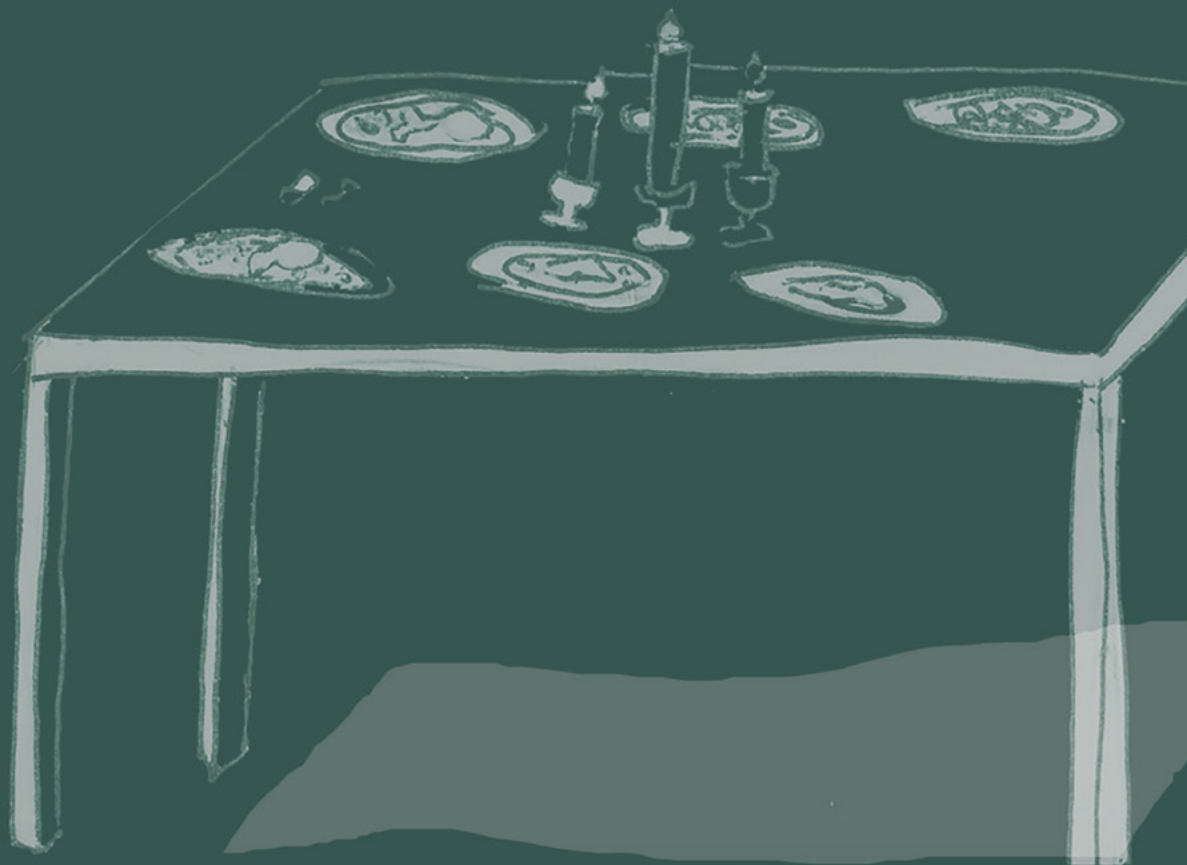


Amid a global pandemic, which brought such suffering and hunger to already vulnerable communities, what unfolded in 2020 was a year of bountiful service and impact.

Preparing the Table



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



For many pastors and churches, 2020 was a lost year because they weren't able to fulfill their plans. But, for us, it was our most fruitful year of service with our community.

-Pastor Edgar Ixcaya, Chimaltanango, Guatemala



Immediate relief recipients collect meals and supplies at a local church in Nepal. Pandemic relief efforts took place in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nepal.

Even in Death's shadow, God prepared a table before me in the presence of my enemies...

PSALM 23

Dear Friend,

Greetings to you in this new year!

I'd like to thank you deeply for your incredible support in 2020, one of the most challenging years in decades.

Because of your generous gifts, prayers, and care, we were able to resource church and community leaders to serve over 28,000 families in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nepal.

But that's not the end of the story! Alongside your generosity, there was an incredible local effort characterized by preparation, ingenuity, courage, and self-sacrificial compassion.

In the middle of the worst health and economic crisis in Central America and Nepal in over 100 years, we saw church leaders build upon their strong relationships with local leaders and government officials to provide more than 4 million meals, help over 2,000 families restart their farms, and provide emotional and spiritual care for 1,823 families.

Even when pastors and community leaders had lost income and were struggling to feed their own families, they gave sacrificially and mobilized 70 percent of the resources to care for the neediest people in their communities. In the midst of extreme hunger and hardship, people experienced a "feast" of compassion and service.

Last year felt very similar to what King David expressed in Psalm 23. Even as David feared for his life, he acknowledges the peace that comes through God's love and care. God prepares a table in the very presence of David's enemies.

We are truly grateful for your incredible care and provision for our staff, our church and community leaders, and the thousands of families you have helped. As we venture into 2021 with a mission to partner with church and community leaders to build resilient and thriving communities, we know we will face another challenging year. Nevertheless, we are confident that God's grace will fuel more miracles as we continue to collaborate together to serve and love all our neighbors in Christ's name!

With sincere gratitude and hope,



Dr. Ron Bueno
Co-founder & Executive Director

The 2020 Pivot: From Development to Relief & Recovery

As the pandemic became a global health and economic crisis, ENLACE changed its 2020 plans. As an organization, we pivoted away from community development initiatives to supporting our local church and community leaders to provide food aid, agricultural inputs, business loans, and emotional and spiritual care to more than 30,000 of the most vulnerable families in their communities.



White Flags: The Worst Hunger Crisis in 100 years in Central America

The COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to the sharpest increases in extreme hunger and poverty in 100 years in Central America. The spread of the virus, a fragile healthcare system, and lockdowns worsened health problems and caused food shortages and jobs and income loss. Many companies and farms closed down or reduced the number of employees leaving thousands of people without work or income.

As early as April, many families began hanging white flags from their homes or waving them along highways to indicate that they had less than three days left of food. In May, many farming families were unable to plant due to lockdowns and a lack of enough income to buy inputs. When the second planting window came in August, farmers were in danger of losing another season which would be catastrophic.



The Prepared and Committed Church In Action

Right from the start of the pandemic, church and community leaders began to respond to the crisis in their communities. They immediately tried to identify the families who were most vulnerable such as the elderly, chronically ill, single mothers, and those who had lost their jobs.

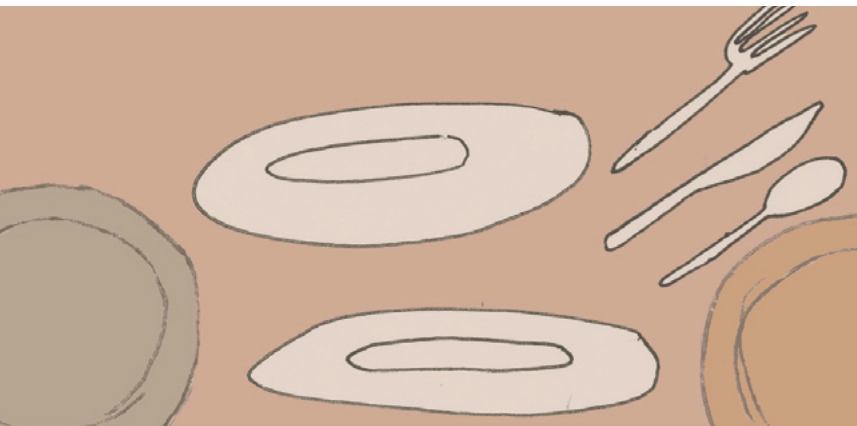
They met with mayors' offices and local non-profits to see how they could provide food assistance to those in greatest need. They gave of their own crops, they fished for their neighbors and they raised funds from friends and families living abroad.



Food Aid

Local volunteers from 83 churches worked with 300 communities to provide 4.3 million meals to 146,350 people throughout the year.

- 1.3 million of these meals were provided by international donors and in collaboration with Life.Church and Tearfund USA
- 3.08 million meals were generated locally by ENLACE's network of local churches



Farming Aid

Local churches in El Salvador and Guatemala worked with their communities to provide 2,013 farmers (10,065 people) agricultural assistance to plant their crops in August.

- In response to one urgent email request, 1,718 farming families were given assistance from a generous outpouring of donations by ENLACE's international donors.
- Church and community leaders leveraged these international donations to provide additional support to 295 families.

Loaves and Fishes: How Supplies Were Multiplied on the Ground

Farmers shared some of their agricultural donations with other needy families

Local churches raised funds to provide supplies to additional farmers

Church and community leaders asked local government offices to match or supplement the donations, which multiplied gifts!

Churches donated plots of land for home gardens and provided technical assistance





"For me, this agricultural gift transcends the fact that it's an international donation resulting from ENLACE's work within local churches and communities. For me, it is God answering my prayers and giving me hope for a better future."

Misael Del Cid, farmer in El Salvador

With each agricultural donation package, I will be able to plant about a quarter acre of beans with which I will be able to harvest six hundred pounds of beans. This will provide 300 lbs of beans for my family to eat over the next nine months and 300 lbs to sell. I can sell one hundred lbs of beans for \$50."

Ismael Garcia, farmer in El Salvador



"The food and household supply basket came at the right time when we were in dire need, as we had been going through very difficult times. And then we were so grateful to also have help with our farming. We know that this is God's blessing and provision. God will reward those who have remembered those of us in great need."

Rene Romero, farmer and meal recipient in El Salvador



PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Ena McGee draws the artwork for the 2020 Enlace Advent Calendar which raised tens of thousands of dollars for pandemic relief. Her work is also featured in this annual report and on enlacemarketplace.com.



Emotional & Spiritual Support for Community Families

- Church and community leaders provided ongoing emotional and spiritual support to close to 10,000 people.
- ENLACE trained 861 leaders to accompany and care for 1,823 families.
- Church leaders continued to provide spiritual support into 2021.

Pastoral Family Support

- Pastors and their families were especially affected during the crisis because they lost their family income from reduced tithes but also gave sacrificially of their limited resources to those in need in their communities.
- ENLACE provided food aid and additional financial support to 67 pastoral families during the most difficult months of the crisis.

Rebuilding Businesses and Family Income

- ENLACE provided \$156,000 in loan capital to help micro and small businesses recover after the four-month lockdown.
- Working with our local credit union partner, CREDATEC, ENLACE was able to provide food assistance to the most vulnerable business owners, business training and consulting, and loan capital to restart over 100 businesses.

Farming Family Assistance Package

- Agricultural inputs for two acres of corn, beans, and sorghum
- Enough corn and beans to feed their families for 9 months (1 acre)
- Enough corn, beans, and sorghum to sell for profit and to feed their neighbors (1 acre)
- Up to \$850 of income (an increase over the national yearly average for farmers)

By Country



ENLACE EL SALVADOR

- **56 churches** worked with **209 communities** to provide immediate and longer-term assistance.
- Total Meals Distributed: **3,745,500 — 24,970 families.**
- **74% (2,758,950 — 18,393 families)** of this assistance was generated from local resources!
- **103 projects** impacting **46,000** people were completed by their own initiative.



ENLACE GUATEMALA

- **10 churches** worked with **20 communities** to provide immediate and longer-term assistance.
- Total meals distributed: **531,300 — 3,542 families.**
- **62% (329,550 — 2,197 families)** of this assistance was generated from local resources!
- **42 projects** impacting **10,730** people were completed by their own initiative.



ENLACE NEPAL

- **17 churches** worked with **29 communities** to provide immediate and longer-term assistance.
- Total meals distributed: **113,700 meals — 758 families.**

VISION 2021:

Recovering & Rebuilding Sustainable Economies

Food Security Projects / Small Business Loans / Family Farms Family Chicken Businesses / Goat Livelihood Projects

The number of families living in extreme hunger continues to grow. In El Salvador, 1,500 people become food insecure every day and it is estimated that by August of 2021 more than a million (16%) Salvadorans will not have enough food to feed their families. In Guatemala, the number of people living in hunger has grown to 3.73 million (23%) of the population.

We are already planning with church leaders how to continue to



Provide food supplies for the elderly, ill, and physically challenged in their communities



Provide support, training, seeds, and fertilizers to family farms



Build start-up chicken farms in Central America



Establish goat livelihood projects in Nepal



Rebuild family businesses through business support and loans

We believe that every church has the potential to end poverty in its community. With training, coaching, and resources, churches can partner effectively with their communities to create long-term solutions to multidimensional poverty. Over the next five years, Enlace will endeavor to coach and resource over 4,330 church and community leaders from 173 churches to impact the lives of over 300,000 people in El Salvador, Nepal, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.



Throughout the months of challenge and hardship, Pastor Jhony's infectious and encouraging phrase was a source of great encouragement: "Let's do this with everything we've got!"

The Pearl of Great Price in the Village of Guarnevia

Pastor Jhony Alfaro began pastoring the Perla Preciosa Church in the village of Guarnevia, El Salvador, in 2013. Over the last four years, this church of 58 members has worked with ENLACE to build effective partnerships with neighbors and community organizations.

Together they had tackled the need for proper waste management in their community and other development projects. This work had engaged them in research, collaboration, and service in such a way that it positioned them well to respond with incredible speed to the pandemic crisis.

Within the first few weeks of lockdown in March, the church mobilized church and community volunteers to gather clothing, food, and hygiene items for over 300 people. The volunteers who were also fishermen provided families with a steady source of protein for many days. They would fish early in the morning and then distribute their catch (often jumping from the bucket!) to families all afternoon.

The fresh relief did not stop there, according to Pastor Jhony, "Even one family from the community gave us avocados from their harvest." These fishermen and farmers are also in vulnerable situations, but through great generosity and care, they gathered enough resources to serve a whole community. The church leaders also provided trauma care and helped many families to navigate the lockdowns by providing meal distribution to even the most remote locations.



ENLACE USA Financial Information

2020 & 2019 Statement of Activities

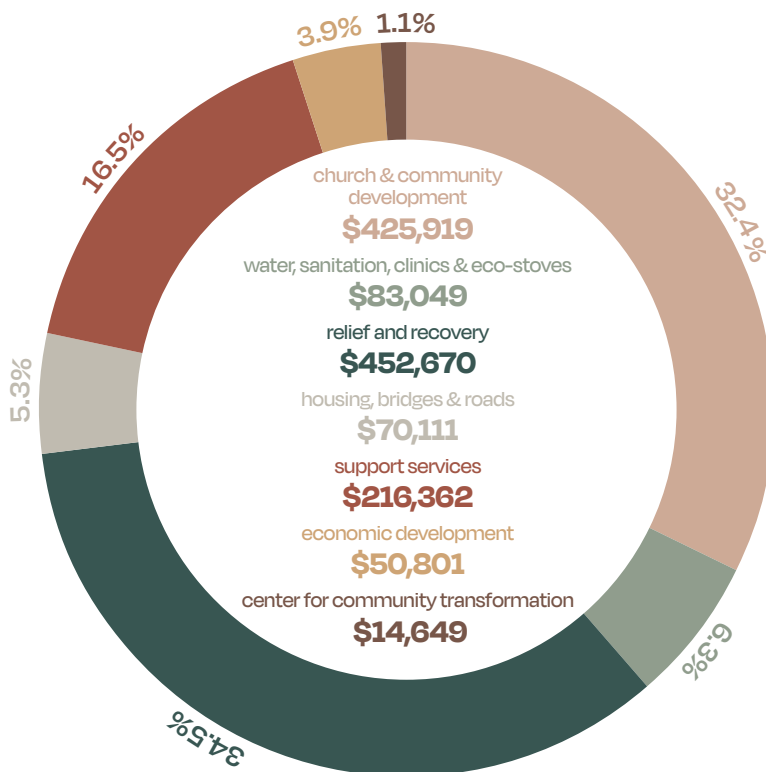
Enlace USA Revenue

	2020		2019	
Churches	\$889,974	47.6%	\$1,021,074	56.5%
Individuals	\$523,445	27.9%	\$498,173	21.7%
Foundations	\$344,169	18.4%	\$422,753	19.6%
Corporations & Education	\$36,263	1.9%	\$32,682	2.2%
Other	\$77,785	4.2%	\$4	0%
TOTAL	\$1,871,636	100%	\$1,974,686	100%

Enlace USA Expenditures

Administration	\$118,030	6.3%	\$117,349	7.6%
Fundraising	\$347,267	18.6%	\$320,471	12.9%
US Programs	\$64,834	3.5%	\$60,946	2.7%
Missionary Volunteers	\$21,000	1.1%	\$11,324	1.7%
Foreign Programs & Projects	\$1,313,561	70.5%	\$1,368,911	75.1%
TOTAL	\$1,864,692	100%	\$1,879,001	100%

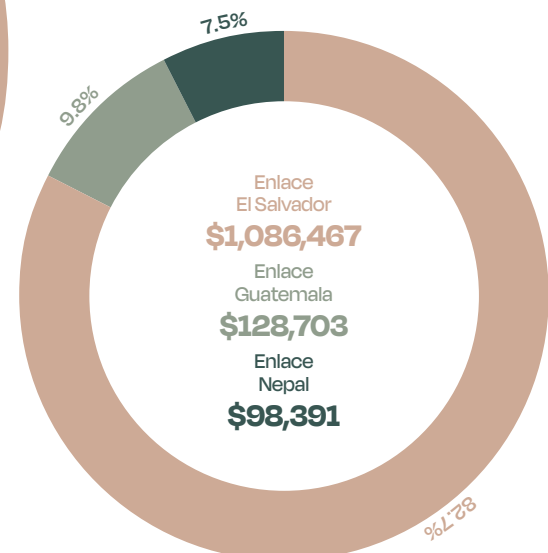
2020 Enlace USA Disbursements for Foreign Programs & Projects



*The 2019 Audit Report is available online at enlace.link/grow/news-report

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The Crossing EPC of Columbia (MO)
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Willow Creek Community Church South Barrington (IL)
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“Working together with other local organizations is the reflection of what God teaches us: **Unity!**

Working together we can do much more than apart!
When we see our community moving forward, we realize God’s love manifests in each and every project.”

Pastor Mauricio Alvarado, El Salvador



Church leader distributes food relief to a family in the community of Santa Rosa, El Salvador



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