

# ANNUAL REPORT 2015





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Originally, my church and I had a very small vision for our community...even though God has asked us all to look up and see that the fields are white with harvest. God showed me that it wasn't right to remain disengaged while people in our community were lost.

**That's when we started to act on a new vision.**

PASTOR JOSE MOLINA

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LETTER FROM  
RON BUENO,  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

Dear World Changer,

Since 2015 was the fifth year of our strategic plan, not only are we celebrating 2015 in this annual report, but five great years at ENLACE!

Over the last five years, we were able to more than double the number of churches serving their communities in El Salvador from 32 to 79. We were able to train over 4,179 church leaders, implement over 4,001 projects that impacted the lives of over 164,283 people on an ongoing basis. We also had the amazing privilege to begin working in Nepal with eight churches impacting the lives of 3,500 people in 3 communities.

I want to thank our gracious and faithful donors and partners. We know that there have been very difficult moments for many of you financially and in other ways over the years. Even so you have responded to us in faith and sacrifice, effectively resourcing the churches in El Salvador and Nepal to transform their communities. I also want to thank all of our pastors and church leaders in El Salvador and Nepal along with our incredibly gifted and committed ENLACE staff. They have all worked extremely hard to put your financial gifts and mission team support into fruitful action. The results of all our efforts are astounding! Thousands and thousands of people now have more hope and opportunity to live healthier and safer lives.

We are extremely excited about this next five years! We believe that we will be able to double the number of churches we are resourcing in El Salvador from 79 to 150 and transform the physical and spiritual lives of 500,000 people. We believe that the momentum generated by these 150 churches will impact the lives 25% of the poorest people in El Salvador!

In Nepal we will be launching our full program during this next five-year period. We hope to grow from eight to 50 churches reaching 100,000 people in 100 of communities. We can only begin to dream about the impact that these 50 churches will have on one of the poorest and least reached countries in the world.

So we invite you on this next stage, this 2020 Vision! Please pray with us and consider how God would have you continue to partner with us as we increase our impact among the poorest populations on the planet with sustainable solutions to poverty.

Once again we are truly grateful and thank you for your generous and committed support and care for ENLACE.



Ron Bueno  
Executive Director

# 2011-2015 HIGHLIGHTS:

The heart of ENLACE is found in its vision and methodology that grow local church leaders, in number and capacity, to lead their congregations and spearhead change in their communities.

Real and sustainable poverty alleviation is the result!

## 2011

- Over 75 desperate families participate in the building of their own new homes. This program would lead to the building of more than 300 new homes by 2015.
- 250 home gardens are given a boost through the GivFood campaign and benefit over 10,000 people.
- 10 new water systems provide over 25,000 people with clean water.
- 5 new medical clinics established, now serving over 15,000 people and counting...

## 2012

- Cooking-Up-Love eco-stove campaign raises thousands of dollars for families struggling with smoke-induced respiratory infections. Will lead to almost 5,000 eco-stoves providing 25,000 with cleaner air.
- Tilapia ponds, which increase food and economic security, become a new way churches are helping their neighbors. Over a thousand ponds and counting...
- Five medical clinics served over 3,000 people.
- Presented the story of Guadalupe Andrade, a home garden project participant and amazing entrepreneur who has not only increased her income but provided employment for her neighbors. Her incredible story can still be viewed at [www.enlace.link/lupa](http://www.enlace.link/lupa).

## 2013

- ENLACE Nepal pilot program begins.
- Over 3,600 eco-stoves are built across rural El Salvador. A thousand more in subsequent years.
- 24 churches from the U.S., Canada and Singapore continued their impact in El Salvador by creating strategic and long-term partnerships with churches in El Salvador. Such partnerships empower local, Salvadoran churches to effectively alleviate physical and spiritual poverty.

# THIS IS HOW YOU CHANGE THE WORLD...

## 2014

- Center for Community Transformation study abroad program begins. Connects students from the USA to hands-on experience in community development in El Salvador.
- Agronexos is launched. Small-scale farmers are given better marketing and access.
- 10,950 people are served by over 30 road and bridge projects.
- Fourth year of major growth in international church partnerships, almost doubling the number from 2010.

## 2015

- Violent earthquakes hit Nepal. Program directors and staff respond with emergency relief efforts serving over 800 people in one of the hardest hit and remote areas near Kathmandu.
- ENLACE's credit union, Credatec, provides its 195th client a small scale loan and ongoing coaching, bringing the total amount lent for the year to \$188,730.24 with a 97% repayment rate. We hope for new capital in 2016 to fuel this effective, poverty-ending strategy.
- Water began flowing to the first of three communities in the Project Milagro initiative. The system is designed to serve 10,000 people. This project becomes the most recent of many water systems installed by churches and communities over the years, serving a total of 52,939 people on an ongoing basis.
- Completed the first 5-year impact study that measured the effectiveness and of ENLACE's work with churches to alleviate spiritual and physical poverty. Incredible change is occurring, including a great effect on outcomes such as infant mortality and extreme poverty. 25 more impact studies will be completed in upcoming years.

## Between 2011 and 2015...

# OF CHURCHES:

32 to 79

# OF CHURCH LEADERS EMPOWERED:

370 to 1,214

# OF PEOPLE IMPACTED:

46,042 to 164,283

IN 212 COMMUNITIES.



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After the home construction, the projects we have developed with ENLACE have been a blessing, and they have helped me to mature (as a business owner).

**I had no idea what God could do with people.**

LAURA HERNANDEZ,  
new home recipient and participant  
in home garden, chicken coop,  
and tilapia farm projects

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Laura and her family used to live in an adobe house in the countryside of El Salvador. After an earthquake, Laura's life turned upside down. The home was destroyed and only part of the kitchen remained intact. They had no other place to live. Then Laura's husband left the family, and she faced raising a two-month-old baby and three other children alone.

For five months, Laura and her children lived in the rubble. They were even robbed of the little they had. Even though Laura prayed with her children everyday for a miracle, she was alone and very frightened.

During that time, a church in the same community where Laura lived began a partnership with ENLACE. When its leaders went out to talk to their neighbors, they met Laura. Soon a housing project began and the church invited Laura to be a part of it. However, in order to receive a home, she needed a plot of land to build on and a family member to help with labor. Both of these requirements seemed to her impossible. She didn't own anything, had no formal employment, and was a single parent with no one to help her.

But miracles were on the way. After learning of Laura's situation, a member of the church donated a small piece of land. And when the project moved forward, Laura's husband returned to help build. Laura remembers feeling overjoyed at first, but when her mother unexpectedly died and a close friend had a bad accident, she was tempted again to give

into despair. The days were hard. The grief for her mother and friend overwhelmed her. And the work of trying to reconcile with her husband took its toll.

But Laura was not alone. Laura turned to church members, who now had become very close friends, for comfort and guidance. Over the next few months, the home was built. Slowly, Laura and her children felt like life was coming back together. Laura and her eldest son, Henry, took advantage of every opportunity they could to improve their lives. When the church began its home garden project, they were the first in line to receive training, seeds and technical assistance. They now have a thriving garden that provides nutrient-rich vegetables enough for them to eat and to sell. They also participated in both a chicken coop initiative and tilapia farming project. Both endeavors provide consistent sources of food and income.

For Laura, life is now sweeter and more promising than it ever has been. The work of a caring and equipped church has led to spiritual peace and physical wholeness for her, and she is incredibly thankful. "My home will always be what God used to make me realize that He took care of us and my children...As time goes on, [God] shows me his mercy for my life and I know that [I can't] be grateful enough...The Laura of five years ago is not the same now. I share and testify what God has done and nobody can believe it."

## A LOCAL CHURCH BUILDS A HOME AND HELPS TO REBUILD A LIFE

# LAURA'S STORY

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is not the same now.  
**I share and testify to what  
God has done.**

LAURA HERNANDEZ

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I think as a church, as a community, we have learned a new way of life. **It has become natural to serve and collaborate when we see a need.**

PASTOR  
ORLANDO MAJANO

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## 2015 PROJECT NUMBERS



104 GARDENS  
520 PEOPLE



118 CHICKEN COOPS  
891 PEOPLE



107 TILAPIA PONDS  
1482 PEOPLE



160 LATRINES  
800 PEOPLE



MEDICAL CLINICS/TEAMS:  
6 PROJECTS



GREEN HOUSES  
24 PROJECTS



WATER SYSTEMS  
4 PROJECTS



HOME REPAIR  
8 PROJECTS



NEW HOMES  
60 PROJECTS



SCHOOL RENOVATIONS/  
PLAYGROUNDS  
7 PROJECTS

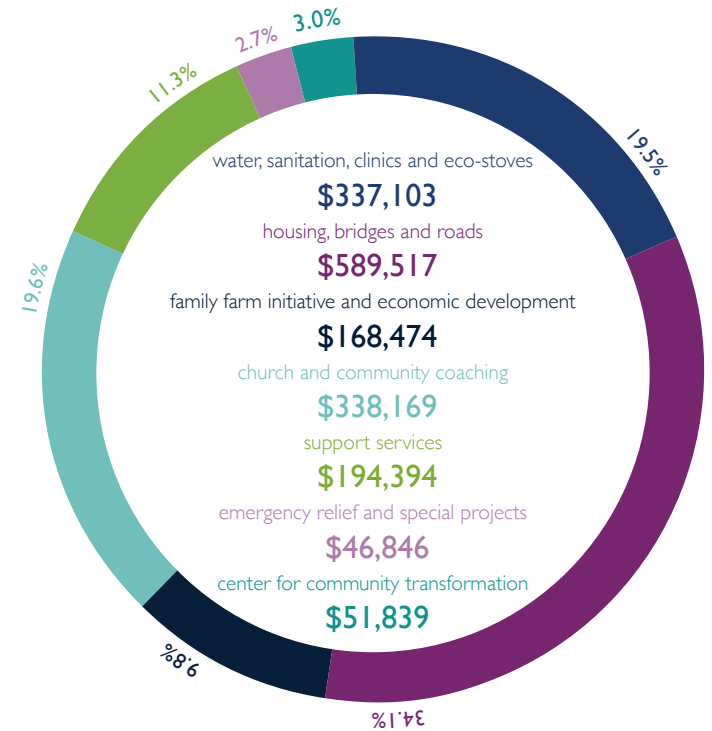


ROADS/STREET LAMPS  
2 PROJECTS



CREDIT FOR ENTREPRENEURS  
131 LOANS / 195 CLIENTS  
AMOUNT LENT: \$188,730.24  
97% REPAYMENT RATE

## FOREIGN PROGRAMS & PROJECTS



### ENLACE USA REVENUE

	2015	2014
Churches	\$1,071,799 50.1%	\$1,089,184 46.5%
Individuals	\$265,085 12.4%	\$279,935 11.9%
Foundations	\$753,724 35.2%	\$927,127 39.6%
Corporations	\$49,308 2.3%	\$47,919 2.0%
Other	\$0 0.0%	\$11 0.0%
Total	\$2,139,916 100%	\$2,344,176 100%

### ENLACE USA EXPENDITURES

	2015	2014
Administration	\$122,896 5.6%	\$118,349 5.5%
Fundraising	\$202,661 9.3%	\$163,422 7.5%
U.S. Programs	\$34,177 1.6%	\$82,180 3.8%
Missionary Volunteers*	\$97,196 4.5%	\$72,646 3.4%
Foreign Programs & Projects*	\$1,726,342 79.0%	\$1,727,020 79.8%
Total	\$2,183,272 100%	\$2,163,617 100%

Note \* - In accordance with GAAP, the 2015 and the 2014 financial statements have been adjusted to reflect temporarily unrestricted activities.

Note \*\* - The 2014 amounts have been updated to reflect changes resulting from our annual audit.

Complete financial review from Capin Crouse LLP is available upon request.  
Complete financial statements available at [www.enlaceonline.org/financials](http://www.enlaceonline.org/financials)

**VISION 2020** | **TO EMPOWER**  
200 CHURCHES IN 2 COUNTRIES  
TO IMPACT 600,000 PEOPLE!

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I saw my sick children, the condition in which we were living and I had nothing more to give them. **I think that God saw me cry out to Him.** I did not know what more to do. But God answered one day by allowing the Mount Horeb Church members to come by where we lived.

-APOLINARIO  
MOLINA CHACON,  
new home recipient

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AND HELP TO END POVERTY FOR  
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE!

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\*Churches contributing at least \$5,000 annually

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