JUÁREZ



Eliberto & Molly Juárez

EL SALVADOR

LANGUAGES

English Spanish

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Education, Peace and Justice

CHILDREN

Elliot

BIRTHDAYS

Eliberto 2/15 Molly 1/3 Flliot 10/1







ELIBERTO and MOLLY are endorsed to serve in El Salvador with IM partner Misión Vida y Paz (MVP), or Mission Life and Peace. They share a strong commitment to peace-building and social transformation through the power of the gospel. MVP is an educational program based on biblical values that teaches

peace-building in public schools in El Salvador. The couple will use their backgrounds in community development and theological training to educate and train Christian volunteers who are committed to serve as agents of transformation in their communities. These volunteers will work with Molly and Eliberto to deploy the MVP curriculum in schools across the country. They seek to see churches living out their calling to bring God's peace to children, families, and communities.

MINISTRY STORY

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Misión Vida y Paz (MVP) was challenged to creatively revisit our role as agents of peace and hope in our communities in El Salvador. With schools closed for over a year, our team sought new ways for meaningful connection with the community in a time of isolation and fear.

In partnership with the Church of God of Nejapa, MVP volunteers offered a series of three biosecurity workshops for marginalized communities in the town of Nejapa. These workshops targeted two serious challenges: the presence of COVID-19 and the presence of gangs in these communities. The workshops connected faith and public health and were directed by an MVP volunteer who works professionally as a nurse.

Through these fun, engaging, and practical workshops, MVP was able to reach sixty families. Our participants included children, parents, and older adults, making an impact across multiple generations. MVP volunteers shared basic tips for physical safety during the pandemic, as well as practices for mental and spiritual care. We provided COVID-19 hygiene kits to each family, including masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, and educational material. And as we offered families the physical tools for health and safety, we also shared a message of hope to communities struggling with increased violence, poverty, and isolation, all during a global pandemic.

MVP is and will continue to be committed



Gaby, an MVP volunteer, shares COVID-19 safety tips with at-risk families.

to building healthy communities—in mind, body, and spirit—that can lead us toward a society that embraces God's shalom.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that students would be able to return to school safely, as many have yet to return in person due to the challenges of the pandemic, and that new national leaders arise to make important changes in the education system.

Pray for the church to find its prophetic voice to denounce social and political violence in El Salvador.

Pray that God would open doors as we continue supporting and growing MVP's ministry for peace.

SCRIPTURE

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Matthew 9:35-36 (NIV)

