

**LOS HÉROES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2010**  
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**PRESENTATION**

Brothers and sisters, may our faithful and generous God keep you firm in your evangelistic mission with the word and your actions of living salvation with your fellow human beings. We can never exhaust our thanks and blessings for you in these difficult times for human survival. Only through love and communication is it possible to carry together the difficult weights that are placed on us by this world-turned-upside-down by us human beings.

We are presenting a budget and we have not passed the margin of the budget of 2009, not increasing the costs and being able to maintain the hope of the youth who benefit, but in all cases we are completely flexible to define the mechanism or best method to be able to continue building positive and quality futures for the youth and for us, the fathers and mothers of their families.

In 2009 we sponsored 91 youth and this year 2010 we will have 87 youth, taking into consideration the support that the government of El Salvador will make for youth from the first to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. But we are challenged by the number of high school students who pass to the university because the cost of those levels is greater than the other earlier grades.

May the grace and love of God who illuminates us and the presence of the Spirit give us the wisdom to be able to have a better alternative so that we as churches will be able to fulfill our mission to serve.  
THANK YOU BROTHERS AND SISTERS!!!! MAY THE PEACE OF OUR FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU.

**OBJECTIVES**

- 1.0 Advance the process of assimilation of the function of the organic structures of the church in order to consolidate its sustainability
- 1.1 Continue to improve the selection process of new scholarship recipients
- 1.2 Strengthen the parish council to have better quality participation
- 1.3 Continue the plan of visiting scholarship families
- 1.4 Strengthen the work of the sectors (neighborhoods in Los Héroes) through the work of the Family Commission
- 1.5 Support the strengthening of the Northern Micro-Region

**STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES**

1. Evaluate the advances of each family.
2. Evaluate whether the focus should be on the younger children or older children.
3. Each committee or commission will self-determine their action plan.
4. Establish the development of a youth worship service, conducted by the youth.
5. Strongly instill Bible reflection in the general meetings and committee meetings.
6. Try to have dynamic and participatory worship services.
7. Give functional life to the parish council.
8. Exercise narrative controls over those who are confirmed and the members of the program in general. (Read over their letters.)
9. Give knowledge to the work of the church in its present context.

10. Bring awareness so that the people in the program see the importance of the activities outside of the community.
11. Redirect the participation of youth according to areas of local work.
12. Assign responsibility for the emblematic activities defined as the first two assemblies of January, the week of partnership in February, the anniversary of the community Heroes of the Faith in March, Mothers and Fathers Day, the anniversary of signing our partnership covenant, the horse races, the anniversary of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church in August, and the closing of the year.
13. Deepen the work of the Family Commission.
14. Have at least 3 family visits weekly by the pastoral team.
15. Continue the process of evaluation of the 40 questions and tabulate and act on recommendations with concrete actions.
16. Get closer to the educational centers of Los Heroes and Tonacatepeque.

### **Introduction to the Budget**

My dear brothers and sisters, in this opportunity as Coordinator of the Scholarship Program for the church Heroes of the Faith, I have felt at a crossroads for 2 reasons: The first is that we are clear that the economic situation is difficult in every part of the world; The second is the enthusiasm for study is growing in the community (which you know) and as the local church we do not have the resources to sustain financing studies.

The process of study has a dynamic with a tendency of increasing the economic cost through the increase in the cost of living and because the blocks of students in high school and the university have a greater investment. In this opportunity for different reasons we have adjusted the plan in such a manner that to the greatest extent possible we are maintaining the same budget level as 2009.

Reasons for readjustments: The government of El Salvador, for the first time, has offered help of uniforms and notebooks to the students in Grades 1 through 9, although there are still doubts about the people possibly benefited and so the scholarship students that in 2009 were given \$95 in January now will have \$75 and those that receive \$105 will receive \$85 and in the social support part of the program we have asked for the minimum that will permit us to support the path of progress.

For the other part, we have the retirement of 11 youth from the program. 6 left at different moments during 2009; 2 finished the year but do not want to continue; 2 did not complete the rules of the program during the year, and 1 completed his studies. I will provide details regarding these 11 students in another report.

From the rolls from 2009 we are left with 80 students and for 2010 we have enrolled 7 more so that in 2010 we will have 87 students. We are aware that the block of high school and university students has complicated for us the economic factor and that it will be a situation of 2 years before we can stop and re-orient the selection of scholarship students.

## **SUMMARY BUDGET**

86 Scholarships	\$36,850
Curriculum	\$200
Graduation Fees	
3 Ninth Grade	\$120
3 High School	\$180
Awards for First Place Students	\$550 – provided by sister church in Germany
Closing celebration for the year	\$250
Transportation for activities	\$200
Coordinator Salary	\$2400
Communication, transportation And costs of monitoring the students	\$600
Total	\$41,350

### **Linda's Addition to the Document**

1. General Parent Meetings are held 2 times per month. These are typically attended by mostly mothers, although several men do attend. All students are required to have an adult representative attend these meetings. The meetings are held from 3 to 5 pm on Saturdays, and include time for a brief devotion (song, biblical reflection), prayer and discussion of themes relating to parenting.
2. Men's Group Meetings are held 2 times per month and are held on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 pm. The content includes biblical study and time to study and discuss issues relating to being fathers.
3. Family Commission – the family commission was a movement started by 6 women of the community. The community has been divided into sectors, and the leaders do home visits (in teams of 2) in their sectors. They also have weekly meetings for Bible study and fellowship in homes.
4. Youth Group Meetings are held 2 times per month on Saturday afternoons from 3 to 5 pm. All scholarship youth ages 12 and older are required to attend, and all youth in the community are welcome. Due to the very large size of the group, during 2010, small groups will also form and meet in homes.
5. Children's Group Meetings are held from 9:30 to 11 am on Sunday mornings as part of Sunday School. All scholarship students up to age 12 are required to attend and all children are welcome.