple classes and the school is growing every week as more families hear about what is happening. The dream is to have hundreds of students, be open multiple days a week, and become state-of-the-art with all our equipment. In the future we would also like to have a store where students can purchase the things they need for classes. We are looking into ways to offer tuition assistance for families in need. I am excited to watch Dream Center School of the Arts grow and the impact it is having on the students.



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