

Camp Hope in El Salvador

Camp Hope is committed to responding to needs in your neighborhood as you live out your faith. Now you can take it beyond the neighborhood and share Camp Hope globally! Get your whole congregation involved by using the 7 steps below to join in this new project. Be part of this life-transforming ministry at El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church in the rural community of Usulután, El Salvador. Check out the Camp Hope Ministries Facebook page for photos from the pilot project training 40 staff and serving 60 children in January 2015. It was truly Camp Hope at its best.

1. **Talk with your Church Leadership.** See if your church has policies in place to help guide members involved in fundraising and mission outreach programs. Meet with leaders to talk about the importance of this ministry and ask for time during your Camp Hope to share with the entire congregation.
2. **Set a Date.** Designate a few Sunday mornings during Camp Hope to highlight your own Camp Hope and invite the congregation to help support Camp Hope in El Salvador.
3. **Prepare Publicity.** There are resources available for you to use when you present to your congregation that explain both the opportunity and how they can contribute.
 - a. **Bulletin Insert.** Use this ½ page flyer to answer specific question on what Camp Hope is doing in El Salvador and how to contribute.
 - b. **Social Media.** Use your website, Facebook, Twitter and other social media venues to share the bulletin insert AND a link to online giving opportunities at waytolead.org.
 - c. **Video.** Share this short video from the Camp Hope YouTube channel during worship. Introduce it by explaining that the video highlights some of the staff in El Salvador and how Camp Hope has transformed them and their community. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTJKFORqFI4>)
4. **Prepare the Staff.** Introduce Camp Hope in El Salvador to your staff during training. Help them see that they are part of a larger faith community. Connect them with other Camp Hopes through the Camp Hope Ministries Facebook page, YouTube, Twitter, Pinterest and website. Encourage your students to take ownership of this mission outreach by letting them take charge of raising money and building awareness via social media! (Note: these links are all found on our website page camhopeministries.org and at waytolead.org.)
5. **Prepare the Campers.** During Camp Hope, have the staff talk with your campers about Camp Hope in other congregations. Have them pray for this ministry during their worship times. Show the video of Camp Hope in El Salvador from the YouTube channel. Talk about sharing this with the whole congregation on Sunday. Invite the campers to help make this dream come true by taking a special offering at the end of your Camp Hope week. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOWgMZysjYs>)
6. **Share with the Congregation in worship and learning times.**
 - a. Sing a song and share some personal stories about the week. Invite the campers to come forward and talk about their own Camp Hope experience.
 - b. Encourage people to look at the bulletin insert as you share about the larger Camp Hope faith community. Explain the value of reaching out beyond your own neighborhood and growing leaders across the world.
 - c. Show the short promo video mentioned above.
 - d. Take a special offering during worship or learning times.
7. **Send in your Donation.** Have the church write one check for all cash and checks made out to your church then mail it along with checks made out directly to LEAD:
LEAD, 12941 I-45 North Freeway #210, Houston, TX 77060.

We know that a deep, bold, consequential faith in Jesus Christ means loving God with all our heart, soul,

mind and strength AND loving our neighbors as ourselves. Join with other Camp Hopes to put your faith into action by supporting this project in El Salvador.