

ANNUAL REPORT

IDENTITY MISSION

2022



Message from our Founders

After personally working in orphan care and overseas missions for 16 years, Jorge and I can truthfully say that it is always of the greatest comfort knowing that you, our partners, are right there with us in prayer, faith, support, and advocacy. As we train locals, advocate for family-based care with the Honduran government, encourage the local churches to get involved, all of it, all the time the knowledge that you, although far away physically, are in this work with us, loyal to see the day in Honduras when there are no more orphanages.

Eight years ago, we began fighting for this cause together, and because of each one the Lord has strategically placed in this journey doing their part, we have seen **131** placed within a loving family unit instead of an orphanage facility.

That is reason to celebrate! Praise the Lord for all His goodness toward us and for hearing the cry of the orphan child and sending His helping hand through you.

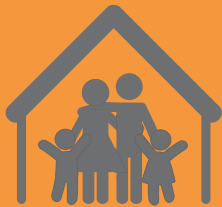
Thank you!



2022 IMPACT

This year we saw a bit of a shift in where we were able to impact vulnerable children the most. In the past, foster care was the program where we saw the most movement. But since the government has continually made the work of foster care much more restricted, not allowing local offices to work as freely with the partner organizations, we have seen a drastic drop in children entering foster care. However, simultaneously, we saw an increase of the number of at-risk families we were able to accept into our family preservation program. This is highly due to local churches desiring to partner with us more than ever and personally supply for the physical needs of the families.

Foster Care



TWENTY-SEVEN CHILDREN SERVED THIS YEAR!

Due to your support, 5 staff were fully equipped to care for these 27 foster children this entire year. Twenty families continued to receive the training, encouragement, and prayers from our team that makes it possible for them to do the sacrificial work of fostering.

Family Preservation



THIRTY-FIVE CHILDREN STAYED WITH THEIR BIOLOGICAL FAMILY!

This year, we prevented 35 children from ever having to know the trauma of being separated from their family due to poverty and lack of resources! Local churches joined us in assisting 10 families in their life plan to reach independence and care well for their families!

Training and Advocacy



ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN TRAINED!

This year, Identity Mission certified trainer, Becky Vega, was able to train 117 individuals across the entire country of Honduras in caring well for vulnerable children. Orphanage staff, government workers, psychologists and social workers gathered in many different venues to receive valuable tools to better their work.

Next Steps

As we take a moment to look back and celebrate all that the Lord has done this past year, we also want to a moment to share our goals and hopes for 2022! Please pray with us as we seek to support more at-risk families and vulnerable children in our programs.

Foster Care

This year, we plan to add 16 new foster kids into the foster care program. With this amount, our current case workers will have a full caseload. To support one child in the foster care program it takes \$25 a month. Would you consider committing that amount to support this growth?

Family Preservation

This year, we are hoping to add new families to the program & train community leaders to assist even more with the vulnerable families in their community. We are calling this expansion of our model, community counselors. It cost an average of \$100 monthly for a year to support an at-risk family.

Sustainability

Two areas we plan to become more sustainable is firstly in growing our Identifiers program and also by beginning to build financial partners here in Honduras; raising up local businesses, churches, and individual advocates that will support the cause of providing family for vulnerable children.

Advocacy

Our advocacy training course is up and running. Those interested can take this course online with one of our staff in order to learn more about family-based care and increase your involvement in advocating for best practices in orphan care!

**To learn more how you can join the Identifiers send a message to jade@identitymission.org.

JESSICA WAS FACING HER MOST DESPERATE MOMENT IN LIFE WHEN SOMEONE INTRODUCED HER TO IDENTITY MISSION...



With no family to support her, Jessica was unsure where to turn when after suffering through a moment of horror and discovered it had resulted in a pregnancy.

Questions swirled in her mind of how she would care for this new life...she was determined despite the circumstances to let this baby have a chance at life. She knew she couldn't do it alone, and thought perhaps the hospital would help her in her plight. She walked into the hospital, hoping for kindness and fearing judgment. But what she found still astounds her today.

A hospital staff pointed her to our team, and due to the community network Identity Mission has built for at-risk families, the hospital (Hospital Evangelica), Sala Evangelica church, and Identity Mission team were at once able to come together to strategize how they could wrap around, support, and empower Jessica through this difficult time. She has received affordable housing, counseling, emergency groceries, and free health care in a place where there is NO welfare system that supplies these. But there is the body of Christ!

Not only was Jessica able to birth a healthy baby, but she has been able to begin building a future for her as well!



THEY SIMPLY HAD TO FIND THEIR PLACE IN SERVING THE LORD. CARMEN'S HEART TOLD HER THAT THE LORD HAD SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HER AND HER DAUGHTERS TO DO. SHE JUST HAD TO FIND OUT WHAT!

Sitting at church on a regular Sunday morning, Carmen heard one of Identity Mission's staff speaking about something she'd never heard of before. They were looking for families to serve orphans in a unique way, taking them into their own homes, not visiting them at the local orphanage. This was something new; a program called foster care.

Her heart stirred in her. This was the something she had been looking for, the way her and her daughters could serve the Lord! Carmen signed up that day to learn more about the program. Identity Mission staff walked her through the application process to become a foster family with Identity Mission. Once approved, she spent the next couple of months gathering the required paperwork, passing the psychological exam and home study performed by the Identity Mission technical team, and with her daughters preparing the space where they would welcome "...one of the least of these." Excitement was rising!

It took several more months for the local welfare office to provide their initial foster parent training, but Carmen rested in the peace of the Lord knowing that He would soon fulfill her desire to serve in a big way that honored Him!

On June 24, 2022, Carmen and her daughters traveled to the DINAF office to receive a toddler boy who had been living at an orphanage was in need of a more permanent home while the government workers worked on his case to see if he would go to adoption or be reintegrated. Walking in, they were overjoyed that today was the day they would meet their little charge and be able to show him the one-on-one care of a family he had yet to experience.



How you can grow in 2023...

Without your collaboration in this cause to provide family-care for orphaned and vulnerable children, our work would not be possible. THANK YOU! As you have continually been an answer to our prayers, our prayer for you is that you are able to live out your calling to the orphan found in James 1:27 in joy and see tremendous growth in your own spiritual walk. It is our desire to provide you with opportunities to do just that!

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BECOME AN IDENTIFIER!

Join our group of monthly donors we call The Identifiers! This is a group that has committed to stand with us and support the annual efforts of seeing more kids in the healthy care of family. We share special updates in our Facebook group and meet quarterly via zoom!

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TAKE OUR ADVOCACY CLASS!

We have designed an online class specifically to equip you with the knowledge you need to make the biggest impact possible in the arena of orphan care. Ready to learn more? Contact us to sign up for an upcoming class!

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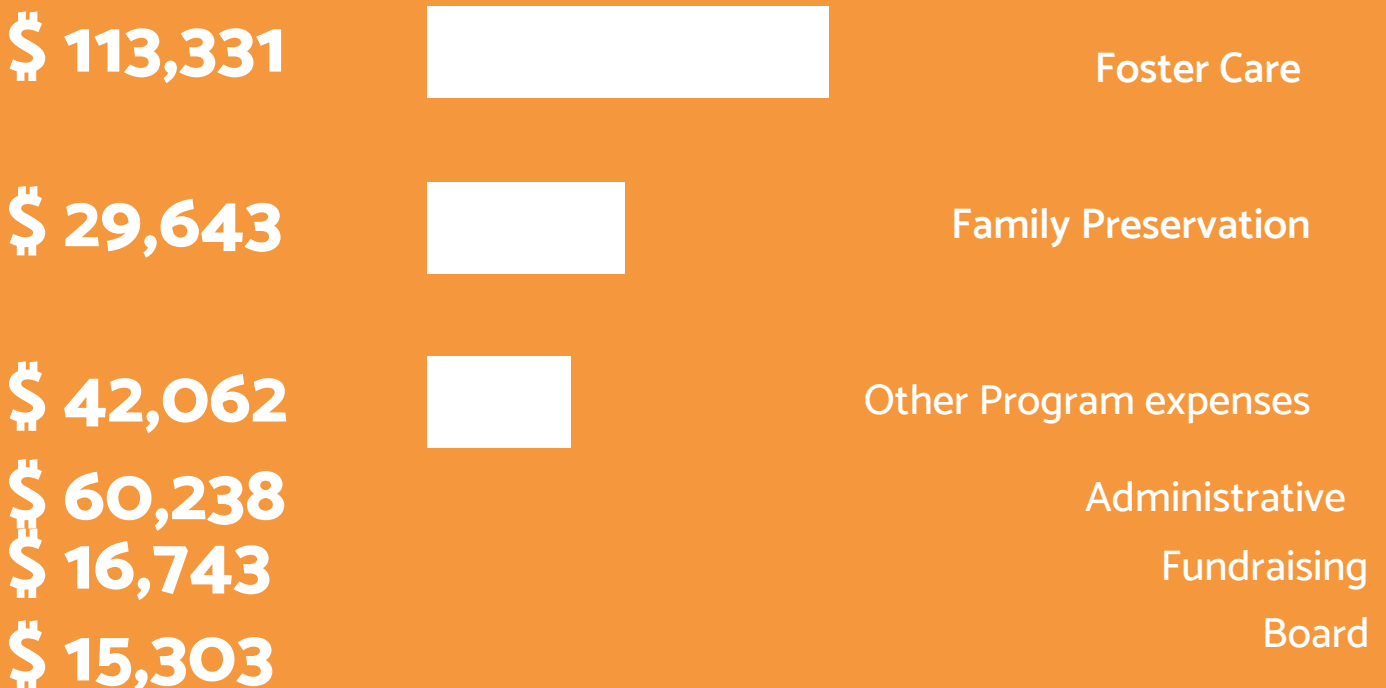
COME ON A VISION TRIP!

Doors are open once again to visit our beautiful country of Honduras. Come and see what the Lord is doing first hand during a 10-day, vision trip designed to show you the everyday life in the workings of Identity Mission.

Revenue



Expenses



Acknowledgements

We are extremely grateful for the partner churches, individuals, and our Identity Mission staff that strove all year in the endeavor to keep as many vulnerable children in families as possible.

56 New one-time donors in 2022

9 Joined the Identifiers, monthly partners, in 2022

10 Churches in the United States partnered with us in 2022

We thank you for working with us to put **churches and families** back into orphan care!



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