

Street Children in Honduras: Challenges to Improve their Lives

A preview of the Introduction to the Thesis By
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This master thesis will seek to give a qualitative report on the situation of street children through the help of three interviewed children living in an NGO called Casa Alianza (CA) or Covenant House. It is an NGO with its headquarters in New York and also existing in other Latin American countries: Mexico, Guatemala and Nicaragua. It provides housing, workshops, food and shelter to street children of ages 12-18. Their interviews will demonstrate the reasons why they have individually chosen to live on the streets, how they reached CA and the help they are receiving. These interviews with the help of yet two more interviews of the social worker and the psychologist at CA will help make clearer on just what the NGO's work consists of and where does the governmental work stand, collaborate and coincide. It will demonstrate disadvantageous areas that need more concentrated work to improve the quantity of children helped, as well as the improvement of the quality of the work given. This research is meaning to reach not just the government of Honduras but also civil society in the hopes of receiving more aid to provide improved help and facilities. To see where weak areas lie and what can be done about it in order to improve assistance. Children are our future and therefore there has to be a more focused solution to provide them with the tools they need for empowerment to live a life full of dignity and positive choices. It is imperative to take them out of the street life.