

Proyecto Alas's focus is to reach children and young people with a high connection to the streets. Among other things, these youth are much more likely to suffer from depression, to attempt suicide and to become drug users. We believe that the most effective way to positively affect the life of a high-risk child or young person is to place a mentor in their life who meets with them for at least one hour a week for a minimum of one year.

Research shows that children with a mentor in their life are:

- 46% less likely to start using drugs
- 27% less likely to start using alcohol
- 52% less likely to skip school

Proyecto Alas operates in two locations: an after-school program in Talanga and a transition program for young adults in Tegucigalpa

Mentoring changes lives



HOW TO GIVE:

To support Proyecto Alas

If you're in the UK – go to streetkidsdirect.org.uk and click "donate". Follow instructions and in the comments section write "Proyecto Alas" AND email lindsey@streetkidsdirect.org.uk amount and date sent

If you're in the US – go to wgm.org/project/proyecto-alas and click "give". Follow instructions and in the comments section write "Proyecto Alas" AND email lindsey@streetkidsdirect.org.uk amount and date sent

To support Lindsey & Steve – follow instructions at www.churchmissionsociety.org/poulson

3 PHASES OF MISSION:

1) **STREET CONNECTED:** Outreach work, Education Catchup

2) **MENTORING & EDUCATION:** Mentoring, Education Program, Youth Group, Psychological support, Family Intervention

3) **TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD:** Outreach work, Vocational education, University Program

VISION To see transformed children and young people transform the world

MISSION: To provide the most at-risk, street-connected children and young people in Honduras with a Christian mentor who is trained and equipped to help them realise their potential and live a life of abundance

FOUNDATIONAL VERSE: He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge. Psalm 91:4 (NIV)

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SOME MORE INFO ON OUR AREAS OF WORK:

Outreach work - Going out into the community, building relationship with children or young people spending most of their time on the streets.

Education Catchup "Yo sí puedo" - This program facilitates accelerated learning for kids, young people, or their parents who have been out of school for a while to get them back on track.

Mentoring - This is the key to Proyecto Alas, and could also be called Discipleship. Pairs the child or young person to a trained adult who provides a caring and consistent presence in their life, meeting for 1 hour a week in our Centre.

Education program - We help kids get registered in the local schools, provide after school homework help and tutoring in our Centre, and follow up with their teachers and parents on their progress and attendance.

Youth group - A Saturday youth club to support the social, emotional and spiritual formation of our adolescents

Psychological support - Our part-time psychologist provides assessments for all our kids and therapies for those most in need.

Physical health support - Mostly for emergency or serious situations, we help with transport and treatment expenses as we are able. All kids are provided with annual dental care.

Family Intervention - Supporting the families of the kids via regular visits, prayer and counselling, a weekly mother's group, and opportunities for the mothers to continue their secondary education or receive employment training in hairdressing, jewellery making, and baking.

Vocational Education - Supporting post-secondary students to further their education in a specific trade, such as nursing or mechanics. Housing and food stipends are provided for cases where schools are located outside of Talanga.

University program - Supporting young adults through their university studies in the capital city of Tegucigalpa, with scholarships that include a shared apartment and a food stipend. Practical, emotional, and spiritual supports are provided to prepare them for independent living.

EMPRESAS ALAS



EMPRESAS ALAS or "The Alas Business" was started to create a sustainable income for the project. It has become so much more and is a legally registered for-profit business in Honduras.

VISION To see transformed children and young people transform the world

MISSION: To generate funds and support through an ecosystem of businesses that are recognised by their customer service, quality and for investing in children and young people at risk.

We currently have a coffee shop and barber shop in the same building as the mentoring centre in Talanga and are excited to be expanding to a second coffee shop in the coffee capital of Honduras - Siguatepeque!

We partner with our now "grown up" young people who want to start their own business and with other like-minded business people in Honduras to form a self-motivated and passionate group of



BUSINESS AS MISSION



people, running their own businesses but all for the same purpose.

If you are interested in investing in Empresas Alas, we are perusing the following opportunities: Hair Salon in our building in Talanga £4,000 and a Clothing Label based out of our coffee shops £3,000. You can invest all or part of the amount. Please get in contact for more information.

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