



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

When I reviewed the data to prepare this report I was humbled and grateful at the numbers I saw. We served more than 20,000 meals in our community this year. Beyond just a plate of food, each one of those meals represents a point of connection, relationship, and human warmth. Each meal is an opportunity to share the truth of the Gospel with our neighbors and to remind them that they have immense value in the sight of God. Each meal served is a moment of impact.

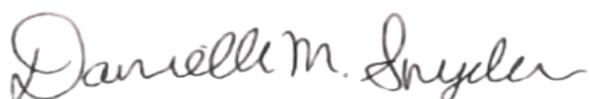
In addition to many meals served and connections made, we had a record six graduations from our New Dawn Residential Program and we held community outreach events in both San Salvador and Chalchuapa in the community served by our clinic. Meeting physical needs are necessary, but the holistic care of meeting spiritual, emotional, social and mental needs is the way we can minister to the whole person. We are privileged to do this work.

I speak for our whole team when I thank you for your faithful support. As you will read in the pages of this report, you will see that your financial donations and acts of service have made an impact on the lives of many in the country of El Salvador. Perhaps you will not meet someone face to face, but I hope that you will know that because of you they were able to receive much love and care during the twelve months of 2025.

I cannot champion enough the work of our team. Our national staff, local volunteers, Board of Directors, global church partners and friends who come to serve have shown up in so many ways for those who are vulnerable. By supporting Mission To El Salvador, you are joining Kingdom work each and every day.

I pray that your hearts will be encouraged as you read about the beautiful things happening in our part of the world. I hope that you will see evidence of lives that have been impacted and rejoice with us in the transformation taking place in El Salvador.

For Freedom,



DANIELLE SNYDER

Executive Director



IMPACTS FOR GROWTH

1

**20,000 MEALS
SERVED IN OUR
COMMUNITY**

2

**36 COMMITTED
TO
DISCIPLESHIP**

3

**9 WOMEN
EMPOWERED
THROUGH WORK**

4

**6 GRADUATIONS FROM
NEW DAWN
RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM**

5

**17 CLIENTS IN
INDIVIDUAL THERAPY
PROCESSES THIS YEAR**

OUR MISSION:

We exist to empower Salvadorans to find freedom to realize their dreams and to pursue their futures.



OUR INITIATIVES



OUR STRATEGY

Our initiatives are the vehicles that we use to complete our goals. Our strategy is to utilize asset-based community development and focus on the God-given talents and assets that exist. We work to strengthen these assets and to provide opportunities for discipleship, healing, recovery and dignified work.

We also work through therapeutic interventions, substance abuse, recreational activities, meeting physical needs, and social support to help our residents, clients and patients to be reconciled with God, with others, and with the world around them.

Our desire is to see everyone that we serve overcome the barriers of poverty, addiction and exploitation so that they can truly find freedom to grow.

FREEDOM TO GROW IN EL SALVADOR

We are a U.S. based organization working to connect people who want to serve El Salvador with those who are working to find freedom to grow in this beautiful country. We are working through the following initiatives:

- **New Dawn Residential Program**
- **Lighthouse Resource Center**
- **Quinta Dolores Medical Clinic**
- **Community Outreach**



NEW DAWN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The New Dawn Residential Program is the only residential treatment program for children and youth in the country of El Salvador who are struggling with serious addictions to substances. In the program, we receive boys between the ages of 10 and 17. These youth are high risk and face other issues like abuse, trauma, a history of violence, incarceration, poverty, abandonment and other social problems. They struggle to understand how God, family, and other relationships fit into their lives.

At New Dawn all components of addiction are addressed including spiritual, mental, physical, emotional, social and family. The program includes a parallel process of family interventions and psychoeducation to give every graduate the best chance of success.

STANDARD OF CARE:

Our program continues to be recognized on a national and regional level. We have maintained the "Seal of Good Practice" from El Salvador's Anti-Drug Commission. We also have representation in the El Salvador chapter of the International Society of Substance Abuse Professionals (ISSUP) and the Salvadoran Federation of Addiction Treatment Centers.

Our staff have received training from international organizations over this past year in the areas of addiction treatment, therapeutic communities and addiction therapy. These trainings have strengthened our program. This past year we received several residents from the U.S. who have dual citizenship as serious drug problems continue to grow in the U.S. Our program remains free to youth and their families.

SUCCESS RATE:

This year we had 6 graduations. These graduates joined the others who have graduated since 2017 when the program began. Since that time, we have maintained a 75% success rate for long-term sobriety among our graduates. Our graduates have gone on to study, have careers, and get married. They are active in their communities, churches, and many return to volunteer in the program as well as in our other initiatives.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

“This was the first birthday that I spent sober.”

The quote above was shared as one of our residents reflected on his favorite moments from 2025. Part of the biggest impact of the New Dawn Residential Program is the opportunity to share with our residents what life can be like away from drugs and alcohol. Early intervention makes all the difference.

Big highlights for us were having a “full house” all year with 11 residents and 6 graduations. We will have more graduations in 2026. We also were able to complete a much needed renovation to make the program even more safe and secure for our residents.



- Workshops:**
Residents participated in job skills workshops like graphic design, welding, oral expression, leadership, English, and more.
- Therapies:**
Emotional and drugdependency therapies are a keypart of the program. Residents participated in group, individual and family sessions.
- Family Program:**
Our family program includes family visits, home visits, interventions, psycheducation, and a support group for families. Celebrations include families of residents and families of graduates.
- Special Activities:**
In addition to the weekly recreational activities that are part of the schedule, residents also took field trips and had special celebrations throughout the year.
- Rituals:**
Part of the program includes marking the rituals of reaching milestones, of welcoming new residents, and saying good-bye to those graduating. These rituals happened at a steady rhythmn all year long.

LIGHTHOUSE RESOURCE CENTER

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Lighthouse Resource Center is a drop-in center located in the Tutunichapa neighborhood of El Salvador. This neighborhood has long been known as a hot spot for drug trafficking, commercial sex, and homelessness. We work to address all of these issues that face our community. Through outpatient and hands-on care, we utilize asset-based community development strategies to identify the resources and beautiful things present in our community. We then accompany our neighbors as they work toward dignified work and new opportunities to grow in their lives.

We serve those facing homelessness and extreme poverty, survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, those who are facing violence, individuals who have recently returned from the U.S., those who have been incarcerated and their families, those who have been abandoned on the streets, those who are dealing with HIV and AIDS, and others who have been pushed to the margins of society.

This year we saw shifting needs in many of these populations as many other programs and non-profit organizations had to change their scope of care due to the cancellation of USAID projects in El Salvador. We have worked to respond in the best way that we can and we remain grateful for the many opportunities that we have to serve those in need. As people face physical needs, they are open to being reconciled with God, with others, and with their families and community.

OUR RESOURCES

In the Lighthouse, we worked this year to offer holistic care through a variety of different resources. The resources we offered this year included:

- Meals (breakfast and lunch)
- Bible Studies
- Computer classes
- Sewing and embroidery classes
- Public health workshops
- Group and individual therapy
- Case management
- Gym, aerobics and sports
- Mental health workshops
- Recovery support group
- Showers
- Monthly birthday celebrations
- Haircuts
- Microenterprise projects
- Holiday celebrations
- Sales course
- Support group for trafficking survivors
- Field trips
- Convenient store



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

“Being in the project has made such a big difference for me this year. I’ve been able to save some money for my family.”

One of the women that we serve in partnership with “Free The Girls” through a micro-enterprise program shared the words above. The project allows women who have been exploited through human trafficking, commercial exploitation and violence to start their own businesses selling bras. At the same time, they receive trauma-informed case management and therapy while participating in Bible studies and a support group designed just for them. Many of the women have also joined the “Level System” which provides them additional benefits as they work toward a process of growth and change. This is just one of the ways that resources at the Lighthouse impacted members of our community in 2025.



- ✔ **Meals Served:**
We served more than 20,000 meals in the Lighthouse this year including breakfast and lunches throughout the week.
- ✔ **Workshops:**
We presented 14 workshops throughout the year on diverse topics ranging from cancer prevention to human trafficking awareness to self-care, literacy and the environment.
- ✔ **Therapy:**
This year we had 11 women in individual therapy, and 14 in group therapy throughout the year. We also had 6 men in individual therapy and 16 in group therapy.
- ✔ **Celebrations:**
We had 18 celebrations throughout the year to honor birthdays, holidays, and other special occasions. Our community is a family to many of our clients.
- ✔ **Level System:**
During the year, 15 clients took part in a committed process of growth and change as part of the Level System.
- ✔ **Courses:**
We offered 4 different job training courses with certifications this year.
- ✔ **Recovery Support:**
Many of our resources provided support for clients in recovery, and our weekly support group had an average of 13 clients per week with 10 men and 3 women attending.
- ✔ **Job Programs:**
Women could participate in the Free The Girls program where they started their own businesses. All clients could join our card-making program. Both provided dignified work. More than 20 people were able to go on to gain consistent and dignifying work outside of the Lighthouse.
- ✔ **Field Trips:**
Our Level System clients took 3 field trips this year.



QUINTA DOLORES MEDICAL CLINIC

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Quinta Dolores Medical Clinic is located in the Chalchuapa area of the Santa Ana department. It is in a very rural community that lacks access to medical resources.

This year we served men, women and children from infants through the elderly. We provided prenatal care, check-ups for diabetes and heart diseases, well child visits, and a variety of other routine health care appointments.

We also offered consultations for families considering pregnancy, filled prescriptions and were able to provide specialty services like EKG and ultrasound.



LOCAL OUTREACH

Because the clinic has been newly inaugurated and registered under the Ministry of Health, we have worked to get the word out to the community this year about the resources that are available

We partnered with local church volunteers to have several community outreach events this year.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE



SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION



STREET OUTREACH



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

- 2 vaccine clinics
- 1 cancer prevention workshop with the Ministry of Health
- Pap smears and screening for STIs

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

- Week-long training in a local school to address vaping with students, parents and teachers
- Substance abuse training for youth leaders in a local church

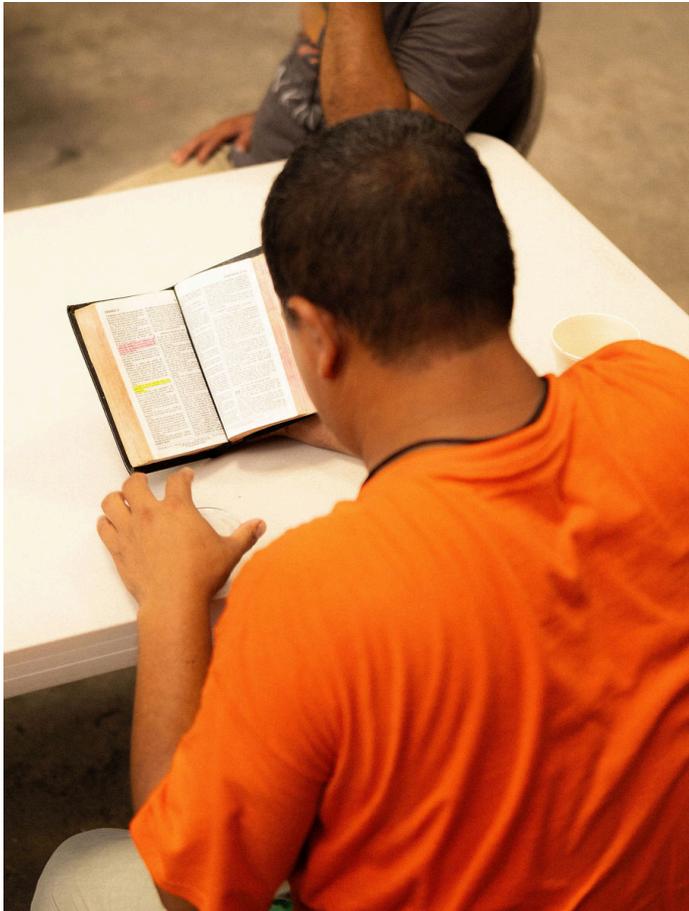
WEEKLY STREET OUTREACH

- Weekly meal distribution for those facing homelessness, poverty and food insecurity
- Approximately 1000 meals distributed each month

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Coat and sweater distribution during heavy rains and cold winds
- Food delivery to sick clients
- 12 packets delivered to prisons
- Clothing and household items for a graduate of New Dawn who had nothing

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



SPIRITUAL GROWTH RESOURCES

A part of holistic healing includes growing spiritually. This year, we provided spiritual resources in several ways.

In the Lighthouse Resource Center:

- Tuesday morning Bible study
- Wednesday "Breakfast with God" time of sharing testimonies and discussing God and spiritual growth together
- Integration of faith into individual therapy, support groups and recovery resources

In the New Dawn Residential Program:

- A Bible class for the residents
- Weekly Bible studies
- Daily devotional times in the morning and evenings

For our staff:

- Weekly staff devotions
- Self-care devotional retreat day
- Training and networking with other faith-based organizations working in recovery

CELEBRATING FREEDOM IN CHRIST:

- 36 committed to a process of deeper discipleship and spiritual growth in 2025
- 3 of our New Dawn residents came to know Christ personally this year
- 11 of our Lighthouse clients made decisions for Christ



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS



CHURCH PARTNERS

Local and global church partners were a key part of the work we do through financial support, prayer, encouragement, and volunteer support.



INDIVIDUAL DONORS

We relied on individual donors who partnered with us to fund our work and keep things going day to day.



VOLUNTEERS

Local and international volunteers were a strategic part of our work and we could not do it without our volunteers.



ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS

Our partnerships with government and non-profit organizations helped us to expand our projects and make a bigger impact.



GIFTS IN KIND

Businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated by giving “gifts in kind” provided food, clothing and other items that benefited our residents and clients on an ongoing basis.

OUR PARTNERS:

“These experiences will follow me into everything I do.”

This quote was shared by our summer intern as she reflected on her time serving with us and what she will take into her future studies and career as a therapist. Our goal is always for “mutual transformation” and we want all of our partners to learn and grow alongside of us as we are all changed together.

We had so many opportunities to partner with other organizations and individuals in 2025 and we are grateful to impact not only those we serve, but also those who serve with us!



- 10 Learning and Serving Teams**
- 4 University Students Completing Community Service Hours**
- 14 Local Volunteers**
- 7 Non-Profit Partners**
- 1 Summer Intern**
- 7 Local University Students Completing Practical Hours**
- 13 Global Church Partners**
- 2 National Church Partners**
- 6 Government Organization Partners**
- 13 High School Students Completing Community Service Hours**

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

As donations are received by Mission To El Salvador, they are invested into our community and 2025 was no different. The impacts made by our programs, staff and volunteers are not possible without funding to cover the costs of food, salaries, electricity, transportation and so much more.

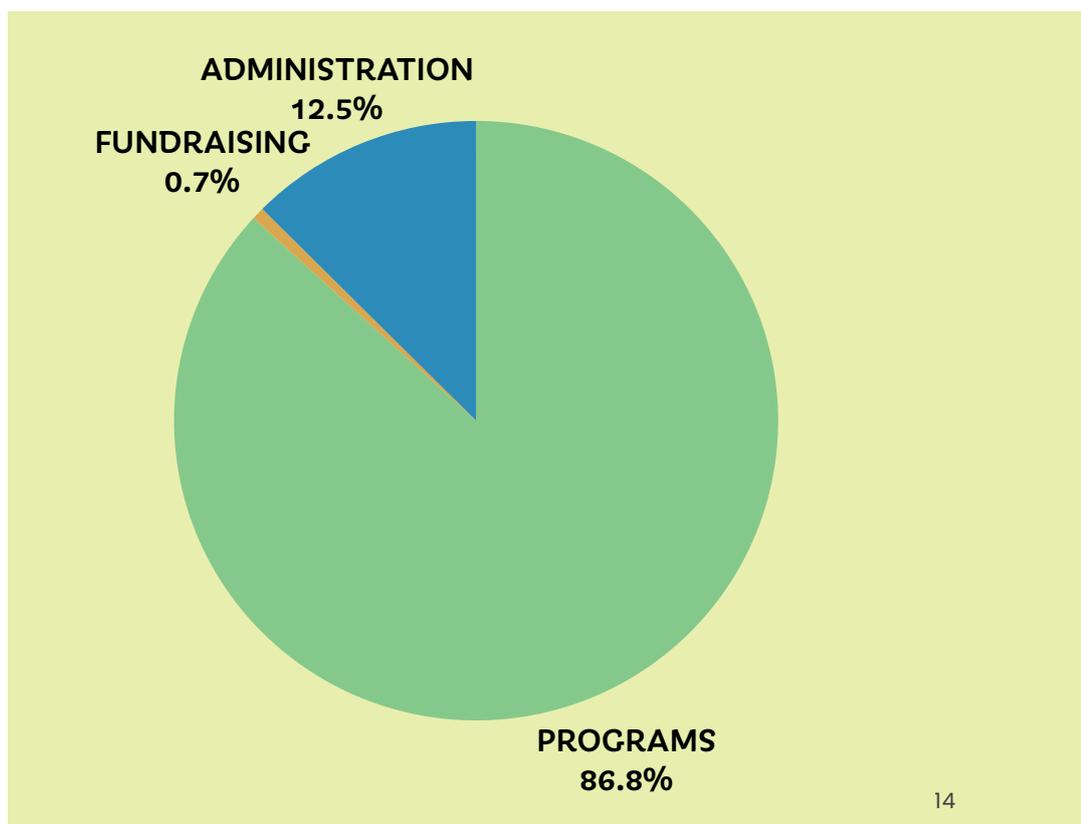
In 2025, we received a total of **\$629,486.18** in financial donations. Our organizational expenditures for the year totaled **\$594,467.76**. Some significant projects this year that we are in the process of finishing are: a partial conversion to solar power, the renovation of the New Dawn Residential Program and the purchase of a new vehicle. The graph below shows how our funds were applied in 2025.

It is important to note that we also partnered with a community project in Costa Del Sol this year that cost approximately \$200,000. Funds specifically for that project elevated our overall revenue and expenditures.

Even as costs rise in El Salvador, we are thankful that our donors have remained faithful in giving and we have been able to pay all of our bills. We also received Candid's Platinum Seal of Financial Transparency once again this year. This is the highest possible rating of financial transparency from GuideStar, the world's leading source of information on non-profit organizations.

We had 3 monthly financial donors in El Salvador, and 9 that regularly gave through gifts in kind which provided significant gifts to offset our expenses. In Canada, we had 3 regular donors. In the U.S., we had 220 individual donors and 17 churches that donated. We continue to receive donations of Bitcoin.

We conducted a Financial Review and all of our Annual Reviews are available upon request and are posted on our GuideStar profile for public view.



GOALS FOR GROWTH

1

EMPOWER our staff members to take ownership of their part in completing our mission.

2

STRENGTHEN partnerships for capacity building and long-term sustainability.

3

IMPLEMENT and teach new rhythms of sabbath for ourselves and those we serve.

KEEP MOVING FORWARD

As we look ahead and move into a new year, we have new goals! We are focused on empowering our staff to take ownership in completing our mission. We want everyone to understand how their work makes an impact!

We are also dedicated to expanding our impact by forming even more partnerships to build capacity within our organization and help build systems to sustain us for the long haul.

Finally, we want everyone to rely on God for rest and rejuvenation. Sometimes our work feels hard and we need to be disciplined about incorporating rest into all that we are doing. We also want to model that well for those in our community that are working to heal and recover from deep wounds.



WHAT IS YOUR **MISSION** TO EL SALVADOR?

GET INVOLVED

There are so many ways that you can get involved today in making a big impact in El Salvador no matter where in the world you are!

In 2025, our volunteers from around the world got involved in many different ways and as we look ahead to 2026, we are also anticipating the involvement of others who want to join our mission.

The ways we involve others in our mission include praying, giving and serving.



PRAY



GIVE



SERVE

Ways to Get Involved:

- Help with mailings
- Organize a vision trip or a Learning and Serving Trip to El Salvador
- Tell your friends about our work
- Donate regularly
- Share our fundraising posts
- Become an advocate for your favorite program or project
- Pray everyday for El Salvador



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