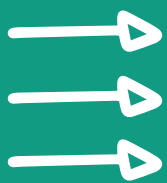


ANNUAL REPORT 2020

PROVIDING HEALTH, HEALING, AND EDUCATION
WITH THE PEOPLE OF GUATEMALA



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LETTER FROM THE LEADERS

NEVER WAS THE NEED FOR OUR SERVICES MORE IMPORTANT THAN IN 2020, WHEN GUATEMALA—JUST LIKE THE REST OF THE WORLD—FACED THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. GUATEMALA'S LARGE INDIGENOUS POPULATION—WHO PROJECT SALUD Y PAZ PRIMARILY SERVES—EXPERIENCES THE HIGHEST RATES OF POVERTY IN THE COUNTRY AND THIS DISPARITY WAS NEVER MORE EVIDENT THAN IN THE LAST YEAR.

PROJECT SALUD Y PAZ HAD TO ADAPT AND RESPOND QUICKLY. WITH THE SUSPENSION OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAMS DUE TO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, WE RAPIDLY ADAPTED OUR MODEL FOR SERVICE DELIVERY TO LEVERAGE OUR LOCAL GUATEMALAN STAFF TEAM AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS IN AN EVEN MORE POWERFUL WAY SO THAT WE COULD INCREASE OUR IMPACT IN HEALTH AND EDUCATION.

IN 2021, WE ARE ONCE AGAIN ADAPTING OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO MEET THE EVOLVING NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THE DEMAND FOR OUR CLINICAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS HAS BEEN INCREASING AS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SEEKING QUALITY, ACCESSIBLE OPTIONS FOR THESE CRITICAL SERVICES IN WHAT REMAINS TO BE A VERY CHALLENGING PERIOD FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS WE SERVE.

WE ARE THRILLED TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE EVEN MORE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLEGIO SUSANNA WESLEY PRESCHOOL THAN WE DID LAST YEAR. AND WEEK AFTER WEEK OUR CLINICAL TEAM CONTINUES TO TRAVEL OUT TO OUR PARTNER COMMUNITIES TO ENSURE OUR CHRONIC ILLNESS PATIENTS STAY HEALTHY.

WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS--AND CANNOT CONTINUE TO DO THIS--WITHOUT THE STEADFAST SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY. WITHOUT YOU.

LAURA SHEARER

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PROJECT SALUD Y PAZ**



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2020 IMPACT IN HEALTH AND EDUCATION AT PROJECT SALUD Y PAZ

Our Colegio Susanna Wesley Preschool teachers developed and taught curriculum through distance learning, creatively applying appropriate technologies for families challenged with low levels of literacy and who had previously had limited experience with such platforms. We funded mobile internet access to promote continued learning and reduce barriers for families who were at high risk of letting their children drop out of school due to the significant financial hardship they experienced in the economic shutdowns. Each month, our staff prepared take-home kits of school supplies and provided care packages with food staples, vitamins and dental kits to promote nutrition and hygiene in the home.

- **In 2020, 49 Colegio Susana Wesley Preschool students, ages 4-7, advanced their education in preschool, kindergarten, or first-grade class**
- **16 of those young students became proficient readers, graduating to the second grade at the local public school**

Thank you, Gracias, Maltiox for all the ways you help health, healing, and education become reality in Guatemala!



2020 IMPACT IN HEALTH AND EDUCATION AT PROJECT SALUD Y PAZ

We restructured our clinical program to improve access and strengthen continuity of care. Our clinical team worked closely with community partners to set up satellite clinics in each of the communities normally served by our international medical teams and visited each clinic monthly to provide checkups, labs, medications, and education to patients with chronic illness. These patients became some of the most vulnerable during the pandemic as many are elderly and most don't have the economic resources to purchase the medications they need to effectively manage their disease. This need was underscored by the already poorly-resourced public health system collapsing under the weight of pandemic response; outpatient services for the poor were even further reduced. Thus, clinical services provided by organizations such as Project Salud y Paz became more critical than ever before.

- In the western highlands, **our Guatemalan doctors, dentists, nurses and staff at Project Salud y Paz clinics saw 758 dental patients and 2,413 medical patients**
- **1,351 laboratory tests were performed** in Project Salud y Paz clinics
- **523 diabetic and hypertensive patients were provided monthly follow up, education, labs and medicines** in our chronic illness management program
- Our **Guatemala clinical team ran 24 satellite clinics** in communities that would have otherwise been served by our volunteer teams to ensure our patients received continuity of care
- **59 patients were provided referrals assistance** through our social work program
- **4 volunteer medical/dental/optical teams treated 2,515 patients in 17 communities** surrounding Chichicastenango, Nahuala, Cunen and Quetzaltenango

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2020 IMPACT IN HEALTH AND EDUCATION AT PROJECT SALUD Y PAZ

With three out of four indigenous Mayan families already living in poverty before the pandemic— many of those in the “informal economy”—the population that Project Salud y Paz primarily serves was disproportionately affected and had virtually no safety-net when the economy shut down. **Food insecurity became the prevailing concern among these vulnerable communities. Through the generous support of our donors, Project Salud y Paz responded.**

- Our **social worker, support staff and volunteers prepared and delivered 673 care packages with food staples** to the families in the community most affected by the humanitarian and economic crisis
- 36 of the families we provided care packages to were from the communities surrounding Cunen, where one of our clinics is located. **Cunen was one of the most affected areas when Tropical Storm Eta traveled a devastating path of destruction across Central America. In November and December of 2020, we opened up our clinic to these affected families, who had lost their homes or families or both.** Our staff ran a clinic and outreach program, providing a health screen, vitamins, medicines, and food staples.

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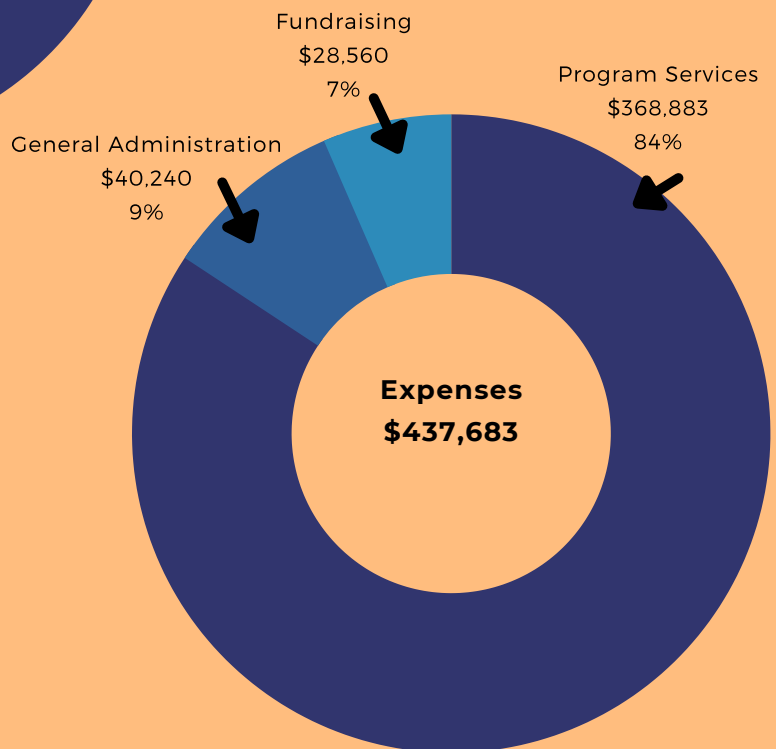
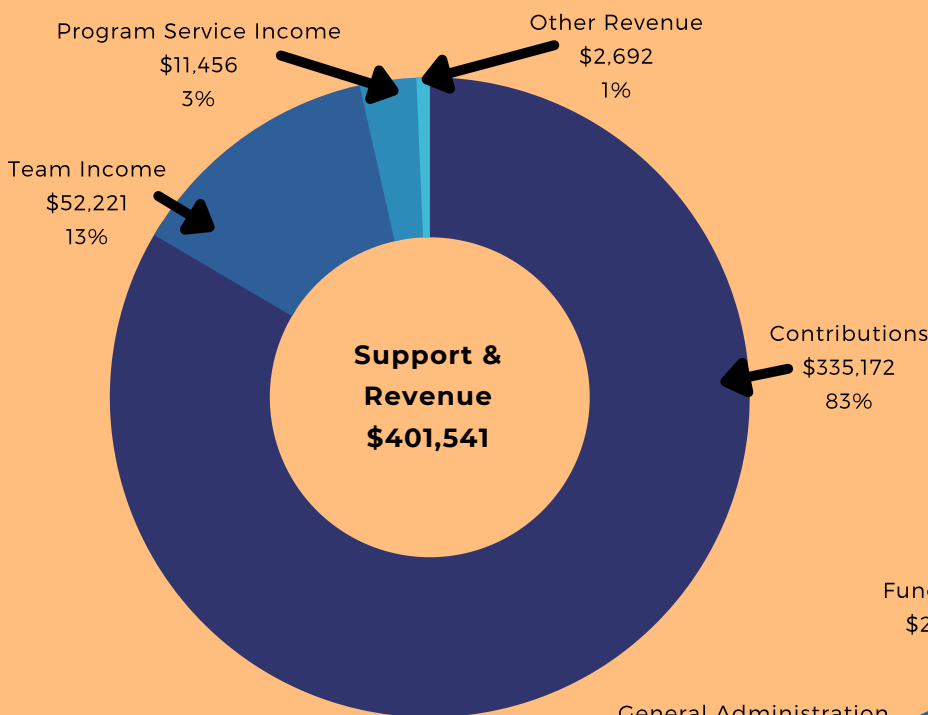


financials

January-December 2020

Statement of Support, Revenue, and Expenses - Modified Cash Basis

Extracted from financial statements as prepared and reviewed by JDS Professional Group
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020



Your financial gifts are the foundation for long-term sustainability of the mission to provide health, healing, and education with the people of Guatemala.



GET INVOLVED

HEALTH

Salud y Paz operates three clinics from the far northern reaches of El Quiché to the western highlands of Sololá. Each clinic is staffed by Guatemalan clinicians and has a pharmacy and a lab. Our consistent presence enables us to provide continuity of care to our many patients with diabetes and other chronic illnesses.

EDUCATION

Our Colegio Susanna Wesley school educates and prepares indigenous Mayan children to enter and excel in the Spanish-speaking public school system.

Our program seeks to address the whole child through a focus on Language and Education, Nutrition and Hygiene, and Medical and Dental Care.

MISSION TEAMS

Mission teams allow us to do more than we are able to do on our own.

Medical, dental and surgical teams provide opportunity for people in rural villages to receive care they wouldn't otherwise be able to access or afford.

Construction Teams are a key part of our ministry of presence and focus on building relationships and infrastructure in the Mayan highlands.

Get Involved

Serve on a mission team

Sponsor a child

Join monthly giving

Follow us on social media

Host a fundraiser

Share why this mission is important to you and the people of Guatemala!

Learn more at
www.saludypaz.org

Why Guatemala?

Guatemala is a predominantly impoverished country that struggles in several areas of health and development.

The large indigenous population—who Salud y Paz primarily serves—is disproportionately affected.

Guatemala, while lacking in basic services, it is incredibly rich in spirit and beauty.

Guatemala changes us!





THANK YOU.
GRACIAS.
MALTIOX.

Salud y Paz is an inclusive Christian faith-based organization which welcomes, respects, and embraces the plurality of faith traditions, customs, and beliefs.

Thank you for walking with us on the incredible journey.

Health and Peace to you from the people of Guatemala and International Hands in Service/Project Salud y Paz!



Salud y Paz is incorporated as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit corporation under the name "International Hands in Service" and holds a Certificate of Assumed Name for the name "Project Salud y Paz".