

# Honduras sponsor book

Lifeline Christian Mission's Child Sponsorship Program



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## **Lifeline's Child Sponsorship: A Unique Ministry**

There are many child sponsorship programs, but not all are the same: learn about the organization, consider what matters in your heart, determine what you want to do, and find the right partnership that harmonizes with your values and stewardship goals.

Here are what make Lifeline's sponsorship ministry unique:

### **A Christ-centered ministry**

All schools and programs are connected to a Christian Church for ongoing teaching and discipleship.

### **The ministry benefits the children**

Your donations maintain and grow the ministry to the children and they receive the benefits specific to the program they are connected with.

### **Connect with your child**

Sponsors can communicate with their children (by email/letters) through Lifeline with the assistance of translators.

Sponsors can visit their children through a Lifeline short-term mission trip.

### **Send gifts to your child**

Sponsors can send gifts to their child and/or purchase items through Lifeline. Sponsors receive a photo of your child receiving the gifts.



## General Sponsorship Information

Children become eligible for sponsorship after entering one of Lifeline's sponsorship programs. After a child is enrolled, sponsors support the benefits which the child receives in the program. A child can be sponsored at any point, and children may be sponsored for the entire time they are in Lifeline's program.

### Sponsorship Programs

#### Christian Schools

Lifeline's Christian schools are open to anyone in the community. Children typically enroll in kindergarten/preschool between ages 4 and 5. Lifeline schools go through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, while others continue through high school.

Lifeline ministers to the poorest of poor children and our tuition is nominal.

As part of their education, the children receive: Christian training, Bible classes, and devotions; the education curriculum mandated by the Honduran government; additional programs initiated by Lifeline, such as computer science and sports programs; lunch each school day; and health care.

#### Children's Homes

Lifeline's children's home at Omoa is truly a "home" in the fullest sense of the word. This home is just for girls and they are loved, cared for, taught, nurtured, disciplined, and raised like our own children by dedicated house parents. The girls are educated at a local Christian school and are involved in a nearby Lifeline church. We want each child to grow spiritually, physically, emotionally and socially.

The home is not an orphanage because many, if not most of the girls, are not orphans; they come from circumstances beyond what some of us could even imagine. The girls are placed in the home by the courts: some are abandoned, a parent might be in prison, their mother is a prostitute, the parent(s) have been killed or died, or the girl is born with disabilities and the family abandons them. In Honduras, the

government must place the children via the court system. There are strict rules and the court is so pleased with Lifeline's compliance and care of these precious children that they call us and ask us to take children in.

Since girls at the home receive care 24/7, the basic child sponsorship is insufficient to support the home's ongoing operations. Therefore, the girls living at the home have multiple sponsors. As a sponsor you will "share" that child with other sponsors but your communications and gifts to your child will be given from you, and you will receive communications back from your child. Your personal information will not be shared with other sponsors.

## **When students graduate or leave the school/ministry program**

Sponsors are notified when a child graduates or leaves Lifeline's school for any reason. When this happens, you receive a replacement child and we provide you as much information as we have on the former child's departure from the program.

You are then linked to the new replacement child through the sponsor/child relationship which entitles you to minister to this newly-chosen child. Regardless of which child you are linked to in the sponsor/child relationship, your basic sponsorship contribution will continue to sustain Lifeline's ministries to all children throughout that program.

## **Formerly Sponsored Children**

### **Connecting with your child after they graduate or no longer in Lifeline's programs**

If the child you formerly sponsored remains in the community and can be located, you may continue to correspond with that child and send gifts, following the same policies provided in this book. If you choose to continue a relationship with that former child (send gifts, etc.), then there is an annual administrative fee of \$150 per child to cover Lifeline's costs to facilitate this. This is due in January each year. This fee is waived if you choose to sponsor a new child.



## Contribution & Account Information

### Your Sponsorship Contribution:

Basic Child Sponsorship: \$40 per month per year per child

Your sponsorship contribution:

- Is not given directly to your sponsored child.
- Is combined with the donations of other sponsors and donors to support the benefits that all the children - both sponsored and non-sponsored children - receive in the ministry programs.
- Provides the benefits that the children are already receiving in their program. Not-yet-sponsored children are also receiving the same benefits.

### Account Number

You have been assigned an account number (referred to as your AN), which is very important for proper allocation of the contributions received from you. Please include your AN on all communications.

Your donor AN is located in the letter you received. If you cannot locate your donor AN, simply contact [Sponsor@Lifeline.org](mailto:Sponsor@Lifeline.org) and we will look that up for you.

### Contribution Options

Your options include EFT through your checking/savings account, automatic bill pay, all major credit cards, check, and money order. All contributions can be made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually in advance. Your contribution for any and all ministries will be credited to your account

Lifeline is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. You will receive a tax receipt annually by January 31.

**Please note:** *The frequency of your contribution does not impact how/when the child receives the program benefits.*

## **Ways to Give:**

### **EFT/automatic bill pay through your checking/savings account:**

Please include your Lifeline Account Number (AN) when setting this up so that contributions received will be credited to your account.

### **Donate online by credit card or check at [www.Lifeline.org/Give](http://www.Lifeline.org/Give):**

Contribute online by VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or by EFT from your checking or savings account. You can also set up recurring donations online.

### **Checks:**

Please make payable to “Lifeline Christian Mission” and enclose in the provided contribution envelopes. Simply mark how your donations are to be allocated. Additional envelopes will be sent upon receipt of your last envelope, which is stamped “Last Envelope. Please Send More”.

*Note: Lifeline does not send out monthly statements or reminders.*

## **If Your Sponsorship Contributions Lapse**

If you are struggling to meet the sponsorship contribution commitment, please contact us. We try to work with sponsors to continue the sponsor/child relationship, but there are instances when we need to seek another sponsor for your child.

If your sponsorship giving lapses for a period of time with no communication from you, then we attempt to contact you to determine if you would like to continue your sponsorship. If you choose not to continue with your sponsorship or if we do not get a response back from you, we will end your sponsorship so that the child can be connected to a new sponsor. In addition, communications and sending gifts to your child also discontinues.



## **Sending Gifts to Your Sponsored Child**

*Sending gifts is an optional benefit that many sponsors enjoy. You are not required to send gifts or correspond with your sponsored child.*

### **Gift Deadlines**

Gifts may be sent two times per year: January-February and July-August (Christmas deadline); you have the entire 2 months to submit gifts. Children do not customarily receive gifts for their birthday or Christmas, so do not be concerned about the timing if you choose to send gifts; it is never too early or too late.

It will take a minimum of 6 months for your child to receive their gifts, due to processing, shipping, customs, and distributing the gifts.

### **How to Prepare & Mail Your Gift Package**

Here are the most effective and efficient ways you can prepare & send your gifts!

#### **Size limits for gift packages**

The maximum size for packages is 14" x 11" x 6". You may use shoeboxes, small plastic containers or backpacks (cannot exceed size limit with contents). You may send 1 gift package per deadline.

#### **Gather**

Gather your gifts and your gift package. And, do not include any of the following in your gift:

- Items on the Do Not Send list
- Money for your sponsored child
- Your personal information, such as your phone number or email address

## **Condense, condense, condense!**

As you place the items in your shoe box/container/backpack, discard ALL of the extra packing materials that the items came in. For example: remove pens & markers from original packaging and slip them into a plastic, zip-top bag. Remove & discard the cardboard packaging from toys.

*Our goal is to send as little excess material with the gifts as possible, so that the trash doesn't end up in the streets and waterways of your sponsored child's hometown. It also gives you extra room to tuck in more goodies!*

## **Repackage**

Repackage anything that could leak, spill or melt in plastic, zip-top bags:

- All liquids, such as shampoo, bubble blow, etc
- "Pop top" type cans of meat, etc. ("pop tops" can explode.)
- Toothpaste, bar soap, crayons, markers, pens, etc

*These zip-top bags are also a great, usable item for your child and their family!*

## **Label**

Include the following on the outside & inside of your gift package:

- Child's complete name & Child's school ID number (found on your child's photo card)
- Sponsor Name & Account Number (AN) (located on the cover letter and on Lifeline provided contribution envelopes)

## **Include your \$10 processing fee**

When you submit your gift, please include \$10 per package to assist in the costs of processing, shipping, transportation, and photography services. Simply complete the form with your contribution envelope and include it inside the envelope with your \$10 check made out to "Lifeline Christian Mission." Then affix a contribution envelope to the outside of the package.

*Note: Do not gift wrap your packages since all gifts are opened, inspected and repackaged prior to shipping to your child.*

## **Mail**

Mail or drop off your child's gift to Lifeline Christian Mission, 921 Eastwind Drive, Suite 104, Westerville, Ohio 43081

*Note: Lifeline inspects packages (for breakage, spills and appropriateness), condenses the packaging, and then repackages the gifts with the child's identifying information.*

## **Please note: your sponsorship contributions must be up-to-date to send gifts.**

- You must be listed as the current sponsor for the child
- You must meet the commitment of \$40 per month per child and be current in contributions.
- Others may not send gifts to children that are sponsored by someone else.



## Gift Suggestions

### Toys

Balls, cars/trucks, dolls/clothing, dominoes, flutes, hand-held games, harmonicas, jacks, jump ropes, kites & string, magic slates, marbles, modeling clay, play dishes, puzzles, soccer balls

*\*Note: Include extra batteries for toys (if needed) and check with your local post office for guidelines when shipping batteries in packages.*

### School Items

Book bag, chalk & chalkboard (small), colored pencils, coloring books, crayons, English/Spanish dictionary, erasers, flash cards, glue, lunch boxes, markers, notebooks, pencil sharpeners, pencils, pens, plastic bowl & lid for lunch (large), rulers, scissors, large spoon for lunch, water paints

Books in Spanish: Books need to be non-violent, educational or spiritually enriching and wholesome in their content.

### Miscellaneous

Canned meat, clothing (details follow), hair brushes, bows/barrettes, jewelry (pierced ears), mirrors, peanut butter, perfumes & powders, photo albums, sewing kits (small), soap (antibacterial), stationery (small), t-shirts (Christian themes), toothbrush & paste, twin sheet set & mattress cover, vitamins (children & infant), wallets, watches

### Clothing: Types & Sizes

All types of summer clothing are needed: shirts, shorts, dresses, skirts, shoes, socks and underwear. And remember, it is summer year-round in Honduras and only some people have electricity in their homes.

A "rule of thumb" is to buy the same size as the child's age until they reach the age of 15. Children who receive gifts for the July/Christmas deadline are measured, and the measurements are sent to you in the event you wish to send clothing or shoes as gifts.

## **Do not send:**

- Buckets or oversized packages
- Books or games that require English to play or read
- Chocolate or foods that may melt
- Packaged snack items (granola bars, etc); they attract ants and rodents during the long duration they are in shipping and storage.
- Anything in glass
- Toy weapons or toys of violent nature (guns, knives, squirt guns, etc.)
- Combustible items, such as lighters, matches, explosives of any type
- Anything to ride with wheels: bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. In general, there are no sidewalks, the terrain is not suitable, and riding in the roads would be dangerous for the children

## **Cash Gifts to Child**

Additional funds for your child and/or their family can be given directly to your child as a cash gift in their currency; the suggested amount is \$25 - \$100 (U.S.) per gift deadline. This money assists with basic needs but is not large enough to be misused or create dependency.

Cash gifts are over and above your Basic Child Sponsorship. The cash gift is given at the same time the other gifts are distributed and the parents sign that they have received the money. A photo of your child (and sometimes with the parent or responsible adult) is taken at the time money and all other gifts are given.

Simply include the additional amount with your regular contribution (there is no need for a separate check) and notate how the additional funds are to be used.

*Please note: A foreign currency exchange processing fee will apply and will be deducted from the cash contribution. And please donate by check or EFT only; not by credit card.*



## Purchase Gifts for Your Child through Lifeline

Select gift items are available to purchase through Lifeline. With all gifts, consider purchasing the same item for a non-sponsored child!

### How to purchase gifts:

- All items are available to purchase at [Lifeline.org/Gifts](http://Lifeline.org/Gifts)
- If you prefer to pay by check: use your contribution envelope and form to designate the gifts to purchase. For your convenience, write one check to include all purchases, child sponsorship contribution, cash gift to child, etc.

### Gift Options

#### **Bed and Mattress**

\$100 for a single/twin roll-away type beds

#### **Bible:**

\$15 each for a Spanish Bible

#### **Book "101 Beautiful Stories of the Bible"**

\$10 per book, in Spanish.

#### **Food Bags**

\$10 purchases one food bag, which feeds a family of five a modest amount of food for 2-3 days; you may purchase up to 8 food bags each gift deadline for your sponsored child.

### **Witness Soccer Balls**

\$20 each; The ball has a colored, patchwork pattern where each color represents something in the salvation process (i.e. black represents sin, white represents changed heart/repentance, red represents the blood of Christ, blue represents baptism, green reflects new life, etc.).

*Please note: All prices are in U.S. dollars. These items have been determined to be those most needed. Prices include Lifeline's administrative costs to obtain/purchase/make the items, and shipping, handling and processing. Prices are subject to change; visit [Lifeline.org/Gifts](http://Lifeline.org/Gifts) for current prices.*



## **Email your child**

The sponsored children enjoy receiving emails, letters, cards, and photographs from you!

Many children and families have been encouraged in their faith through their sponsorship relationship. Therefore, we encourage you to write your sponsored child to provide them the opportunity to get to know you! Communication is initiated by you sending an email to your sponsored child (via Lifeline) and then they will respond to you.

### **Email your sponsored child**

This is the fastest and best option to stay connected with your sponsored child!

- Email your letter to [DearSponsorChild@Lifeline.org](mailto:DearSponsorChild@Lifeline.org). Feel free to attach photos and scanned cards in your emails!
- To ensure your child receives your email, please include the following in your email:
  - Your complete name & your Lifeline AN/account number
  - Sponsored children(s) full names & child ID number
- Your child will receive the email within about 1 month. Translators will read the email to your child and an email reply is sent back to Lifeline and then onto you. You'll also receive a photo of your child receiving your email!
- You may send an email once each quarter throughout the school year. (note: it is difficult to locate the students during summer break.) The Honduran children's school year is typically February - November.

### **Hand-written letters/cards**

These are a great way to encourage your child. Simply include them in the gifts that you send according to the gift deadlines. Letters will be translated to your child during gift distribution.



## Receiving Your Gift Photos

When you send gifts, purchase gifts through Lifeline, or send a cash gift, Lifeline takes a picture of your sponsored child receiving your gift! Your gift photos are available at our online photo album.

### Lifeline's online photo album:

- All gift photos are available at [Lifeline.Smugmug.org](http://Lifeline.Smugmug.org)
- Instructions for accessing your gift photos are available [Lifeline.org/GiftPhotos](http://Lifeline.org/GiftPhotos)
- You will receive an email when your gifts are available to view online.
  - Please note: We want to keep you updated and connected with your sponsor child! Contact [Sponsor@Lifeline.org](mailto:Sponsor@Lifeline.org) with your current email address.

### Receive a photo by mail:

- If you do not have email or internet access, we will gladly mail you a copy of the gift photo.
- Please call 614-794-0108 to let us know.

### Questions/Concerns:

If you have questions or concerns about your photo, contact [Sponsor@Lifeline.org](mailto:Sponsor@Lifeline.org) or 614-794-0108.



## Additional Opportunities

### Meet Your Child!

Serve Christ and experience a life-changing trip: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, build homes for the homeless, and share God's love. Begin your trip at [Lifeline.org/Go](http://Lifeline.org/Go)

### Assist not-yet-sponsored children!

There are thousands of children waiting for a sponsor. You can make a difference in these precious children's lives: donate to help these not-yet-sponsored children. Visit [Lifeline.org/Give](http://Lifeline.org/Give)

### Host a Sponsorship Drive

Host a drive at your church or organization to connect not-yet-sponsored children with interested individuals. Promotional materials are available. For additional information, contact [Sponsor@Lifeline.org](mailto:Sponsor@Lifeline.org) or 614-794-0108.

### Food Packing Events

Package a nutritious, rice-based food that is cooked and served in Lifeline's Christian schools and nutrition clinics in Haiti and distributed to the hungry around the world. Start serving the hungry at [Lifeline.org/PackMeals](http://Lifeline.org/PackMeals)

### Ministry Donations

Donate much needed items for ministry outreach: peanut butter, new shoes, medical supplies, and more. Contact [Dana@Lifeline.org](mailto:Dana@Lifeline.org) for a list of needed items.

### Sponsor a Child!

Encourage a friend to sponsor! Sponsors provide a life-changing impact to children in Haiti, Honduras, and the Navajo Nation (Arizona). Impact a life today at [Lifeline.org/Sponsor](http://Lifeline.org/Sponsor)

### Volunteer

All ages can assist with ministry work at the Lifeline office and warehouse in Westerville, Ohio. Learn how you can make an impact at [Lifeline.org/Volunteer](http://Lifeline.org/Volunteer)



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What are my child's greatest needs?**

The spiritual needs of the children are foremost; daily prayer is requested for your sponsored child and their families. Lifeline ministers to the whole community; therefore, most are not Christians when they first come to our schools/programs. Our goal is to reach them for Christ. Secondly, they are the poorest people in their country. Lifeline's ministry is reaching out to the children's spiritual, educational, nutritional, and health care needs.

### **Can my child read English?**

In general the children cannot read English. All correspondence with your child will be translated by the Lifeline staff.

### **How long can I sponsor my child?**

You may sponsor your child the entire time they are involved in Lifeline's Children's Ministry programs. Most of Lifeline's schools go through what is equal to sixth grade and then students attend the free government schools. Lifeline has one middle/high school, and those students will remain in the program until they graduate or withdraw.

### **At what age will my child finish school?**

That depends upon how old your child was when they started school; students begin school at varying ages. Disruptions in learning, such as natural disasters/hurricanes, illnesses, political upheavals, etc, impact the school year and the child's progress in school.

When your child leaves school or graduates, we notify you as soon as we learn of this fact, and a replacement child is automatically assigned to you.

### **Are Lifeline's schools only for Christians?**

No! In fact, the purpose of all of Lifeline's work is to evangelize. Lifeline's schools have open enrollment: the students in the school the previous year have a place reserved for them, and all new students are accepted on a "first come" basis. The students that are accepted are the neediest because Lifeline ministers in poverty stricken areas. Students in Lifeline schools come from all backgrounds: Catholic, other denominations, or families with no religious practice. Parents allow their children to hear God's Word in order to receive a good education and the other benefits provided through Lifeline.

### **How do I find out what's happening in my sponsored child's life?**

Lifeline strives to keep you informed of special events or special needs in your child's life (baptisms, illnesses, etc.) as we learn of them, but information does not always reach us immediately. You may request updates and information on your sponsored child, such as:

- Measurements of your child to purchase clothing
- Special needs of your child or family

Simply email [Sponsor@Lifeline.org](mailto:Sponsor@Lifeline.org) or call 614-794-0108.

### **How many people sponsor my child?**

Typically, only one person sponsors a child, unless a sponsor chooses to partner with a friend/relative in sponsoring the assigned child.

Children who live in the children's home have multiple sponsors so that the financial needs of the homes are closer to being met. Your information will not be shared with any of the other sponsors.

### **Does my child sponsorship contribution go to my child? (No)**

When you sponsor a child, your contributions go to the overall children's ministry to support the benefits all the children receive (sponsored and not-yet-sponsored). Your sponsorship donation does not go into your child's hands or to a special account for a specific child.

Until a child receives a sponsor, Lifeline's general fund must support the children's ministries.

Note: The personal gifts, extra money, and purchases you make through Lifeline do go directly to your sponsored child.

### **What if I can no longer continue my sponsorship?**

Please contact us as soon as possible so that we may find another sponsor. If possible, locate a friend/family member to continue your sponsorship and notify us to transfer the child.

### **What happens if I get behind in my sponsorship contribution?**

Your sponsorship must be kept current in order for you to be a sponsor. If you have temporary financial hardships, please contact us and we will hold your child for six months or until your situation improves. Once you become behind more than 6 months ***without communicating with us***, you will no longer be the sponsor and your child will be reassigned to another sponsor.

Reminder: You must first meet your Basic Child Sponsorship commitment before gifts can be accepted and distributed to your child.

### **Why can't I mail letters and/or gifts directly to my child in Honduras?**

Honduras does not have direct mail service to all of the population, and if there is service, frequent loss occurs; gifts may also be stolen. Also, you would not receive a photo of your child with your gift.

### **What happens if I miss their birthday or Christmas?**

You may send gifts according to the gift deadlines. The children typically do not receive other gifts, so yours are welcome no matter when they arrive. All gifts are shipped to Honduras by container through customs; thus their arrival depends on how fast they pass through customs. It takes a minimum of 6 months for your child to receive their gifts.



## An Overview of Honduras

The impoverished nation of Honduras has a tumultuous history. We recommend going online to learn more.

Honduras was home to several important indigenous cultures, most notably the Maya, who built a civilization that flourished, but was in the process of decline when Christopher Columbus arrived in 1502. With the arrival of the Spanish, the Mayans were completely decimated by the Spanish conquest and by the introduction of European diseases. The Spanish also introduced its now predominant language and many of its customs in the sixteenth century. With the discovery of gold in 1525, Honduras became a center of interest and conflict for many years. By 1549, gold and silver deposits were more limited than initially hoped for and Honduras lost its early importance. Mining continued with most of its population dedicated to agriculture and ranching.

In 1821, Honduras declared its independence from Spain and for a few months joined with Mexico. In 1824, all of Central America broke away from Mexico and formed a union known as the United Provinces of Central America. Due to political rivalries, the United Provinces fell apart and on November 5, 1838 Honduras became a separate republic. The new nation was torn by conflict. During most of the 19th and early 20th century the rulers were mostly dictators with little concern for the mass of Honduran people; the army often dictated who would hold office in Honduras. Between 1957 and 1982 the country had only two civilian presidents and both were forced out of office by the military. After two and a half decades of mostly military rule, a freely elected civilian government came to power in 1982 and the country is now a republic headed by a president, who is elected directly by the people for a 4-year term.

In 1998, the country was devastated by Hurricane Mitch, which killed about 5,600 people and caused approximately \$2 billion in damage. Since then, the economy has slowly rebounded

## A Snapshot of Honduras

*Honduras holds the regrettable distinction of being the poorest of the Central American countries.*

<b>Population:</b>	8.4 million people
<b>Capital :</b>	Tegucigalpa
<b>Imports:</b>	Machinery and transport equipment, industrial raw materials, chemical products, fuels, foodstuffs
<b>Exports:</b>	Apparel, coffee, shrimp, automobile wire harnesses, cigars, bananas, gold, palm oil, fruit, lobster, lumber
<b>Location:</b>	Central America, bordering the Caribbean Sea, between Guatemala and Nicaragua and bordering the Gulf of Fonseca (North Pacific Ocean), between El Salvador and Nicaragua. It has only a short Pacific coast but a long Caribbean shoreline, including the virtually uninhabited eastern Mosquito Coast.
<b>Land Size:</b>	43,277 square miles (slightly larger than Tennessee)
<b>Climate:</b>	Tropical with a mean temperature of 80°F
<b>Language:</b>	Spanish
<b>Currency:</b>	Lempira
<b>Illiteracy Rate:</b>	14.9%
<b>Unemployment Rate:</b>	4.5% (note: about 1/3 of the people are underemployed)
<b>Population Below Poverty Line:</b>	60%

*Source: CIA World Factbook*



## Lifeline's Ministry in Honduras

Lifeline began work in the country of Honduras in 1986. In 1987, Lifeline's first Christian church and Christian school were established and opened to evangelize and educate.

With Christ as the center of all that is done and evangelism the primary focus, Lifeline ministers to the people spiritually. God's love is spreading throughout the communities where Lifeline ministers through evangelism, Christian churches, new church plants, Christian schools, the Bible Institute, and leadership training seminars.

Lifeline also ministers to people's physical needs, and in Honduras the needs are great! Lifeline has established various ministries to meet the physical needs of the people: Christian schools, a Children's

Home for girls, disaster relief, health clinics, and more.

Short-term mission trips have provided a "hands-on" opportunity for individuals to minister to the Honduran people. Individuals can engage in mission-led activities, such as preaching, teaching, construction, carpentry, painting, gardening, working with children, medical and dental clinics, and much more. Thousands have participated in Lifeline's mission trip ministry!

We believe that by meeting physical, as well as spiritual needs, we can show Christ's love and light in an effective way. Each year hundreds of people are baptized into Christ in the mission field, and each year visiting work team members are also baptized in the mission field or when they return home.



## 5 Core Values for Lifeline's Schools

We want these values to embody every student and teacher in Lifeline's schools!

### **Affirmation: I am *IMPORTANT* because God knows and loves me.**

Every STUDENT will feel valued and shape their identity according to God's image of them.  
Every TEACHER will build meaningful, affirming relationships with each student.  
Every CLASSROOM will be a place of love, acceptance and belonging.

### **Truth: I want to learn the *TRUTH* because it sets me *FREE*.**

Every STUDENT will grow in knowledge, wisdom and character because of new truth they are discovering each day.  
Every TEACHER will be a life-long learner, continuing to gain wisdom, knowledge and discernment.  
Every CLASSROOM will lead students into a life-changing relationship with Jesus, the source of all truth.

### **Purpose: I was created by God to do *GREAT THINGS*.**

Every STUDENT will realize they are part of something bigger than themselves and be challenged to pursue their unique calling.

Every TEACHER will inspire students to reach higher today and to imagine the vision God has for them tomorrow.  
Every CLASSROOM will encourage big ideas, impossible dreams and bold adventures.

### **Selflessness: I will always *PUT OTHERS FIRST* because it makes God happy.**

Every STUDENT will have a generous spirit toward others, eager to serve their family, school and community.  
Every TEACHER will serve each student by being prepared, going beyond expectations and investing personally in them.  
Every CLASSROOM will offer a variety of experiences for students & teachers to give of themselves and serve their community.

### **Integrity: I will do the *RIGHT THING* even when it is hard.**

Every STUDENT will choose to follow Jesus with conviction, courage and passion.  
Every TEACHER will live a life worth imitating.  
Every CLASSROOM will reward honesty, character and responsibility.



## Lifeline Christian Mission: Restoring Hope among the Nations!

Discover more at [Lifeline.org](http://Lifeline.org)!

### Children

**Christian Schools:** Educates 9,000+ students in Lifeline's 15 Christian schools in Haiti, Honduras, and Navajo Nation

**Children's Homes:** 2 homes in Haiti and Honduras provide a safe haven for children to grow physically and spiritually

**Higher Education Scholarships:** Provides higher education scholarships for Lifeline's school graduates

### Churches & Evangelism

**Christian Churches & House Churches:** Oversees 125+ Christian Churches & House Churches in Haiti, Honduras, El Salvador, Cuba, Guatemala, Navajo Nation, and Panama

**Leadership seminars:** Hosts seminars for church leaders and pastors on the foreign mission field

**International Bible Institutes:** Trains new leaders to minister throughout Central America

### Planting Churches

### Health & Nutrition

**Health Clinics:** 3 clinics in Haiti and Honduras serving 25,000+ patients annually

**Food Distribution:** Distributes millions of nutritious, rice-based food to the hungry in Haiti and throughout the world

**Nutrition Programs:** Provides food for thousands of children and needy adults daily

### Life Assistance

**Home Building Ministry:** Hundreds of homes have been constructed for the neediest families in Haiti

**Employment:** Employs 300+ national co-workers in the mission field

### Vocational Training

**Disaster Relief:** Provides relief items in emergency situations

### Food & Clothing Pantries



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