



Potter's House
Association International
"Valuing the Scavengers as Treasures"

We care | **GOD**
about the poor |
because... **CARES**



Lisbeth, a Treasure serving other Treasures in the
Vacation Bible School 2013

• **Annual Report** •
2013



"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.'"
Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)

Dear brothers and sisters:

This has been a very exciting year. For that reason we give glory to Him for allowing us to successfully conclude the year 2013. We thank the Lord that once again we were able to grow His Kingdom in the dump community. We brought hope to more than **10,000 Treasures**—children and adults. During the year, 2,661 children entered into or renewed their relationship with Jesus.

This year we have focused our efforts on sharing with the Treasures, volunteers, donors and staff members the plans for wellness that God has for each one of us when we depend upon Him and not on men. He provides the strength, the inspiration, and the necessary resources to us so that we can fulfill His plan in our lives—when **we seek Him with all our heart.**

For many years, PHA has identified and equipped community leaders for the purpose of maximizing resources and including them in the process of improving their community. Last year we gave even more responsibilities to the community so we could expand our programs and reach more children, youth and adults.

As part of that strategy, we launched **community centers** in two neighborhoods of the dump community. Through those community centers, current leaders and emerging ones were **empowered, and we were able to serve more than 600 children during the year!** Through this strategy, in combination with our five programs, we were able to reach **10,066 Treasures**, of whom **5,679 were children and youth.**

In addition, it is our joy to share with you that the launch of the Treasures' Bible Club has provided the perfect platform from which **23 Treasures from our Education Program** were able to volunteer every Saturday to serve over 300 of their peers. Likewise, the Vacation Bible School allowed 110 community volunteers to pour their talents into other Treasures to reach more than **2,000 children** in the month of November!

All these extraordinary results encourage us to continuing investing in the lives of the Treasures, because we believe they are the builders of integral, sustainable development in their community. God has been faithful in providing the resources needed to continue expanding His kingdom among the Treasures, volunteers, donors and staff. And He has supported us in our efforts to raise and manage funds.

Now we invite you to read the results of the year 2013 and rejoice with us, because you are definitely part of what God is doing in the lives of the Treasures!

Thank you for your faithful support, prayers, advice and partnership.

¡Cristo Vive!

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Lisbeth Chamalé - Testimony

"Coming to Potter's House, and especially serving in the Treasures' Bible Club, has taught me to value life and helped me to realize that there are people that need support and God in their lives." Lisbeth Chamalé

For Lisbeth Chamalé, an 11-year-old Treasure from our Education Program, serving every Saturday morning has been an eye-opening experience. She has seen the spiritual and physical needs of the children and has decided to help us show the loving care of God to each of them by volunteering every week.

Lisbeth is the third of four children. Her household includes her mother, grandmother, an aunt, and three siblings.

Lisbeth's life has been hard, especially since her father passed away six years ago after suffering a heart attack. Since then, Lisbeth's mother has fended for herself and her children, but the life of a single mother is never easy in the dump community.

In April Lisbeth started to attend the Treasures' Bible Club, but when she noticed that other Treasures her age were serving, she chose to do the same.

She joined the Treasures' Bible Club as a volunteer and soon learned the choreographies and songs. She also learned how to demonstrate her love for the little children and how to pray with them when they told her of their needs. **"Seeing little children coming in dirty clothes, and some of them with empty stomachs, has captured my heart to the point that I come every Saturday to serve them."**

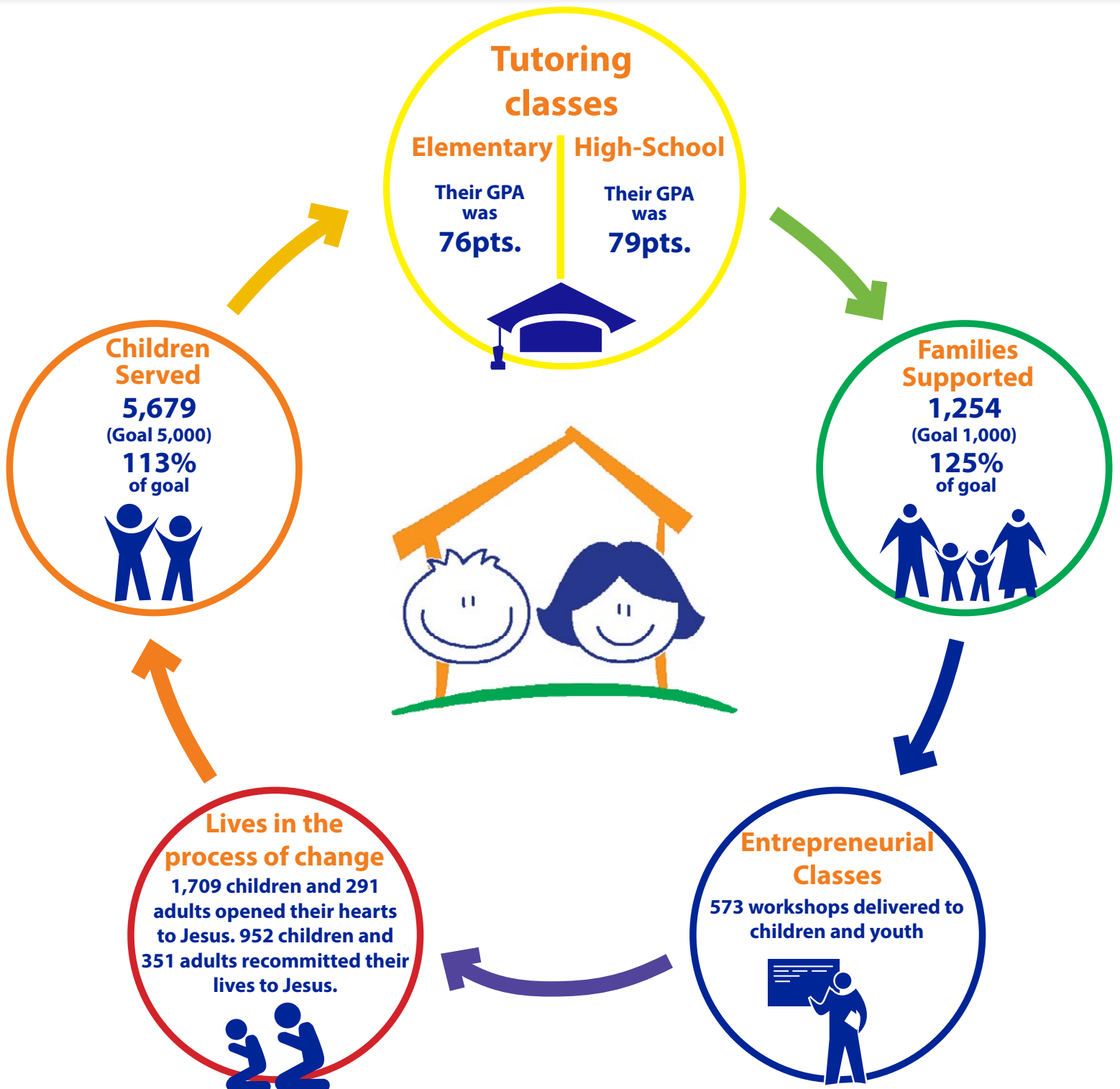
Lisbeth is one of 23 volunteers from our Education Program who are committed to serving every Saturday in the Treasures' Bible Club, a program we implemented to reach more children from the dump communities. By serving other children, these volunteers are developing an awareness of their own community's needs and taking the opportunity to demonstrate that God's grace and loving care are for everyone.

For Potter's House, having these 23 Treasures serving the little children is a remarkable success story! Each of these volunteers faces their own daily obstacles and challenges. Yet, despite those challenges, they are partnering with us in expanding God's Kingdom.





Social Impact Indicators





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 An Equal Opportunity
 Volunteering & Educational Treatment

Statistical Report



Personal Development

- We made prayer visits to **1,055 homes**.
- Through the Treasures' Bible Club, with the **support of 441 local volunteers, 23 volunteers** from the Education Program, and **10 international volunteers, we reached 619 children**.
- We presented **6 large-scale evangelistic activities** throughout the year, targeting parents, couples and youth.
- We reached **2,839 children** through the VBS (2,089 in November and 750 in other months).
- We offered a total of **111 devotionals** about stewardship for 200 Treasures in our Education Program.



Education

- **205 Treasures** received **tutoring** classes throughout the year.
- **93% of the students** were promoted to the next grade.
- **92% of the children** were present for tutoring classes on a daily basis.
- **82% of their parents** attended parenting classes.
- **24 Treasures** were promoted to high school in 2014.
- **2 Treasures graduated** from high school.
- "El Taller del Alfarero" a workshop where children put into practice their entrepreneurial skills, was launched.
- Children enjoyed a **month of English classes**, which were presented in a fun and dynamic format.



Health and Nutrition

- **40,831 hot meals** and **16,138 nutritious snacks** were served to 200 children in the Education Program
- When assessing weight/age we determined that **78%** of the children assessed were within the normal weight range; **22%** of them were underweight
- When assessing weight/height we determined that **35%** of our Little Treasures were within the normal height range; **65%** showed signs of stunted growth.
- **71** cases of children with nutritional problems were addressed
- **614 pediatric consults** were provided at the PHA primary care clinic, and **1,073** were provided through short-term clinics
- **9 children and teenagers** received medical checkups and first aid at our clinic in the dump
- Family practice and OB-GYN physicians saw **520 patients at PHA** and **192 patients at our clinic in the dump**.
- **Medical services** were rendered to **989 adults** through short-term clinics



Micro-Enterprise

- We granted **102 micro-loans** to entrepreneurs. 74% went to residents of the dump community, and 26% to residents of adjacent areas. **Our repayment rate is currently 100%.**
- The money has been invested in a variety of businesses: **37% for food sales, 20% for recycling, 14% for small stores, 8% for jewelry-making and 21% in other businesses.**
- We have **300 active clients**
- Follow up has been through discipleship, workshops in Christian principles and classes on the fundamentals of administration.
- Several of the **25 women** who took our jewelry-making classes were eligible for micro-loans in November. In addition to learning how to make jewelry, they learned how to calculate cost of goods, how to price their products, and other important business principles.



Community Support

- **1,445 bags of groceries** were delivered to families in vulnerable situations, and **1,055** were delivered through prayer walks.
- **Immediate emergency assistance was granted to families affected by the 4 fires**—3 in the community and 1 in the dump—that broke out during the year.
- **843 children** enjoyed nutritious lunches and snacks provided through the Community Centers.
- **6,407 nutritious snacks** were distributed through the Community Centers.
- **214 community projects**, which had direct impact on 214 families, were completed. Those projects included: VBS, bunk beds, construction and renovation of houses, prayer walks and short-term medical clinics.
- **38 cinderblock houses** were built in the community.
- **15 houses** were renovated.
- **59 bunk beds** were installed in homes.
- We reached our goal of building **100 concrete block houses** in the community in July—a year ahead of schedule.



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January to December 2013

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**We are committed to being good stewards of
God's grace and your gifts.**



2013 Expenses

