

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

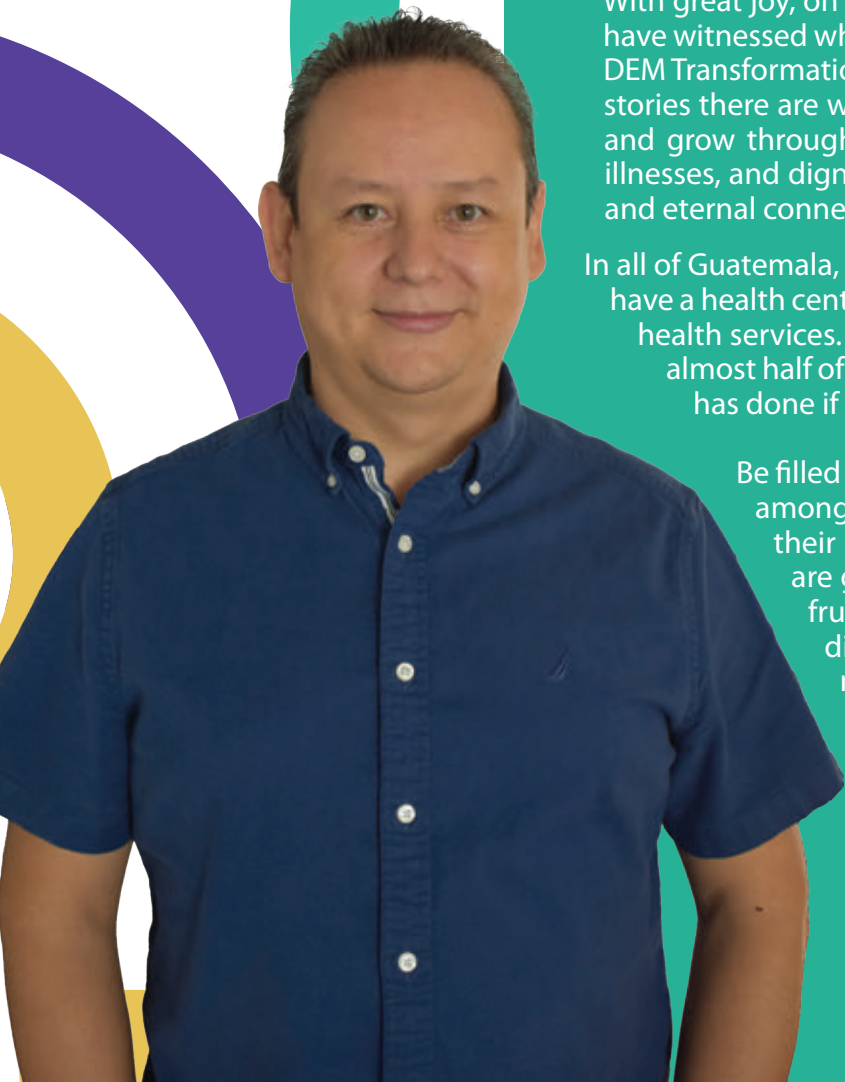


Potter's House
Association

We're all in
this **Together!**

Alexis Garcia / 7 years old / Northeastern Region





DEAR FRIENDS,

We hope you are enjoying God's presence, regardless of your circumstances. This has been our experience in 2023 and the beginning of 2024. God has been with us in joys and difficulties. He is faithful!

As a family, we meditated on John 15 throughout the year. Today, we want to meditate on and practice John 15:7-8

With great joy, on behalf of the entire PHA team, I want to share the fruits of our work in 2023. Together, we have witnessed what God has done here in Guatemala, in the lives of **66,775** Treasures who were part of the DEM Transformation Process (Develop, Empower, Multiply) throughout the year. Can you imagine how many stories there are what each act of service meant to each one?! Some experienced improved skin conditions and grow through regular intake of nutritious food and vitamins. A water filter reduced gastrointestinal illnesses, and dignifying housing ensured security for children. Others were transformed in their present life and eternal connection with Christ through the message of Good News.

In all of Guatemala, 219 Treasures joined together to serve other Treasures. In Chiquimula, 1,500 families now have a health center closer to, their community, and they no longer have to walk one or two hours to receive health services. In the Western highlands, 15 girls are studying in our Community Center. They represent almost half of the class, they are breaking paradigms! It would take many pages to share everything God has done if I stop to share it all!

Be filled with joy and gratitude to God as you read the summary of the fruits of what God has done among the Treasures. Treasures have strengthened their personal relationship with God, restored their nutritional and health status, progressed in their academic skills, and learning habits. We are grateful to God, who placed in each Treasure the desire and the willpower to show these fruits. As the director, I am extremely grateful for your support and appreciate the loving, diligent, and committed work of PHA's staff who invested their lives in the Treasures nationwide every day. Remember, as you read the stories and results, that this is possible thanks to your participation. Thank you for your prayers, messages, service time, friendship, and generosity. We pray that together in 2024, we continue to bless the lives of the Treasures, witnessing their growth and comprehensive transformation. We hope to hear from you soon!



"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." *John 15: 7-8 (NVI)*

Hector Rivas
Executive Director

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this Together!

With God, **Together** we can break cycles of poverty in

3 regions and their Community Centers

To focus the services of the DEM Transformation Model on the intentional and comprehensive growth of Treasures, strengthening their personal relationship with GOD, and demonstrating their nutritional and academic recovery

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

John 15:4 (NVI)

► **Central
Region,
Guatemala,
City**

► **Northeastern
Region,
Guatemala,
Chiquimula**

► **Western
Region,
Guatemala,
Totonicapán**



TESTIMONIO

Margarita Velázquez Coxaj

Guatemala City

Margarita is 17 years old, she is the second sister of four children, in 2023 she started studying to become a preschool teacher, at Victoria y Libertad School, she likes soccer and music.

When she started secondary school, she was uninterested and lacked of will in her studies, she was a very shy young woman, with frequent family problems that affected her emotional stability, her academic performance and her relationship with God. She suffered from food insecurity which caused a poor nutritional status, lack of focus and low energy to perform adequately in her studies.

In 2022, when she entered 9th grade, Margarita showed a desire to improve, her grades went up, she took advantage of the after-school program, workshops and food provided by Potter's House. She removed herself from unsuitable friendships and she successfully completed that year of studies without having to undergo any remedial exams. Her perseverance and determination to change for the better, led her to make the most of her talents and abilities by studying to become a preschool teacher. This career has helped her to develop her leadership, to strengthen her self-confidence and as a consequence of her good decisions, she finished her first year of teaching on the honor roll of her class. In the nutritional area, there is evidence of improvement in her health. Margarita is more aware of the food she eats and the importance of eating 3 meals a day. Although the economic situation at home is still complex, they have improved their diet and take advantage of the nutritional interventions at Potter's House. In the spiritual area she has recognized that God is important to her life and is working on improving her personal relationship with Him. She was very responsible with attending discipleships and workshops. She participated in teaching Bible lessons in activities promoted by PHA. In December she went to serve in communities in Izabal (Northeast region) in the mission project "Treasures in Missions" promoted by our discipleship leaders.

Margarita has put into practice several of the topics learned in the workshops, "The Elastic Band" is the one she remembers the most because this principle has helped her to archive better grades, as well as to grow in her own criteria, creativity and professional thinking. She is very grateful to Potter's House for the support provided for many years, for the space where she is allowed to do homework and for believing in her. She is very happy because with this profession she will be able to help others. In spite of family difficulties, Margarita has made the decision to face problems and continue to make an effort in her studies, to become a teacher who in the future will help other children who are going through similar situations and contribute to education Guatemala. We thank God for her life and for the significant change we have seen in her actions and attitudes, we trust that she will continue to grow holistically.





CENTRAL REGION

Guatemala City

► **56,331**
Treasures involved
in the **DEM**
Transformation
Process

Health & Nutrition

- 146** Treasures from the high school area improved the clinical finding of nutritional deficiency, evidenced by pigmentation on the cheeks and follicular hyperkeratosis
- 122** Treasures improved their hair conditions
- 83** Treasures grow in their height according to their age
- 39,205** Nutritious lunches served
- 7,664** Patients treated El Alfarero Multimédica (Health Community Center)

Education

- 243** Treasures participated in the Education program
- 92** Elementary school Treasures improved in the development of their logical-mathematical thinking
- 106** Elementary school Treasures improved their reading habits
- 4** Treasures accepted and 22 entered universities in 2024

Community Development

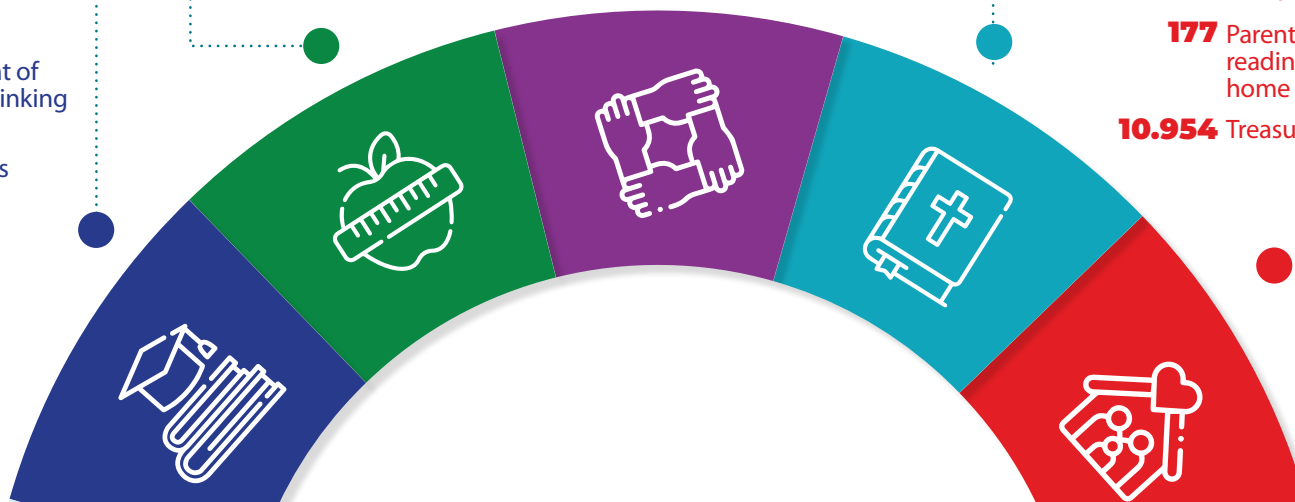
- 8** Treasures studied the "Caring for My Home" curriculum
- 37,010** Treasures received in-kind donations
- 61** Families benefited with home equipping
- 36** Beneficiaries of house building projects

Christian Life

- 97** Treasures attended discipleship groups
- 13** Treasures accepted Jesus as their Savior
- 20** Treasures reconcile their relationship with God
- 118** Treasures participated in devotionals
- 10,954** Treasures were evangelized
- 2** Consecutive years without reports of teenage pregnancies

Family Development

- 248** Prayer visits
- 234** Parents attended Family Discipleship sessions
- 177** Parents completed the whole reading plan of devotionals at home
- 10,954** Treasures benefited by Prayer Visits



TESTIMONY

Marielena de Suchite

Northeastern Region

She lives with her son and her husband, Edgar Suchite. She is a homemaker, and he is a farmer.



Marielena shares that before receiving assistance from Potter's House Association as a family, they frequently fell ill with the flu, because they had an open-air bathing area. During rainy seasons, going to the bathroom was challenging as the plastic they used for cover would fall with heavy rains. Cooking conditions were not ideal; they consumed a lot of firewood due to their method of cooking.

She and her family are very grateful and thank God for the blessing of participating in this project, especially for getting to know Potter's House. Through the Ministry, they have witnessed how God loves them by receiving their hygiene unit. Marielena asserts that their lives have changed; they don't get sick as often, and they appreciate having a bathroom under a solid roof, without the fear of it collapsing at any moment. They also express gratitude for the stove they received, which has reduced the amount of firewood they use.

This project has transformed their lives, and they perceive it as a gift from God, motivating them to continue seeking the Lord.

They express thanks to God for Potter's House and the donors who made this possible!





NORTHEASTERN REGION

Guatemala

► **5,429**
Treasures involved
in the **DEM**
Transformation
Process

Health & Nutrition

- 22** Treasures improved their hair conditions
- 26** Treasures who improved skin conditions
- 32** Treasures who grew in their height according to their age
- 3,788** Nutritious lunches served
- 697** Treasures benefited in medical clinics

Education

- 49** Treasures who participated in the Education program
- 39** Treasures improved in the development of their logical-mathematical thinking
- 49** Treasures improved in the of their reading habits
- 36** Treasures who implemented a learning corner at home

Community Development

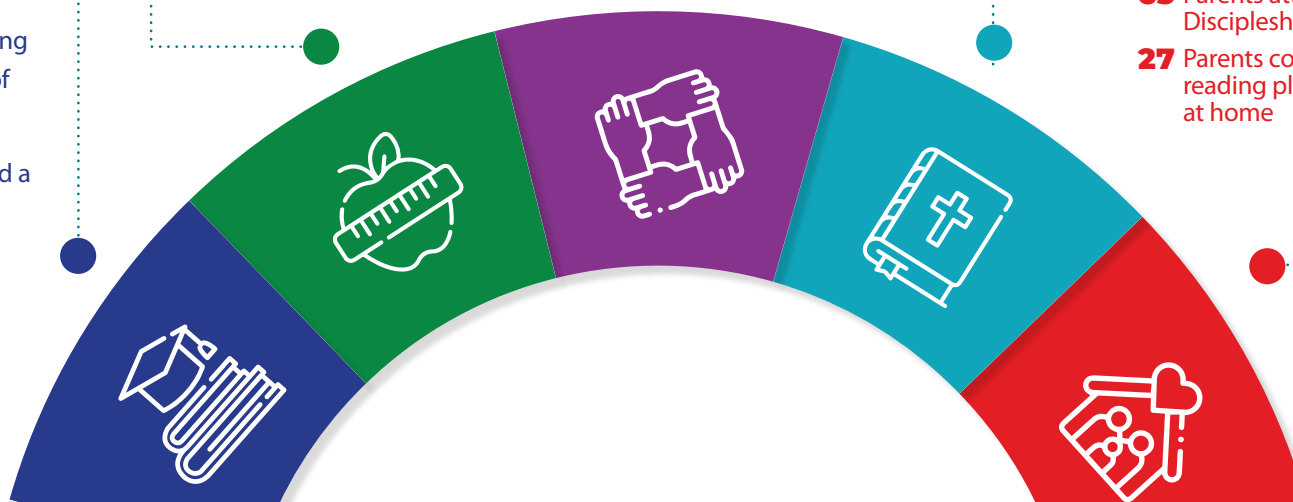
- 1,900.5** Level of food production in family gardens (pounds/units)
- 2,076** Eggs produced
- 65** Families served at the Agricultural and Livestock Program (CAAP)
- 18** Families who received hygiene unit (bathroom, shower, sink, and kitchen)
- 35** Families using their gardens after completion of the workshop
- 11** Families benefitted through house building projects

Christian Life

- 4** Treasures accepted Jesus as their Savior
- 4** Treasures reconciled their relationship with God
- 48** Treasures participated in devotionals
- 52** devotionals in the different programs
- 101** Treasures were evangelized
- 95** Treasures who participated in VBS programs

Family Development

- 975** Treasures where beneficated in prayer visits
- 65** Parents attended Family Discipleship sessions
- 27** Parents completed the whole reading plan of devotionals at home



TESTIMONY

Victor Joel Xiloj Coxaj

Wester Region

Victor is 12 years old, he is the youngest of 3 siblings. His older brother is 22 years old, and the middle one is 20. Both of them are involved in informal trade.

Victor's mother Odilia, only studied through 3 grade and currently crafts artisanal products, specifically plastic weaved baskets. This has been her means of earning a living to support the family. Odilia got married six months ago and lives with her current husband. Victor and his siblings live with their grandmother, Odilia's mother.

In 2023 when Victor was 12 years old, he completed 6th grade at the public-school Los Cipreses in Momostenango (Western highlands). He has grown without a paternal figure, but his mother, his brothers, and grandmother all worked together to take care of him and guide Victor. Despite family challenges, Victor overcame a rebellious phase where he resisted studying and only wanted to rest at home, neglecting responsibilities. Today, he maintains a positive attitude, displaying noble, kind, and hopeful actions and thoughts for his comprehensive growth. Victor enjoys playing soccer and basketball. He now works at his grandmother's store on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons. On Sunday afternoons, the entire family attends church services. Victor dreams of becoming an entrepreneur providing technological products for homes and offices. He acknowledges the importance of continuing his education to achieve this goal.

Victor has been part of the program for three years, benefiting from health and nutrition initiatives for good health. In the Education Program, workshops, tutoring, and devotionals played a vital role in reinforcing his cognitive, emotional, social skills, and spiritual growth. Victor is now part of the Honor role, showcasing leadership skills and maintaining notable academic averages, earning the flag-bearer title for two consecutive years. He prayed in faith, welcomed Jesus into his heart, and now learns from God through Potter's House's devotionals. These devotionals have given Victor a healthier, more positive, and hopeful perspective on life. He firmly believes that if Jesus sacrificed his life for him, it's because he is loved and considered valuable with an important purpose on Earth.

Odilia has also joined the Family Development program as a School for Parents participant, reinforcing her value and the importance of her role as a mother. In 2023, Victor completed elementary school and will continue with PHA, now as the first sponsored Treasure from the Western Highlands Region, continuing his education at the secondary school level. He is an example for other Treasures aspiring to transform their future and that of their families.





WESTERN REGION

Guatemala

► **5,015**
Treasures involved
in the **DEM**
Transformation
Process

Health & Nutrition

- 22** Treasures improved their hair conditions
- 18** Treasures improved skin conditions
- 25** Treasures reached their expected weight for their age
- 27** Treasures grew in their height according to their age
- 3,489** Treasures benefited in medical clinics

Education

- 35** Treasures participated in the Education program
- 15** Girls who studied in the program, breaking cultural paradigms that girls don't study
- 23** Treasures improved in the development of their logical-mathematical thinking
- 27** Treasures who improved of their reading habits
- 1** Treasure who started secondary studies in 2024, the first one at the Community Center in the Western Highlands

Community Development

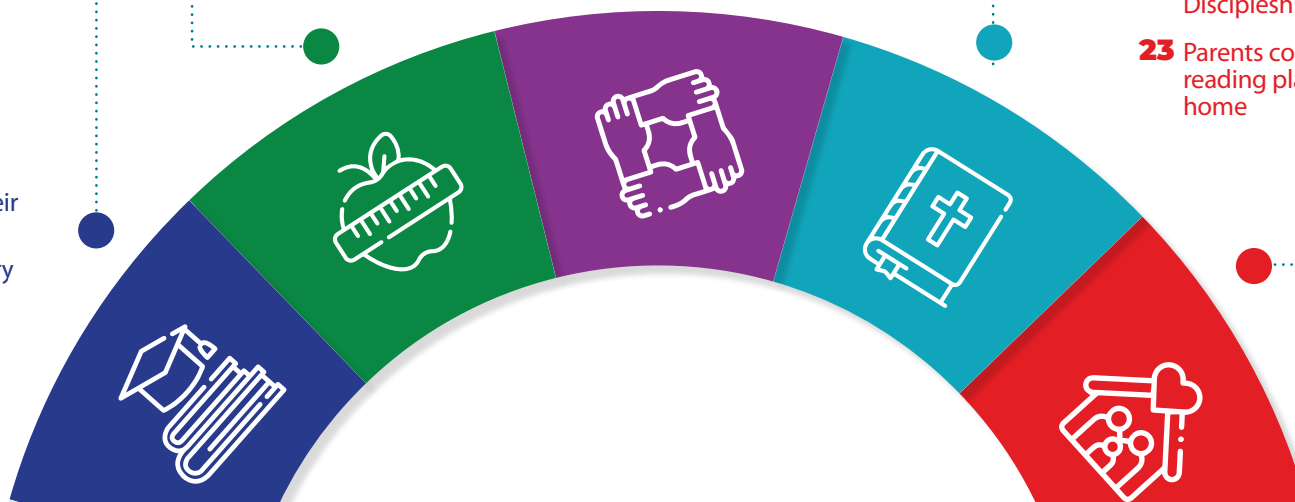
- 2,438** Treasures received in-kind donations
- 27** Families benefited with home equipping projects and water filters
- 75** Treasures experiencing food insecurity who received grocery bags
- 34** Treasures received nutritional donations

Christian Life

- 5** Treasures accepted Jesus as their Savior
- 31** Treasures participated in devotionals
- 23** Families conducted devotions at home
- 337** Treasures were evangelized

Family Development

- 6** Prayer visits
- 35** Parents attended Family Discipleship sessions
- 23** Parents completed the whole reading plan of devotions at home



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TOGETHER

John 15:1-17

