

## September Outreach of the Month Synod Honduras Mission



In September, we will direct the Outreach of the Month to Salud Para la Vida or Health for Life. This ministry promotes the health and growth of the body of Christ by working with the Honduran Lutheran Church Leaders as they provide a holistic health ministry.

Almost 15 years ago the Honduran Lutheran Church leaders had a vision for a sustainable health project for their communities. Working with members of the N/W Lower Michigan Synod that vision became a reality in 2005 with the beginning of Health for Life. During mission trips members of the N/W Lower Michigan Synod join Honduran Lutheran Church leaders in training local Honduran volunteers to address basic health issues in their own villages. These volunteers are a constant presence in their communities and minister and assist their neighbors whenever needed. This ensures that members of the target communities are served year-round with relevant care.

In fifteen years this project has grown from an idea within the Honduran Lutheran Church and the N/W Lower Michigan Synod to a ministry supported by the synod and the Global Mission Unit of ELCA. Together we have been able to not only maintain the programs but expand them.

Health for Life has become a model program for accompaniment ministry and supports a long-term partnership between congregations in Honduras and Michigan.

Contributions can be placed in the offering plate using the special envelopes found in the pew racks, dropped off directly at the ULC office or by using the “Donate” button on the ULC website homepage. Checks should be made out to “ULC” with “Honduras” on the memo line.

