

## **About Roatan**

- Largest of the Bay Islands and home to 2 counties: Roatan (West Side) and Santos Guardiola (East End)
- 48 miles long, 5 miles wide (at the widest point)
- Language + cultural diversity
  - English Creole (majority)
  - Spanish (majority)
  - o Garifuna
  - o Miskito
- Economy: Tourism, Fisheries, Offshore Employment

# Legacy Mission International in Roatan

<u>LEGACY CENTER</u>: A faith-based community center in Oak Ridge, Roatan. Legacy Missionaries operate many of their ministry activities from the Legacy Center.

#### Roatan Advocacy Center for Women

Supporting women and youth girls in crisis by providing advocacy and support. In 2021, RAC was able to offer counseling, discipleship, job training, community women's events and crisis intervention through referrals. The majority of women served by the RAC are Spanish speaking, some are bilingual. Job training has included sewing, cooking, baking, and cosmetology.

#### Legacy Center Children's and Youth Program

Legacy Children's ministry shifts its structure every 6-10 weeks. In 2021, the children's ministry has hosted VBS, cooking classes, art classes, english classes, music classes, and more. Multiple teams have been able to participate in this program. Some have taken the kids on outings. This is a bilingual atmosphere. Predominantly Spanish.

#### Women's English Classes

Throughout the year, women in the community have received English classes at the Legacy Center. The aim is to teach in English for the immersion effect in class. Knowing English in Roatan opens many doors of opportunity for jobs and relationships.

#### **Ministry Training Program**

In April, 10 students began a ministry training course that meets a few times a month. They are walking through many seminary level curriculums to be better prepared to teach Christ in their churches and communities.

#### New Life Clinic

New Life Clinic was previously under the umbrella of another ministry but was recently adopted by Legacy Mission International. It is located at Legacy Center Oak Ridge and serves many in the community.

### New Hope Church

New Hope Church had its first official gathering on Easter Sunday of 2021. It has grown quickly, with many following Christ and choosing to be baptized. Several bible studies have

come out of this gathering throughout the week, in English and in Spanish, for men and for women. New Hope is the only bilingual church in the area. There is also a youth group that meets on Friday nights.