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ENLACE’s Center for Community Transformation, located in El Salvador, is dedicated to providing learning, training, and research opportunities on church and community led poverty alleviation.
The Center currently provides an ongoing study abroad program for undergraduate and graduate students and also leads short-term classes on special topics, forums and seminars for church leaders, practitioners and scholars.

While ENLACE has provided space and support to academics and practitioners conducting research in the field of faith based community development for many years, the Center will develop this aspect more formally in the near future with the goal to encourage and share research on community transformation.
The ENLACE Study Abroad Program is an in-country, field and classroom-based learning experience for undergraduate and graduate students focusing on the areas of poverty alleviation and community transformation. Classes are conducted through a series of consecutive modules (3-4 week in duration) over a three-month period. Each module includes a combination of class instruction and fieldwork. Courses include:

- Spanish
- Area Studies: Latin America
- Mission of the Church (Theology/Ecclesiology of the Church)
- Church-based Community Transformation/Development
- Economic Development and Poverty Alleviation
- Community/Public Health
- Social Business Development
- Microenterprise Development and Microfinance

This program is unique in that students receive credit for five academic courses while also earning credit for an internship with ENLACE. During this internship, students spend time with various ENLACE church partners throughout rural El Salvador.
I'm so grateful for the stories that intersected my own in El Salvador.
El Salvador was an incredibly enlightening and encouraging experience! I left with a better understanding of our role as believers in bringing about holistic transformation in our community, both as a unified church and through our individual vocations and abilities. I am certain that as I begin law school this fall that God will continue to reveal how I can use the strategies I learned about community development through this study abroad to bring about change in my own city and nation. I’m so grateful for the stories that intersected my own in El Salvador and how they will impact my passion to make a difference in the future.

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Studying abroad in El Salvador was a pivotal season of my life; the quality of education and experience, inspired, called and equipped me to serve the church in engaging its surrounding community in relational and tangible ways that yield real transformation. I am blessed to have so richly intersected with the teachers, leaders, and peers in a fun and fulfilling atmosphere for growth.

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My experience in El Salvador and interning with ENLACE changed my understanding of the mission of God and the mission of His people. Watching Salvadorans love their communities so deeply that they would commit their lives to see them transform made me love my communities at home more.

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Having the privilege to study in El Salvador did more than just enhance my knowledge of poverty alleviation and church-based community development. I gained an insight for God’s love of people and desire for us to know Him and serve and love His people as Christ did, that completely changed my understanding of the mission of the kingdom of God.

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