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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

I remember sitting here a year ago writing the year end letter and being amazed at how we were able to minister to folks while living through a pandemic. What I did not realize at the time, was that one year later we would still be navigating our way through many of the same challenges as the pandemic lingers on.

While we did not foresee what was in store regarding the pandemic, what we did predict correctly, is that the weight of it all would have a lasting impact on the populations we serve. This has caused us to reimagine how we do ministry.

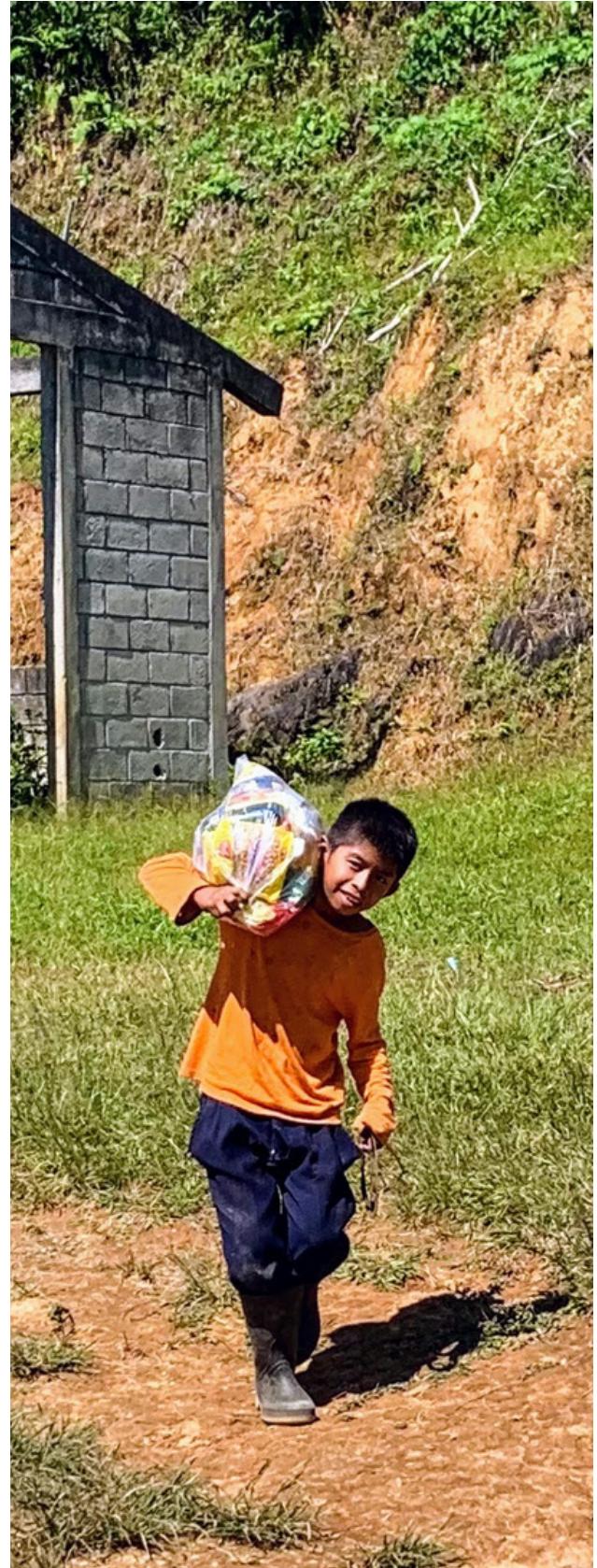
In this Impact Report we have tried to capture the work being done in and through Always On Mission. As you read through these highlights, it is my hope that you are as encouraged as we are. However, we understand that there is a level of impact that simply cannot be captured and shared in the true sense of what has transpired.

2021 has proven to be an incredibly successful year, in large part due to you, our supporters! I want to thank you for your continued generosity. It has positioned us to serve those in need, all for the glory of God!

Grace & Peace,



Arnold M. Matos
President/Co-founder



MEET OUR TEAM

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MISSION

Our mission is to encourage, edify, equip and empower those in need, while sharing the love of God, starting in our city and to the "Ends of the Earth".

VISION

Our vision is to find the root causes affecting individuals and communities in need and finding innovative ways to address those needs with sustainable solutions. We do this while living on mission, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and encouraging others to do the same.

OUR VALUES

ENCOURAGE - More than just through acts of kindness, we will take the opportunity to highlight the hope we have in Christ: urging one another in the truth and reminding one another of the infinite goodness of the Gospel.

EDIFY - Establishing relationships and building up individuals by sharing the love of God through openness, mutual respect, and service to others.

EQUIP - Providing individuals and communities with either the physical and or spiritual resources needed, not only to address an immediate need, but to provide long term sustainability.

EMPOWER - Empowering individuals and communities by identifying the root cause of their needs and moving from reactive, commodity-based kindness to the kinds of relational, holistic strategies that have long term effect.

Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.
Isaiah 1:17



LOCAL MISSIONS

All outreach involves overseeing a lot of moving parts, oftentimes from different people. To have a successful rollout, we rely on a well-crafted plan to ensure objectives are met in a timely manner and on budget. We continuously review our outreach goals, as well as monitoring deliverables in order to maximize impact and successfully complete the objective.



HIGHLIGHTS AND SUCCESSES

- Provided 390 lunches for those in need in the City of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
- Distributed groceries and clothing items to several families in need.
- Provided pallets full of ready to eat meals to 4 different organizations.
- Provided a family of 6 with a very special Christmas.
- Enrolled 40 individuals in Coordinated Entry, Pennsylvania's Homeless Management Information System.

INDIA



HIGHLIGHTS AND SUCCESSES

- Continued our financial support for a group of church planting Pastors.
- Provided 45 Church planting Pastors and Lay Ministers with a Christmas offering.
- Provided a two-week supply of groceries to 23 widows.
- In partnership with another ministry, blessed 30 children and their caretakers at an orphanage with Christmas gifts and a special Christmas dinner.
- In partnership with another ministry provided an orphanage with a washing machine and an air cooler.



HONDURAS



HIGHLIGHTS AND SUCCESSES

- Provided Good Shepherd Children's Home (GSCH) with water filters and bottle caps in order to maintain the water system that was installed by Always On Mission in partnership with Living Water World Missions in 2018.
- We used technology to provide continuous support to the water system operators at GSCH. This support enabled the operators to produce approximately 17,040 gallons of purified water in 2021.



GUATEMALA



HIGHLIGHTS AND SUCCESSES

- Provided 10 families with an Onil Plancha Stove.
 - Provided 5 Schools with an Onil Multifunctional Biomass Stove.
 - Provided clothing and hygiene products to families in 6 different communities
 - Repaired the houses of two widows whose homes were structurally compromised.
 - Provided the families of the first 3 children born in 2021 in Tucurú, Alta Verapaz with a supply of groceries.
 - Built a house for a widow who lost her home to a storm.
 - Provided a widow who was living in literal darkness with solar LED lighting for her home.
 - Provided 5 schools with a total of 100 School Desks.
 - Provided 300 Children with school supplies.
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BEFORE & AFTER - TIERRA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN TUCURÚ, ALTA VERAPAZ



GUATEMALA



Onil Multifunctional Biomass Stove



Onil Plancha Stove



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

A CONVERSATION WITH CHARLIE RIPPER

How would you describe your volunteer experience with Always On Mission?

Leading up to the mission, my main thought and prayer was to provide as much help and goodwill as I was able and not be a burden along the way. I loved the people I met; those who I traveled with and worked beside, and those I met for the first time while being in Guatemala. Hopefully, I was successful what I strived to be and do.

Tell me about the people you met.

I thought the people we met in Guatemala were all very welcoming and kind. I was touched by the way the city of Tucurú was a community that appeared to look after each other. There was the awful incident where a young boy was accidentally hit by a motorcycle and hospitalized with head trauma. The locals immediately rallied together and took up a collection in an area where most probably had little to give, but gave what they could.

What surprised you about the culture in Guatemala?

During the time that we spent in Guatemala (specifically, in Tucurú), I was touched by the sense of true community I witnessed. The cooperation that people had with each other and mutual respect was always evident. People consistently greeted each other with a wave and a smile. There were minor traffic incidences that were constant, but always handled with patience, grace, and a beep of gratitude. We joked about how rare it would've been to see a similar reaction in an average U.S. city (where road conditions are significantly better). When visiting the tribal communities that were far removed from the city, I was also struck by how much of their culture revolved around their strong faith, and how it must sustain them and keep them strong.

This trip reinforced in me the belief that true happiness transcends material wealth and doesn't exist without faith, trust, love and humility.

*Charlie Ripper
Volunteer*

How do you want to remember this experience going forward?

As reinforcing in me the belief that true happiness transcends material wealth and doesn't exist without faith, trust, love and humility.

How did God change your view of the world?

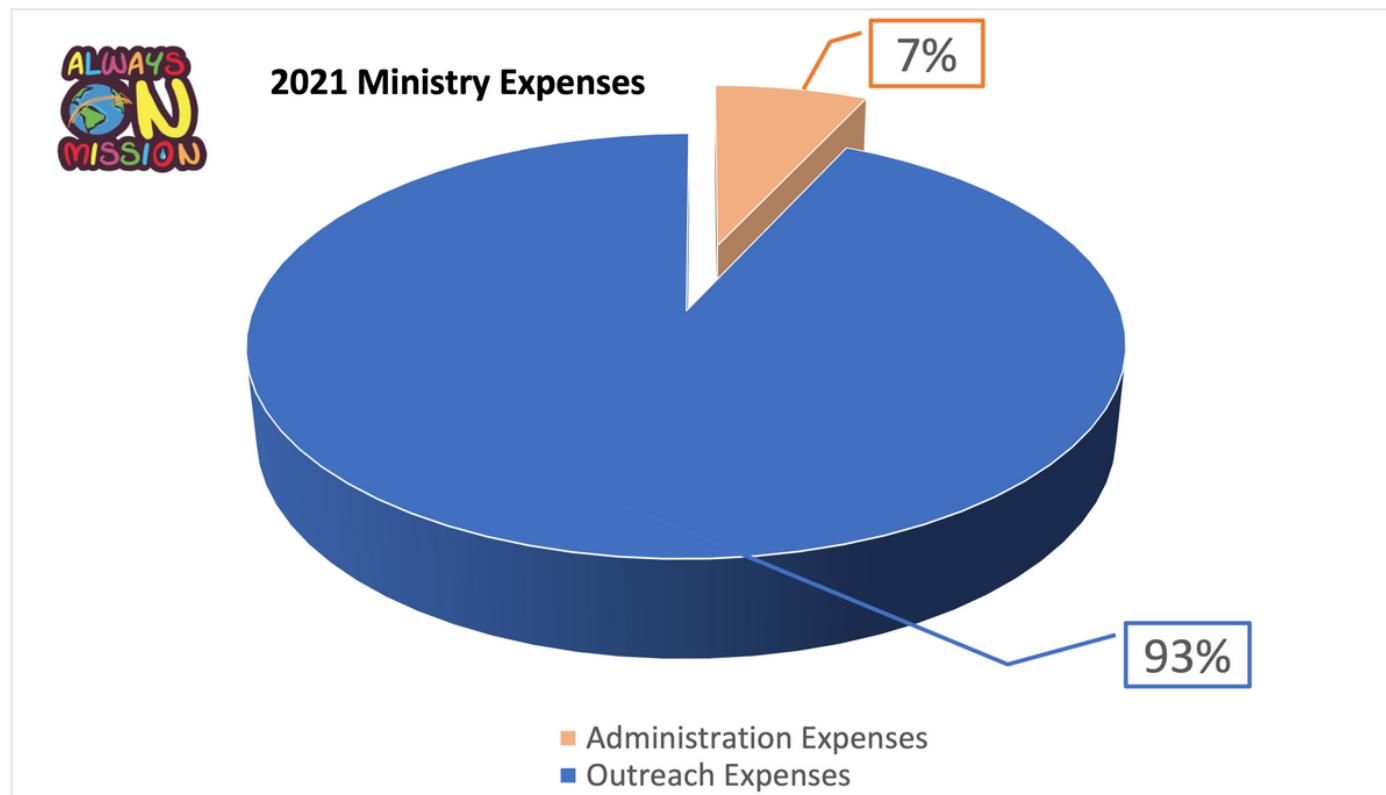
Specific to the mission, I'm not sure if God necessarily changed my view of the world, but reinforced certain things I already thought to be true. That's not to say I didn't learn from it - I think every interaction with a person of true faith is a way of reinforcing your own, and I'm sure I needed that.



Charlie & Karen Ripper



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



“ When someone donates a dollar to Always On Mission, it is always our goal to stretch that dollar as far around the world as we can.

Arnold M. Matos
President

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