

# NEW OPPORTUNITY OPENS FOR MINISTRY IN HONDURAS

In 2010, Cristo Salva wanted to assist some of the children in being able to attend school by providing their uniforms and school supplies. Our initial thought was to help the children who hung around the clinic while our ministry teams are in Honduras. Thinking Cristo Salva could help 25 children, we floated the idea through social media and our website to ask if sponsors would be willing to help students in the 2011 school year. That year we were able to provide sponsors for 125 students! The program is now in its seventh year and Cristo Salva has over 330 students in the program with a couple hundred more on a waiting list.

When starting this program, we focused on the elementary-aged children, many of whom have now grown up and graduated from *colegio* (junior/senior high). Both the students and our program have experienced learning curves during this time. Cristo Salva has become aware that while Sunday school programs are very active for the younger children, from seventh grade to senior high, very little is offered within the local churches. Learning that many of the students in our school program do not attend church regularly, Cristo Salva decided to start



offering youth worship services to the teenage students in our program.

Cristo Salva began the youth worship services with a mandatory meeting held on October 20, 2017. Over 100 students and some of their family members attended this service in an impartial setting held at the community center in Macuelizo. Jicksan (pronounced Jixson), a very talented, young man and worship leader at Laguna Verde, organized and led the music for the service. Edwin, a young man from El Salvador, preached a perfect sermon. By the end of the service, 12 students surrendered their lives to Christ. In closing, prayer was extended to all. It was amazing to see how many raised their hands wanting God to help them.

Experiencing much excitement, Cristo Salva saw a **NEW DOOR OF MINISTRY OPENING UP!**

Returning to Honduras for the school distribution program in January 2018, Cristo Salva planned another service for the youth to be held in the Cultural Center, a building better suited acoustically. Students would receive their uniforms and supplies at the end of the service, so it was again mandatory that they attend the service. There were over 100 youth at this service, plus friends and relatives. Again, Jicksan headed up the music, and it was awesome to see so many worshipping through music. Travis Hutcheson, pastor of Shiloh AC Church, Monroe, N.C., and chairman of Cristo Salva's Student Program, preached. Seven students accepted Christ. One brave young man responded immediately to the altar call to accept Christ. He was crying as the Holy Spirit



worked in his life. The others followed shortly thereafter and prayed to accept Jesus into their lives.

Please join with Cristo Salva in prayer about this new door that is opening to reach these teens. It is such a difficult age and the youth face so many temptations and challenges. Cristo Salva desires to offer a youth worship service during each ministry trip to Honduras, trusting that this ministry would blossom as God's love spreads from the youth to their friends and families. Pray, too, that God will direct Cristo Salva ministry leaders on how best to facilitate and encourage the local churches to begin offering some type of program that would provide mentoring/discipling for the youth.

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## PRAYER & PRAISE

*Penny Crusade*

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"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."  
(John 9:5, ESV)

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## PRAY

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1. For Burundi as they are dealing with a national constitution referendum.
2. For the spread of the gospel in Croatia and in central and eastern Europe and for God's blessings, protection and guidance for church leaders, members and friends.
3. For the children who receive Jesus through food provided by the Bread of Life mission project.
4. For Cristo Salva as they make preparations and plans for their ministry trip to Honduras on April 9 – 16, 2018.
5. For Rowena Cabrizos as she works to plan the Agape alumni reunion in Indonesia in October 2018.
6. For Pastor Paul Nilivan, the director of Christ Special High School in India (YJM ministry partner), and his dedicated team of teachers and staff as they help physically and mentally handicapped children get the best possible education.
7. For the small group of faithful Advent Christians in Kluang, Malaysia who

gather regularly for worship, Bible study and communion in the homes of Ruth Devairakkam and Wilfred and other members.

8. That God will raise up servants who are interested in serving on our mission fields.
9. That this year's Penny Crusade will be successful in educating our churches about our AC mission fields around the world, and that many will have a burden for missions.
10. For Pastor David in Myanmar as he has taken the role of conference president for 2018. Pray for a close walk with the Lord and for wisdom.
11. For the Agape House leaders in Japan as they witness for Christ and lead others to do the same. Pray for the following leaders: Rowena, Erwin, Julius, Neuleth, Rodel, Juliet, Pastor Kim and Yuki.
12. For our Advent Christian churches in Japan. Pray that they will actively develop leaders for ministry.

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## PRAISE

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1. God that the churches in Kodaikanal and Periyakulam have been restored to the FBHC in India, and new pastors have been appointed and accepted by their congregations.
2. God that over 40 children received Christ as their Savior and seven people were baptized during Pastor Joseph's recent trip to the Lai Tu, Dai and Chinpum people in Myanmar.
3. The Lord that Pastor Kenneth (Myanmar) has been able to complete the three-story building that brings together his church, his Bible college and his home for his family, including the 15 orphans that he and his family care for.
4. For the 51 churches in the DRC who are sharing the good news while organizing youth groups, women's ministries and outreaches to street children including feedings and Bible studies.
5. The Lord for the new board of officers serving the Mexican conference this year.

### Please pray for the following ACGC Directors' and Coordinators' Activities

**Beth Larkin**, *Coordinator of Women's Ministries & Event Operations*

**Matt Larkin**, *Director of Leadership Development*

**Steve Lawson**, *Executive Director*

- March 6–12: NAE Meetings

**Justin Nash**, *Director of Communication*

- March 9–11: Virginia Conference Meetings
- March 16–19: Florida Conference
- March 23–26: Prairie State Conference

**Dawn Rutan**, *Director of Finance*

**Jeff Walsh**, *Director of International Missions*

- March 17: Pocahontas Conference, Princeton, W.Va.