

## Historical assessment of the San Jose Church of Christ

The San Jose Church of Christ (SJCC) was established on August 12, 1956, as a mission effort of the Riverside Park Church of Christ. The church eventually outgrew its space, and in 2002 the Family Life Center was built for youth/teen education and family fellowship. In 2016, while participating in a church-wide movement to grow faith and trust in God, the San Jose Church of Christ was able to raise \$2.5 million to update current facilities, make all buildings handicapped-accessible and build a new building for the church in Achuapa, Nicaragua.

## Ministries supported

### *Independent Ministries*

SJCC has supported a variety of ministries over the years, including the following active ministries:

- Children's Ministry
- Ladies Ministry
- LIFE Groups
- Marriage Ministry
- Men's Movement
- Youth Ministry
- Lads to Leaders

### *Community Partnerships*

- City Rescue Mission: Monthly Bible study, serving food and donating clothing to the homeless
- Dignity U Wear: Clothing donations for school children in need
- Mount Dora Children's Home: Financial support, as well as Christmas and Mother's Day gifts for children and house parents
- Red Cross blood drives
- Stepping Stones Preschool (est. 1979): This preschool is hosted in SJCC's church building. Members contribute financial support and volunteer at special events for the preschool, which serves 85 students.
- SJCC partners with UCOM (United Community Outreach Ministry) in support of a local food bank
- Youth Chess Club that meets weekly in the Family Life Center



### *Global Missions*

- Shoe Box Ministries: Shoe boxes full of age-appropriate toys and hygiene products are sent to children in Nicaragua as Christmas gifts.
- Mission Trips: SJCC participates in annual mission trips to Nicaragua. Physical needs have been met by bringing various items including food, clothing and medicine. The local Christians in Nicaragua have been assisted in planting and growing the church in three different locations. SJCC has also assisted in building a new church building at each site. These Nicaraguan church buildings are located in Momotombo, Malpaisillo and Achuapa where SJCC solely supports the ministers that lead these congregations.