



Potter's House
Association

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 36:7

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THANK YOU!

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Dear Potter's House family,

During the past three years in which Guatemala and the world faced the different challenges brought by the pandemic, we are thankful to God for allowing you and PHA to continue ministering among the Treasures by bringing love, joy, faith and hope in the midst of many difficulties. You might remember that, during this time, the Treasures many times did not have access to food, education, health and other essentials because of the restrictions established by the Guatemalan government. As a result, many lost their jobs. God was faithful to the Treasures and He used you and PHA to bring them a message of faith and hope through the services we provided in the three regions of Guatemala in which PHA serves.

Things in Guatemala have only recently started to return to normality and the consequences of the pandemic are sorely felt. Your presence, faithfulness, prayerful support and generosity are needed by the Treasures in Guatemala as the cost of life in Guatemala has increased by approximately 30%. Can you imagine what this means for those Treasures living with less than \$2 a day? We have found comfort in the following verse:

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings."

Psalms 36:7 (NTV)

Together in 2022 we were able to serve over **43,000 Treasures**. We are committed to expanding God's Kingdom in Guatemala and as we welcome 2023 we are excited to see what God will do in and through our partnership in this new year. Thank you for your many prayers, your words of encouragement and your generous financial support. Our partnership glorifies the Lord and we are so grateful!

Together, *Creemos, Sabemos, Hacemos*

Hector Rivas

Hector Rivas
Executive Director

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

3 Regions and their Community Centers

Foster actions that promote the Treasures' participation and decision making as protagonists of their own holistic development and starting with those that strengthen their relationship with God, care for their health (nutrition) and education.

We were able to serve over **43,000 Treasures**



Central Region,
Guatemala City

Northeastern Region,
Chiquimula

Western Highlands,
Quetzaltenango,
Totonicapán &
San Marcos

Creemos

Potter's House is a Christ-centered organization that believes in the Bible and its values and promises. We believe that the Treasures (our beneficiaries) are people with value and dignity, created in God's image! A personal relationship with Jesus Christ will change their lives and with opportunities for development and empowerment, they will reach their God-given potential!

Sabemos

Poverty exists because of sin in the world and the presence of an enemy who wants to keep us far from Him. But poverty has a solution! Our work model + divine intervention = transformed lives. For 35 years Potter's House has studied poverty and has worked with the poor to develop effective programs that promote development and personal growth.

Hacemos

We have been called to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. In doing this, we cannot ignore the needs we encounter. Surviving on less than \$2 a day, the needs are many, so tangible help accompanies the message we share. Our holistic programs and services allow us to reach more than 35,000 Treasures a year in three regions in Guatemala.

CENTRAL REGION

Guatemala, City

► **31,037**
Treasures involved
in the **DEM**
Transformation
Process



Family Development



- 158** parents participating in 5 School for Parents sessions
- 672** people blessed through 224 Prayer Visits
- 155** elderly adults receiving care and follow up
- 96%** Families participating in a healthy environment actively setting aside at least 2 days a month for quality family time
- 5,700** awareness newsletters distributed regarding healthy eating and minimizing diseases

Health & Nutrition



- 41,099** nutritious lunches distributed
- 52%** of the Treasures are in a normal nutritional status
- 6%** of Treasures show moderate chronic malnourishment (Elementary)
- 22%** of Treasures are overweight (High School)
- 3,196** Treasures served through our medical clinics (Family Medicine and Specializations)
- 881** Patients served through the Medical Lab

Education



We have carried out 2 learning skill assessments that show us that 71% of the Treasures have improved their self- learning skills. In addition to this:

- 70%** improvement among Treasures (1st-3rd grade) in reading decodification, vocabulary and 58% in mathematical logical thinking
- 43%** improvement among Treasures (4th-6th grade) in reading decodification, vocabulary and 55% in mathematical logical thinking
- 0%** drop-out rate among Elementary School students
- 4%** drop-out rate among Secondary School students
- 82%** Grade Point Average among Elementary School Students
- 83%** Grade Point Average among Secondary School Students

- 11** students graduating from High School, of which 8 started their process to enroll in universities in 2023
- 75** teachers received training

Community Development



- 25,569** Treasures evangelized and who have increased awareness through bags of staple foods and in-kind donations.
- 93** Treasures participating in community projects
- 451** families receiving holistic support and follow up
- 12** Infrastructure projects blessing 91 Treasures and 3 community projects
- 699** bags of staple foods distributed

Micro Enterprise



- 97** clients receiving financial and non-financial support in the Microenterprise Program
- 37** clients are men
- 60** clients are woman
- 113** loans disbursed throughout the year
- 44%** Annual Program Sustainability

Christian Life



- 73** High School students going through our discipleship program
- 54** Treasures memorizing Bible verses
- 25** Treasures participated in a Short Term Missions Trip
- 27** Devotional sessions for Treasures

Moises' thanks the Lord for the opportunities and blessings he has received



REGION CENTRAL TESTIMONY

MOISÉS ENRÍQUEZ PEÑA

At Potter's House **Creemos (We believe)** that God created families as our holistic learning environment. In areas of poverty we often see how children take on responsibilities that belong to adults and this many times keeps them from fulfilling God's plan for their lives. Potter's House can provide help and support to a child but their family is key in helping them grow, improve and accomplish their goals.

Moises is 16 years old and is the youngest of the three children in the Enriquez family. He is currently in 9th. His parents are Jorge and Irma who are doing their best to provide for their family.

Moisés started in the Potter's House Education Program in 2014 when he was in 1st grade. He was so happy to be accepted, he wanted to meet new friends and learn. Once he started High School he had challenges and struggled in some of his classes. We identified that these challenges were related to the quality of his public elementary education vs. the private secondary education he was now a part of.

On top of this, the closing of schools due to Covid19 kept him studying at home for 3 years with no guidance from teachers, only study guides. Moisés says he struggled to pay attention and work on his assignments and that he learns better through face to face classes.

The last semester of the 2022 school year Moisés has shown a lot of progress in academics as he is back to in person learning and his PHA tutor has helped him with homework and catching up. His attitude has changed and he has been actively participating in class. He was able to pass the year and in 2023 will be continuing High School with an emphasis in computers. He participates as a volunteer when needed and the spiritual and emotional support he has received has allowed him to realize that trusting in the Lord and having a positive attitude are key to success. Moises thanks the Lord for the opportunities and blessings he has received through Potter's House, especially the Education Program because it is a space where he feels safe and loved.

NORTHEASTERN REGION

Chiquimula

► **6,962**
Treasures involved
in the **DEM**
Transformation
Process



Family Development



27 families participating in School for Parents sessions

The message of salvation was shared through:

144 Prayer Walks to 145 families

Distribution of **4,800** evangelistic tracts/ bulletins

30 families participating in the healthy eating and nutritional challenges

35 parents implemented a learning space for their children within their homes

Health & Nutrition



We have provided **4,643 nutritious lunches**.

8 Treasures recovered nutritionally and now have a normal nutritional status

335 Treasures served through 5 Medical Clinics

Education



64 empowered Treasures enrolled in the Business School.

51 new entrepreneurship generating income for families as a result of this learning experience

45 children are part of the Education Program.

We carried out 3 learning skill assessments among Treasures in the Education Program. The results show:

78% of children improved their reading comprehension

82% of children improved their logical thinking process

57% of children improved problem solving processes

32 teachers being trained

Community Development



20 Church Leaders and Community Leaders receiving training

29 Treasures involved in "Taking Care of my Home" workshops

5 Hygiene combos and 4 homes were built and are now a blessing for 54 Treasures.

29 Families participating in the CAAP Program (Agriculture and Livestock Program) and 25 home gardens producing food

3,482 Treasures have increased awareness regarding healthy habits through bags of staple foods and in-kind donations.

1,338 bags of staple foods distributed to 1,857 families

Micro Enterprise



62 clients receiving financial and non-financial support in the Microenterprise Program

42 clients are women

20 clients are men

Christian Life



396 children and youth hearing the Message of Salvation

444 adults hearing the Message of Salvation

210 Bibles distributed among Treasures in our different programs and 68 devotional sessions

17 children and youth prayed to accept Jesus in their hearts

138 Treasures actively reading their Bibles

She's a dedicated student with a kind and servant heart



NORTHEASTERN REGION TESTIMONY

LIZMARY HERRERA

Sabemos (We know) that for each year of school that a child completes, the probability of them obtaining a dignifying job in the future increases. We are certain that education is key in changing the future for a child living in poverty. In the last 10 years almost 150 students have graduated Secondary School through our Education Program and many of them have pursued college educations and have found dignifying jobs.

Lizmary Herrera is 12 years old and is the oldest of two daughters in the Herrera family. Their family is from Honduras but around 8 years ago they decided to follow the Lord's guidance and move to Guatemala as missionaries and pastors. Life has not been easy for them, and many times they have wondered where their next meal will come from.

Lizmary is a very good student and she just finished her 2nd year in our Education Program. Lizmary is very smart and makes an effort every day to do her best. In November 2022 we celebrated that she was able to finish 6th grade with high grades. This is the first of many goals we know we will see Lizmary achieve!

Lizmary's parents and sister have participated in the Community Center in Chiquimula since we established our center there 5 years ago. They have been faithful volunteers and supporters of our work and have been blessed in many different ways including being the beneficiaries of a Integrated Health Combo in 2019 and a cinder block home in 2022.

Lizmary is our first Elementary School graduate and in 2023 will become the first secondary student in our Chiquimula program. Her parents' encouragement and example along with her good attitude and PHA's support has allowed Lizmary to succeed and achieve her goals.

WESTERN REGION

Totonicapan & San Marcos

► **5,731**
Treasures involved
in the **DEM**
Transformation
Process

Family Development



27 Families participating in 5 School for Parents sessions

19 Families improving their parenting patterns

31 Parents participating in 5 School for Parents sessions

4 Bulletins created to encourage families to improve their parenting patterns and promoting the consumption of healthy foods

75% parents implemented a learning space for their children within their homes

Health & Nutrition



2,897 nutritious lunches served

25 children no longer present low body weight or extreme thinness

100% of the children in the program showed improved skin conditions and improved hypochromotrichia (visible lightening of the hair due to malnutrition)

29 Treasures eating fruits and vegetables

81 Treasures participating in an awareness campaign regarding the importance of a healthy and balanced diet

29% of Treasures have increased their nutritional status compared to the first evaluation at the beginning of the year

Education



34 Treasures received tutoring and workshops 3 times a week. As a result:

98% of Treasures improved their reading habits and logical mathematics thinking skills

82% Grade Point Average among Elementary School Students

97% students were promoted to the following grade

69 Teachers being trained

Community Development



2,632 Treasures blessed through the distribution of in kind donations and 198 bags of staple foods

11 local volunteers participating in training sessions for their specific areas of service

31 Treasures serving other Treasures

45 Water filters blessings families and providing them with clean drinking water

2,075 Treasures served through community projects

Christian Life



334 children and youth hearing the Message of Salvation

480 adults hearing the Message of Salvation

29 devotional sessions

48 Treasures prayed to accept Jesus in their hearts

138 Treasures served through community projects

I enjoy playing soccer with my friends, and like to sing



WESTERN REGION TESTIMONY

We do (Hacemos) ministry and reach the poorest of the poor around the country to provide opportunities for personal and community development and empowerment. Small changes can have a big impact on a life, especially the life of a child.

WERNER BONIFACIO PEREZ

Werner is the youngest of 4 children. He is currently the only child in the family that is in school, his older siblings all work despite 2 of them being under age. His father is a merchant and his mother is a seamstress. Werner loves to play soccer and the spinning top; his dream is to become a policeman when he is older. When Werner started in our Education Program he had many problems including low grades. He was discouraged, not very social and didn't like talking to his school mates. He did not have a very good nutritional status as he didn't eat any meat, his mother told us that he was always tired and showed little interest in learning.

After working with Werner and his parents, his grades have improved tremendously, in all three work unites he took the first place in terms of grades in his school. The school gave him a recognition due to his improvement and responsibility. His mother is very proud and thankful to Potter's House for the help he has received.

Werner has also started to grow in his leadership, and has a very noble heart. He has a positive attitude and has never missed a day at the Community Center. His nutrition has improved and he continues to try to adapt and try new foods. Although he continues to be chronically malnourished (moderately) the medical and nutritional support Werner has received have helped him tremendously.

Werner is no longer lethargic, his dry skin (caused by malnutrition) has improved and his grades have improved exponentially. Werner's parents participated in the School for Parents regularly and we witnessed them grow and even make contributions to the program. Werner's mother was a volunteer in the kitchen helping to prepare the children's nutritious meals. The Perez family is grateful to the Lord and Potter's House for blessing their home and family. We celebrate Werner's personal growth and improvement!



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Cristo Vive!



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