



Ellyn Benson Dubberly – Children’s Ministries

Global Ministries Missionary Serving in El Salvador

End of Summer Update (August 8, 2022)

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As I sit at my home desktop computer, at the end of a full day of teaching English at the Methodist school, trying to order the ideas in my mind to share with supporters, I am overwhelmed by a heart full of thanksgiving to God. The words of Paul come to my mind....

I thank my God every time I remember you. In every prayer for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you since I have you in my heart. For in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel, you are all partners in grace with me. God is my witness how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to test and prove what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Thanksgiving and Prayer (1 Corinthians 1:4–9; Colossians 1:3–14)

I am truly thankful for your partnership in ministry and with thanksgiving I share with you just a few of the things that God has been doing El Salvador.

~Ellyn

The Evangelical Methodist Church in El Salvador celebrated its 21st Annual Conference on the first two days of August 2022.

The conference was led by Bishop Juan de Dios Pena-Gallegos and was attended by 11 pastors, 9 delegates, 2 missionaries, and 1 church administrator. This was the first in-person gathering since 2019 due to the world pandemic of Covid-19.

The joy of the spirit was felt in the gathering.

The purpose of this gathering was to share challenges as well as lessons learned by each local church through the pandemic. Also, members were elected to participate in the committee of Discipline as well as the Board of Ordained Ministry.



Bishop Juan de Dios Peña Gallegos

First Bishop of the Evangelical Methodist Church in El Salvador

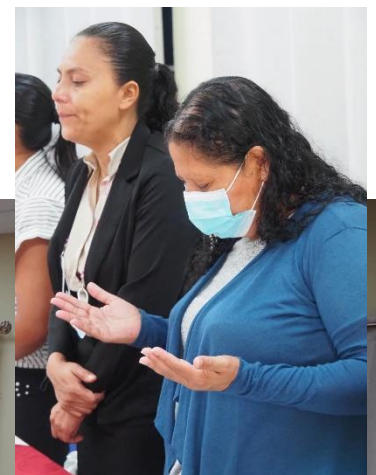


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Sunday July 31, Thursday, August 4, and Friday, August 5 were very joyful days for children and youth in the Evangelical Methodist Church in El Salvador.

A team of Sunday School teachers from IEMES La Providencia as well as the National Church Administrator, Youth Leader, Director of Christian Education, and an Individual Volunteer in Mission from Holland’s UMC in the North Carolina Conference created a traveling Bible School Ministry. We shared a message of the six colors of salvation, sang songs, made salvation bracelets (provided by Holland’s UMC in North Carolina) as well as made pencil toppers from pipe cleaners, played games, blew bubbles, and shared a snack of ham and cheese sandwiches and juice. In three days, we visited 6 of the 12 IEMES churches and shared the love of Christ with 143 children, plus some of their mothers and Sunday School Teachers. Our hope is to visit two to three more IEMES churches on Sundays during the months of August and September.



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Deepen your experience of mission.



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Send a work team or come as an individual volunteer to serve our Salvadoran brothers and sisters through the ministries of IEMES.



Ways to Support God's Mission and Ministries in El Salvador

- **Prayer Support** - pray for the global church as well as the church in El Salvador. Pray specifically for the children who are being reached through the Children's Ministries of the IEMES that they will be filled with the love of Christ and will share that love with others as they grow.
- **Financial Support** – you can send financial support to Ellyn Dubberly that helps cover her living expenses as well as medical expenses enabling her to be the hands and feet of Christ to children and their families in El Salvador.
<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-1591-dubberly-ellyn-benson.aspx>
- **Send a Team** – Mission Teams come to serve in El Salvador from all over the United States, they come from different denominations as well as non-religious groups. Contact Ellyn by email for more information.
- **Come as an Individual Volunteer in Mission** – you can come for as short or long a time as fits your schedule to see the ministry in person and serve in the ministry with Ellyn. You can help teach English, help with Bible School, Construction Projects, Medical Projects, as well as others. We will help you with transportation, food, and lodging while you are here. Email Ellyn if you are interested in more details.
- **Become a Covenant Partner** - Through a Covenant Relationship, you and your church can provide specific support for one of the 200-plus United Methodist missionaries serving in more than 60 countries.

By covenanting together, you and the missionary deepen your experience of God's mission. Covenant relationships offer opportunities for you and the missionary to support one another through prayer and worship, to journey in mission together through your presence and service, and to bear witness to and share God's mighty works in mission.

As a covenant partner, you can offer sustained financial support to your missionary partner so that they can continue to serve. Global Ministries missionaries depend on your support to sustain their livelihoods as they fulfill God's call to mission service. Missionaries are charged with raising \$25,000 USD annually. Your financial gifts and relationship help provide for the salary and benefits of the missionary you support. For more information, check out the following link, or contact Ellyn.

<https://umcmmission.org/covenantrelationships/>