



Presenting

Arnold & Julia Linares

Church Planting & Leadership Development: Honduras



Ministry Focus

Arnold serves as president of Missions Door Honduras and president of the Baptist Ministers Association in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Arnold has also served as the pastor of A Place for All Baptist Church since 1996 in San Pedro Sula. He has been involved in many ministries, including a program to prevent youth gang involvement, a theology teacher at Christ the King School, Director of the Study Center at A Place for All, coordinator of a Christian recreational football program for youth, and is a founding partner of Centro de Alcance por Mi Barrio (Outreach Center For My Neighborhood). Arnold partners with UNICEF to prevent emigration to the U.S., working with youth and children at risk in a highly conflictive sector. He helps more than 1000 young people in technical, educational, sports and spiritual training.

At his church, Pastor Linares has been preparing leaders for missions and has sent five couples to lead the five daughter churches in the San Pedro Sula area. Arnold also oversees, trains and encourages others to expand God's Kingdom nationwide. Their vision is to plant new churches in Honduras in places where there are no churches, including Puerto Cortes, Choloma, Omoa, and Villanueva.

Arnold has been visited at his church by two U.S. Ambassadors in Honduras and by international media such as *New York Times*, *Telemundo*, *NBC News*, and the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, to learn about the work in this community. He organizes evangelistic crusades and the evangelistic project *House by House*, all to reach souls for Christ.

Faith Story

Arnold was born in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. He remembers having a dream where he felt a strong calling to serve Jesus Christ. For a long time, he resisted this call to salvation and service, but in 1993 Missions Door missionary NT Dellinger invited Arnold to a meeting, and it was there that he gave his life to the Lord. Arnold was baptized in December of that year, and in 1994 he began studying at the Baptist Bible Institute and was ready to go wherever God might lead him.

Julia grew up serving in her church and met the Lord at age 10. In 1995, Arnold and Julia met while Arnold was studying at seminary and serving as a part-time pastor, and Julia was serving in discipleship and worship. Today, Arnold and Julia serve together in pastoral ministry, missions and women's ministry.

Family & Education

Arnold and Julia were married in 1997 and are parents to three beautiful children: Sarah Abigail, Arnold Josue and Christopher David.

- English Diploma at European Academy
- English Diploma at Harris Communications
- Diploma in Family Counseling and Pastoral Ethics (UTH/CHANGE 2000)
- Bachelor of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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