

SERVICE IN THE SERVICE

In the mountains of Honduras, about an hour outside the city of Tegucigalpa, is the town of Casa de Corderitos, a small community of orphaned and neglected children. This is where Airmen from 12th Air Force, Air Forces Southern (AFSOUTH), spent some of their downtime during a recent visit to various Honduran air bases.

NOTE

A heart and mindset for service allows us to embrace opportunities unique to American Airmen and raises expectations.

The various U.S. military units around Honduras sponsor different orphanages, so members of AFSOUTH decided to personally visit Casa de Corderitos orphanage, a central hub for several different outreach programs helping several communities throughout the Tegucigalpa area.

Escalating gang violence and drug wars are taking a toll on the citizens of Tegucigalpa. Children are often targeted by these gangs and are recruited or threatened to increase the size of the gangs.

According to the orphanage coordinator, they would not have gotten as far as they have if it was not for the support of the public and their donations. The goal is to keep the children safe, and the facilities are designed to protect the children from predatory gang members. They've established several programs to help children focus on their future, including providing medical attention and counseling for abused children, establishing safe houses to prevent female human trafficking, and establishing youth programs that teach various trades.

During their visit, AFSOUTH volunteers spent time not only interacting with the children, but also delivered bags full of donated toys, soccer balls, and candy.