



Honduras



Introduction to HONDURAS

THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS, set in the middle of Central America, has a history of political instability despite holding democratic elections for over 25 years. Currently fighting gang violence and HIV/AIDS, Honduras has also battled the devastating effects of recent hurricanes. It also boasts jungles filled with majestic waterfalls and wildlife.

The HONDURAN people

Total population:	7,792,854
Children under 15:	2,966,406
Average Life Expectancy:	69.4 years
Per capita annual income:	\$4,400
% children in primary school:	92.91%
Average years of education:	11 years
Literacy rate:	80%
Internet users:	658,500
Cell phones in use:	6.211 million
Major/official language(s):	Spanish, Amerindian dialects
Risk issues impacting children:	

- Some 18% of the population has no access to basic health services, 10% lack access to safe water, and one-third of the population lacks access to sanitation.
- Children are vulnerable to violence, sexual exploitation and trafficking, sex tourism and child labour.
- Chronic malnutrition affects 18% of the population due to a limited availability of food.

More about HONDURAS

Capital city:	Tegucigalpa
Type of government:	Democratic Constitutional Republic
Square kilometers:	112,090
General terrain:	Mostly mountains in interior, narrow coastal plains
Major industries/jobs:	Sugar, coffee, textiles, clothing, wood products
National motto:	"Free, Sovereign, and Independent"
Major airport(s):	San Pedro Sula, Tegucigalpa, Roatán

Reaching HONDURAS

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian - 100%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 81.4%
 Protestant - 13.6%
 Independent - 4.7%
 Orthodox - 0.1%
 Anglican - 0.1%

Unreached People Groups:	3 (0.1% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.0241
Average annual baptisms:	160,711
Foreign missionaries:	840
Per million:	122.91
National Christian workers/pastors:	2,500
Per million:	365.81
Number of churches/congregations:	9,000

Children's ministry in HONDURAS

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Honduras. The following information regards general children's ministry in Central America, and may not all be applicable to this nation.

- Overview:**
- The nations of this region are predominately Christian, mostly of Roman Catholic background. There is also a steadily growing, active Protestant minority.
 - There is a strong missionary presence in many Central American countries, with much of the outreach focused on children. A variety of children's work already exists, with a strong emphasis on Sunday School and Bible memorization.
 - Most of the resources and trainings are centered in the larger cities and bigger church denominations. Children's workers in the outlying areas frequently struggle with lack of teachers, lack of space, and lack of materials.
 - Ongoing violence in some regions of Central America can hinder the growth of work with children.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
9,000 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
2,966,406 children for Christ