

## ZELAYA



Dilia  
Zelaya

**HONDURAS**

### LANGUAGE

Spanish

### MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Education,  
Evangelism

### BIRTHDAY

6/9



### LOCATION

Honduras



### ABOUT

DILIA is an associate global servant appointed by International Ministries in partnership with the First Baptist Church of Marshalltown, Iowa. She is responsible for developing and supervising the Ministries of Faith and New Life in Azacualpa, Honduras. This ministry is home to nine children, providing for

all their basic needs—food, education, health, and spiritual growth. Additionally, Dilia founded the Escuela Cristiana Vida Nueva (Christian School of New Life), a bilingual school that includes a computer room, a feeding program that provides a meal five days a week to approximately fifty children in need, and a soccer program dedicated to teenagers from the community.

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A group of students meet in the auditorium at the end of the school year. They have to wear masks every single day during school.



Alexandra, one of our children, colors during a Sunday school class.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

This has been a year of many challenges, but God has been by our side. During the 2020 and 2021 school year, our education system in Honduras suffered a dramatic decline. During these last two years education has not been face-to-face, which makes it difficult for low-income people to connect online or for children to connect regularly to online classes.

During 2021, our Christian school at Ministries of Faith and New Life took a step of faith and started our hybrid classes. We have experienced changes in our students academically, socially, and spiritually.

We wanted not only to be teaching in person but also to return to a more normal church schedule. During the pandemic, children have been neglected both spiritually and socially. Many local churches had not started their Sunday school programs, and children were not receiving God's Word at church or at home. In February 2021, we started our Sunday school, which grew to between sixty and seventy children every Sunday.

At the national level, the call has been felt to return to the classroom in schools. In the churches, it is a primary need to attend to children with the command of Proverbs 22:6 to instruct the child in the right way and even in his old age not to abandon him.

We are thankful for having the space we have both inside and outside to spread out if we need to while still coming together.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Honduras has a new government this year; pray that God will give them wisdom.

Pray for those who will be teaching in our school as well Sunday school.

Pray for the students and families at the Christian school and for protection during this time of pandemic.

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## SCRIPTURE

*“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”*

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)