

FRESH START



IN COSTA RICA

2023 REGIONAL PROJECT

Sue Hegarty is a Global Servant with International Ministries (IM) serving in Costa Rica. Her ministry is to come along side Nicaraguan immigrant women & children leaving situations of domestic violence.

Factors against them:

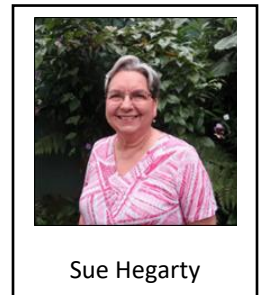
- Low education level (often less than 3rd grade) so job options are limited
- High level of prejudice against them in the general Costa Rican population
- Fathers of the children are not assisting in any way (financial or otherwise)
- No extended family support nearby or dysfunctional family relationships
- Often have 3+ children to provide for
- Come out of situations of domestic violence, often told by society and the church disregard abuse, and make the relationship work. They are coping with layers of trauma

Factors in their favor:

- Committed to providing for their children, not afraid of hard work and sacrifices
- Eager to learn new skills to work or get a better job
- Desperately for a better life and schooling for their children

What American Baptist Women's Ministries of Pennsylvania & Delaware can help provide:

- Emergency assistance (medical care, food, housing, etc.)
- Legalization of immigration status (obtaining documentation, paperwork, fees, transportation, or a lawyer)
- Formal education assistance (Tutoring of children and adults, supplying basic school supplies)
- Job skill training assistance (Registration and tuition assistance, supplies)
- Counseling for trauma (Some is free through the justice system; others need to draw on private counseling.)
- Group care/Pastoral care (Celebrations of special events and Bible studies with supplies and transportation)
- Publication of Bible studies (studies written for women and girls at risk, based on biblical women)



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PROJECT GOAL \$15,000.00

PROJECT BEGINS August 1, 2022 and ENDS July 31, 2023

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