

# ROCKPOINTE MISSIONS

## PARTNER PROFILE

### Casa Luz (House of Light)

The Casa Luz ministry, located near **San Jose, Costa Rica**, was started in 2003 by **Lori and Eldon Cooke**. It is a home for young mothers (ages 13 & up) who have been sexually abused and in many cases sexually exploited, who come from extreme poverty and are at high social risk.



The first stage of the ministry accommodates 30 moms and children, providing physical and emotional support, training in parenting skills, educational and vocational development, and Christian spiritual guidance.

The young mothers arrive with many needs and the process of helping them heal is very labor intensive. A team of house moms, a social worker, a psychologist, a school and preschool teacher, and various support personnel all assist the Casa Luz Director in providing 24 hour care and counseling to these young families for at least two years.

The second stage of Casa Luz provides single family apartments and various forms of support for families with mothers at least 18 years old who have satisfactorily completed the Stage 1 program and where other safe and secure independent living options cannot be found. This program is tailored to the specific needs of each family and offers child care, assistance finding employment, the opportunity to continue their studies, physical and emotional support, and spiritual guidance as these families move towards a fully independent life.

The long term goal for Casa Luz is to help the mothers realize that they and their children can live socially healthy lives and have a productive future. A safe, loving Christian home-like environment, unconditional love, acceptance, responsibility, accountability and the healing power of Christ continue to produce many encouraging lifestyle choices and spiritual decisions.

### Prayer Points

- Please pray for our young mothers, that in relationship with Jesus, they will be open to the Lord's healing power and can be freed from the darkness of their past.
- Please pray for our staff, that they will use wisdom, patience and compassion each day as they meet the challenges of raising teenage mothers.
- Please pray for guidance for Lori and Eldon as they begin to look at the possibilities of expanding Casa Luz to be able to further assist the seemingly unlimited number of impoverished young girls that are victims of a male dominated culture.





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## Casa Luz Mission Trip Information

In **November 2016**, a construction team will be heading to Casa Luz in Costa Rica. **Gerry Braun** will be leading this team to complete work that will improve living conditions for the young single moms and their children. This team will be working among the young mothers and their children and your heart will be changed and impacted as you experience the atmosphere of a home for girls who have been broken and are now learning about love and acceptance.

The work will involve the following:

- replacing the ceiling in each of the rooms occupied by a mom and her child
- painting these rooms
- tile work
- electrical
- miscellaneous carpentry work
- other odd jobs

If you are interested in coming on this trip, please contact **Gerry Braun** by phone at **(403) 651-5367** or by email at **amber123@shaw.ca**. If you can't come but you would like to help out with prayer support, financially or in any other way, please feel free to contact Gerry. There are many needs at Casa Luz and if we can bring along packed to overflowing bags, this is of great encouragement to the girls and staff. Thank you for helping out in any way possible.

## Prayer Points

- Please pray that those RockPointers who feel God's leading to participate will respond to His voice in obedience, committing to this trip with hearts of compassion.
- Please pray that interaction between team members and the girls would be positive and that God's love would be evident as they work and interact with the girls. Pray especially that the team would be great Christian role models and that each member would experience a time of spiritual growth in their own lives.
- Please pray for God's hand of protection on everyone working and living within Casa Luz as work progresses, as well as that no one would be struck with illness.
- Please pray for Gerry as he builds, prepares, and leads the team, and that together, they complete the work in a timely manner.