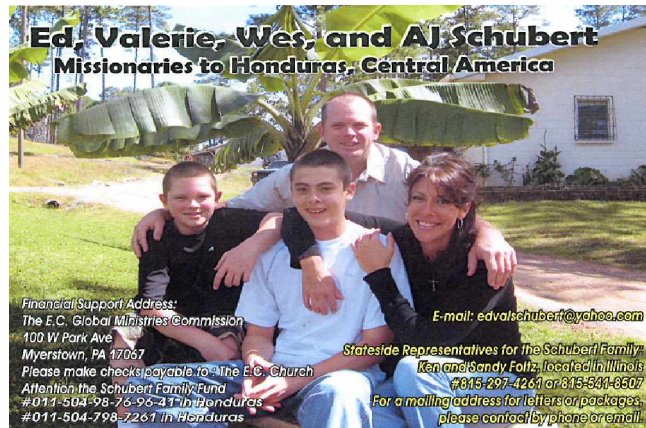




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Ed and Valerie, Wes and AJ Schubert:

In July 2001, God called the **Ed and Valerie Schubert** family from their family-owned dairy farm located in northern Illinois, to a rural mountain in Honduras, Central America to serve the poor of Honduras in His name.

Ed and Valerie, along with their two sons, Wesley and Adam John, live in the small town of Zambrano, located about an hour outside the capital city of Honduras.

The family serves the people of Honduras through community development, discipleship classes, and practical need-meeting. **Community development** takes the shape of affordable, safe day care for single moms living in poverty, English as a Second Language classes for young people, Literacy classes for adults who cannot read or write, and agriculture projects to help grow needed food for the physically hungry. **Discipleship classes** provide a way for spiritually hungry Honduran children and adults to be fed on the Word of God. **Practical-need meeting** projects include food distribution, clothing provision, medicine donations, and donations of livestock.

Ed, Valerie, Wesley, and Adam John have lived in Honduras for over seven years. During that time, they have cared for abandoned children in their home, ministered to Hondurans living in desperate situations due to poverty and crime, and provided North American volunteers with a dynamic opportunity to serve the Lord in Honduras.

Ed is gifted in agriculture and construction. His gifts have led him to head up the construction of new ministry buildings on 3 different ministry campuses, launch and direct agriculture programs, and direct volunteer construction teams from North America.

Valerie's gifts are in evangelism, teaching, leadership, and administration. She has served as a teacher and then subsequently the principal for a mission school. Valerie has also directed evangelism outreach projects, Literacy programs, ESL programs, and served as hostess to visitors to the ministry projects.

Currently, Ed is in charge of construction for two ministry campuses within Honduras. Valerie is serving as the Supervisor for an inner-city day care center located in the capital city, Tegucigalpa. She also teaches ESL to teens and adults, leads discipleship classes for girls, and does translation work for two ministries.

Wesley, 16, is currently in eleventh grade. Adam John, 12, is enrolled in seventh grade. The two young men are home-schooled by a volunteer missionary tutor. They have classes in the home each day, and spend their free time playing with their chocolate lab named Duke. Wes and Adam John enjoy hiking in the mountains around their home, and going to the north coast beaches.

The need in Honduras is great. The majority of Hondurans live in abject poverty without access to basic infrastructures such as drinkable water, electricity, sewage, or medical care. Unemployment rates are high and violent crime is at epidemic proportions, with Honduras having one of the highest per capita murder rates in the world.

Ed and Valerie believe that generally speaking, a person can recognize their physical need more easily than he or she can perceive his or her spiritual need. Therefore, all the practical-need meeting projects in which they participate are designed with the intent of being able to create an opportunity to share about Jesus and His salvation, which is the **greatest need a person will ever possess**. Through practical-need meeting, Ed and Valerie *live* the Gospel, which then creates the opportunity to *tell* the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a hurting world.

The North American church can be involved in God's work in Honduras through a variety of ways. Volunteer **construction or agriculture teams** can work alongside Ed in building ministry buildings or in agriculture projects. **Children's ministry, Women's ministry, Evangelism teams, and Music ministry** are areas in which volunteers can serve the people of Honduras. **Financial donations**, as well as donations of **food, clothing, medicines, school supplies**, and **educational toys** are also ways to be involved.

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The Schubert family also has Stateside Representatives located in Illinois for anyone interested in more information regarding volunteer opportunities or the work of the Schubert family. The Stateside Representatives can be reached at:

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