

## **Analysis of a Foreign Environment Pillars of Hope**

The United States of America is currently facing a very difficult situation in the area of it's youth. There are many teenagers that are addicted to drugs, suffer from emotional neglect from issues stemming from divorce and adoption. These youth tend to act out in self destructing ways; drugs, sex and rock and roll. The public educational system cannot help these students in the necessary ways because of their extreme behavior.

Most of these students are very bright, but have such poor behavior and lack of respect for authority that they cannot function in our public school system. They need a complete change of environment. We have observed that when these students remain in their current environment with their friends, the failure rate is almost 100 %. Parents of these children are looking for a foreign program and PILLARS OF HOPE is a great options. It is estimated that there are nearly 2,000,000 teenagers in the United States that are in need of a program like Pillars of Hope and the others offers; however, there are only 8,000 spots (beds) available for these youth. Pillars of Hope provides for this need in a beautiful but affordable setting.

Costa Rica is a perfect place for these parents to send their teens. It is politically stable, close to the USA and very affordable. Most programs like Pillars of Hope cost over \$4,000 per month, but PILLARS OF HOPE only charges \$1,995 per month.

Another benefit that students receive is health. Costa Rica is reknown for its health professionals and programs. Most of these students are doing drugs, living on the streets, etc... They are not eating balanced diets. Many of them are taking prescription medicine for ADHD or Depression. Our doctors here have helped many of the students to reduce the amount of prescribed medication because they have become more emotionally and psychologically stable.

Because of the special settling that Pillars of Hope has of being in Costa Rica and removed for the prior temptations of the students, it has become a second option for the programs located in the USA. That is, those students that are not working the program in the USA are consequently sent to PILLARS OF HOPE in Costa Rica to help motivate their change. PILLARS OF HOPE has created an environment for change that has proven to be effective. We strongly believe that the effectiveness of PILLARS OF HOPE is due to the located of the program and the environment that the country of Costa Rica provides.