



RANCHO EL CAMINO

RANCH YOUTH SERVICES

Background and Context for the Program:

There are an estimated 7-8 million youth in Mexico (and 20 million in Latin America) who neither work nor go to school. Sociologists in Latin America call these youth “The Ninis” as they neither work nor go to school. These youth simply wander their neighborhoods and are high-risk for falling into the many social ills that plague poverty-stricken areas.

As youth they lack the voice, experience, and participation in power structures needed to change their situation. They remain helpless without the outside assistance of caring individuals.

The Nini phenomena is a complicated and multifaceted problem. (If you want a good in-depth look and need to practice your Spanish, here is a recent [academic article](#) on the matter). In our experience, the vast majority of Ninis fall victim not only to a society that lacks opportunities, but also to various systems that are actively trying to push them down. And from a spiritual perspective, many of these youth fall victim to an enemy who roams around like a roaring lion looking for people to devour (1 Peter 5:8), they are harassed and helpless without a shepherd (Matthew 9:36).



It is in the midst of this context that the Ranch has been serving children, youth, and families through recreational ministries, leadership and mentoring, community development projects, and traditional church planting efforts.



*“If I look at the masses I will never act. If I look at the one I will.”
-Mother Teresa*

*“If you save a life,
you save the world entire.”
- Talmud*

*“Learn to do good.
Defend the oppressed. Take up the
cause of the fatherless.”
-Isaiah 1:17*

*“What do you think?
If a man owns a hundred sheep,
and one of them wanders away, will
he not leave the ninety-nine on the
hills and go to look for the one that
wandered off? And if he finds it,
truly I tell you, he is happier about
that one sheep than about the
ninety-nine that did not wander off.
In the same way your Father in
heaven is not willing that any of
these little ones should perish.”
-Matthew 18:12-14*



The Ranch exists that people would
ENCOUNTER the presence of God, be
EQUIPPED for the work of God,
EXTEND the Kingdom of God, and
EXALT the name of God.

Target Students

Ranch Youth Services is primarily designed for youth who have been a part of or are associated within the Ranch community and who are currently Ninis. The Ranch accepts these youth on a case-by-case basis as we determine they are a good match for our program.

Ranch Youth Services looks for youth who:

- Have been part of our Ranch community
- Live in the neighborhoods where we work
- Have fallen through the cracks of the system
- Need an advocate
- Are currently *or* at high risk of being a Nini

Purpose & Aim

Ranch Youth Services is an *intensive* and *holistic* program designed to minister to the entire person. We help each individual youth physically, socially, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

Ranch Youth Services provides both didactic and experiential teaching to help each youth finish school within the Mexican system. Ranch staff operate as advocates for each youth to navigate various social systems and meet the requirements given by SEP (The Mexican Dept of Education).

Ranch Youth Services also teaches life and job skills which will assist the youth later in both their personal and career lives.

Ranch Youth Services provides one-on-one mentoring, counseling, and in-home visits to their families and communities.

Most importantly, Ranch Youth Services address the heart and soul of each youth through daily Bible studies and counseling with a trained Ranch staff.



Artwork done by a Ranch Youth

Become a Program Sponsor & Help a Life

We need help to reach these youth. It truly takes a whole community and dedicated team of people.

We have hired local people within our existing community of faith to work as helpers, mentors, and teachers and to assist in the various logistics of working with these youth.

When you become a sponsor your partnership helps to not only provide the needed resources to these youth but also provides a job to a local believer.

You can become a sponsor for any amount. But we are looking for a total of 15 sponsors at \$50/month to cover the complete costs of up to 8 youth in this specific program for the first year.

If you feel led to give \$50/month or any other amount, please let us know. You can start giving now through this link here: [TEAM GIVING LINK](#).

Thank you for your partnership and for taking part in changing a life.



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