



Annual Report 2020

And now these three remain: **faith, hope and love.** But the greatest of these is *love*
1 Corinthians 13:13



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Words FROM OUR DIRECTOR

The year 2020 will be remembered as the year in which the whole world experienced the Covid-19 pandemic—it will go down in history! We will remember this year as one in which God cared for us miraculously using different people and ministries to sustain us, to raise our arms.

Through it all, our faith in Him was strengthened and we were able to be a blessing to others by carrying a message of

faith, hope and love to the needy.

We have reason to celebrate as the culmination of the 2012-2019 Strategic Plan enabled us to proclaim the Good News to 39,200 Treasures and amazingly, in 2020 –amidst the pandemic–, **God enabled us to proclaim the Good News of salvation in word and in deed to 32,811!** This was only possible because of God's favor! It is always a priority for us to invite the Treasures to begin a personal relationship with God in order to tackle the greatest of all poverties.

We also rejoice in seeing the fruits of our labor with the Treasures—the Word of God never returns empty! Some examples of this are: **65% of the parents got involved in their children's education**, as good entrepreneurs do-151 microenterprise clients and 47 students in the Business School sought advice and training in order to bring provision to their homes, and 201 leaders proactively joined PHA to serve their communities. God used the pandemic to accelerate their own empowerment process in Christ!

There were, of course, some activities that we were unable to carry out due to the circumstances. This had consequences in our finances and in the implementation of plans. We will resume them in 2021 under the new normal and we'll analyze whether they can be adjusted without losing the essence of what God called us to do in this second strategic plan.

As a team

we felt led by God to “restore”, so after some research some of our findings include:



To restore generally means to return something to its original state. However, contrary to what happens with objects, the Biblical application is to return to its initial/original state but it does not remain static, instead it experiences growth, it improves up until the point when it surpasses its original state.



The word restore comes from the Latin restaurare, meaning “to stand again, reestablish.”



Restore comes from the Greek anoikodomeo, to build again (ana, new, again, and oikodomeo, build, edify). Acts 15:16.



A house will become a Community Center, a place where transformation and change take place (repair, refocus). This means every family will go back to performing its God-given role.

God is inviting us to encourage those we serve to:

- Begin and strengthen their relationship with God;
- Learn in the midst of the crisis, and
- Allow themselves to be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

This 2021 our key verses will be:

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

1 Peter 5:10 (ESV)

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5 (ESV)

Thank you for joining in being a part of God’s work in 2020. Please read the following pages and celebrate what the Lord did in and through us all!

In Christ, 
DIRECTOR

Our current locations



Western Region

Quetzaltenango, Totonicapán and San Marcos

Community partnerships grew stronger this year and we reached

4,175 Treasures

with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Central Region

Guatemala City

Our Community Centers, programs and services in the Central Region were able to reach

23,639 Treasures.

Northeastern Region

Chiquimula

Our Community Center located in the state of Chiquimula served

5,015 Treasures in 2020.

We celebrate the participation of **201** national servant volunteers during the pandemic crisis.

This is a huge accomplishment and the fruit of people being empowered.

Central Region

We were able to finish the year encouraging our Treasures to take care of their families through well balanced nutrition, continued studies, by participating in our School for Parents sessions, being responsible for their homes and by sharing with others in times of need!

Through God's divine provision and through you we were able to care for more than

500 families

for three months during the most difficult Covid times. **It has not been easy but we have been taking steps in faith!**

Family Development

9,000 People (50% of the population) participating in awareness campaigns regarding food security.

524 Prayer visits

336 Families had devotionals at home

70 Families accepted the challenge to eat healthy and balanced diets

8 School for Parents taught throughout the year

4 Meetings for families receiving homes on how to care for them



Education

100% Of high school students in their final year of school graduated

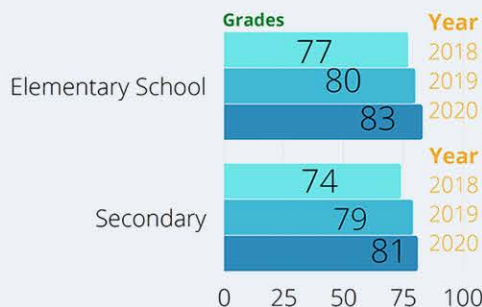
90 Treasures have received Jesus in their hearts

83 Points was the Grade Point Average in Elementary School

81 Points was the Grade Point Average in Secondary School

59 Adults learning to read and write finished their course successfully

Education was an area that was greatly impacted by Covid but this year with the support of their parents and our follow up the students had a wonderful year and improved their grades and dropout rate.



School dropout





Central Region

Health and Nutrition

- 20,728** Nutritious lunches distributed to Elementary School students
- 9,729** Nutritious snacks distributed to High School students
- 1,966** Patients served
- 255** Parents participated in talks regarding hygiene, nutrition and disease prevention

Micro Enterprise

- 160** Clients
- 83** Loans disbursed in the midst of Covid-19
- 66%** Of clients are women
- 20** New clients

Community Development

- 3,858** Bags of staple foods distributed
- 221** Trucks of water (4,375,800 liters) distributed to 760 families in 11 communities
- 201** Community leaders learning how to improve their work in the midst of crisis
- 24** Hygiene Stations installed in communities in order to promote handwashing among 8,000 people
- 7** Community projects
- 5** Homes built

Testimony

"My name is **María Julia Esquivel Valdez**, I am 79 years old and for the last 5 years have been participating in a program for the elderly at Potter's House. Two years ago I began with symptoms of Alzheimer's, and I must have had a stroke because the left part of my body is paralyzed.

I have 6 children, but only Miriam has cared for me. Because of the stress of caring for me Miriam now suffers from panic attacks, and she doesn't have a stable job because she cares for me full time.

I am very grateful to Potter's House for walking with us through devotionals, I feel closer to my daughter now and the relaxation exercises have helped us during this difficult time.

We have received different donations from Potter's House, especially during this COVID-19 filled year, and they have sustained us and been an answer to prayer. I always ask the Lord to care for us, and He has- through your care. The restrictions have affected our emotions, our finances and our health.

Thank you, Potter's House for not forgetting about us during this time. You have been such a blessing to us."

"August 20th was my birthday and PHA blessed me with staple foods and I was able to celebrate with my family".





Northeastern Region

It was an exciting year that brought new opportunities and ways to develop and empower the Treasures through an **Agriculture and Livestock project**, and new sponsorship program for

31 children

Students in the Business School had a difficult year but they thrived under our team's guidance and instruction and several students even started new businesses.

Our Micro Enterprise Program launched a new branch in Chiquimula in order to better serve our clients there. **In addition to this, we built a new multi-purpose room, model home and health combo on our property.**

Family Development

- 57 Families participating in weekly devotionals
- 40 Prayer walks
- 5 School for Parents sessions

Education

- 104 Families served
- 54 Students in the Business School (in 3 different levels) 41 of them have started an entrepreneurial activity
- 50 Teachers from different schools participated in on-line training sessions
- 25 Families participating in the Agriculture and Livestock Program



Northeastern Region

Health and Nutrition

- 75** Lunches served to Elementary School children
- 49** Water filters distributed to 49 families
- 1** Anthropometric evaluation to measure the height and weight of children in the new nutrition program

Micro Enterprise

- 12** Families received follow up during the pandemic
- 1** New branch office for the Micro Enterprise Program

Community Development

- 1,672** Bags of groceries distributed to support families during the pandemic
- 781** Families served
- 396** Families served with in-kind donations after 2 major storms
- 15** Leadership meetings for community leaders
- 3** Integrated Hygiene Combos built

Testimony



When we first met Doña **Aura Álvarez** she sold tortillas at the municipal market in the center of Chiquimula. When everything closed due to the pandemic, she was no longer able to sell her tortillas. The little money she had disappeared in a few short weeks and she had to close her business. Doña Aura found herself in a very difficult situation as her husband who is a mason also lost his work.

Despite her circumstances, she continued participating in the Business School and asking for support for prayer for her family. In the first practice exercise we had Doña Aura made rellenitos (fried balls of plantains stuffed with beans) to sell. Unfortunately, she did not sell very many and did not reach her goal.

In the second practice exercise, she was able to sell all her products and with the money she made she purchased maize and wood for her stove. She was able to reopen her tortilla business and recovered her spot in the market place.

Thank God, Doña Aura has been able to keep her business and is supporting her family. We praise God for Doña Aura's life and perseverance in this learning process. She is now formally part of Chiquimula's commerce and economic activity.

Aura has expressed how grateful she is to the Lord for PHA and for the Business School walking with her during the most difficult moments last year.



Western Region

Through 10 leaders from the local church we were able to distribute more than

1,000 bags

of staple foods to care for 200 families. We were able to encourage family devotions, healthcare through a hygiene station, and equip **51 teachers in the region** through a training session to support them in the new challenges of teaching from a distance.

Health and Nutrition

- 2 Awareness campaigns emphasizing protocols to promote self-care and avoid Covid

Family Development

- 2 School for Parents sessions

Education

- 5 Virtual training sessions for 51 teachers from 10 different schools

Community Development

- 1,000 Bags of staple foods for families
- 997 Families served
- 3 Training sessions for 10 community leaders who provide support and follow up to 200 families
- 1 Hygiene Stations installed in communities in order to promote handwashing among families

Testimony



Nicolasa Ixcoy Xiloj is 39 years old and lives in the Los Cipreses village in a state called Totonicapan. She is married and has 6 children. Her oldest daughter dropped out of school, one of her daughters passed away and the 4 youngest ones are all in school.

"I thank God that my family is united and we all have good health. We live in a humble home near the school that my daughters attend. My husband is a mason and is the sole breadwinner for our home. When I am not taking care of our large family I wash clothes for other families and with their payment I am able to help my husband with the expenses.

I praise God that my husband is a very good responsible man and during this difficult time he has always provided for our family. Because we have spent more time together at home this year we have grown closer and more united as a family.

We are members of the Iglesia Evangelio Completo Church in Momostenango and we have been very blessed to receive bags of groceries from Potter's House. For three months they supported us giving us groceries every two weeks".



"This was such a huge blessing for our family because what little money we had we were able to use to pay other things. I am so grateful for the support!"



It has been a year of uncertainty but
**we continue to trust in the Lord
and fulfill His calling to Potter's House
to expand His kingdom in Guatemala.**

Thank you for partnering
with us in this calling!

Cristo Vive!



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