

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT





A changed life is direct proof that God is at work. Inca Link has hundreds of stories of changed lives from our projects. Each of us serving have also experienced life change as we get to see firsthand how God is working in and around us. That creates a synergy in ourselves that wakes us up to praise the One changing lives. As we report stories of changed lives and reconciliation, rejoice with us for what God has done and identify the changed lives in your life and ministry.

**“So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; what is old has passed away – look, what is new has come! And all these things are from God who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and who has given us the ministry of reconciliation.”**

**2 Corinthians 5:17-18 NET**

**In Christ,**  
**Rich and Elisa Brown**  
Founders & Presidents



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## COLOMBIA

**Oasis** is a sponsorship program that serves close to 80 at-risk kids, whose families are garbage recyclers. The program enables children from the local community of Santa Cecilia to attend the program at the church five days a week. Children receive lunch, academic help, and most importantly, receive daily Biblical teaching and a beautiful glimpse of Christ's love for them.

**Zoe Homes Network** mission is to provide a Colombian teen from a troubled home with a safe place to heal, learn, and grow.

## COSTA RICA

**Inca Arte** is an art program that uses the Bible as inspiration to create art. We start the time with a devotional and then learn how to paint. Targeting youth and children, we believe that creating a space to make art will allow them to learn to use their skills as a creative outlet for emotional pain.

**Los Tucanes Basketball Club** is a basketball ministry outreach project being led by our missionary and four national assistant coaches.

## ECUADOR

**Bonsai** is a daycare program that meets five days a week. Bonsai carries out their ministry in a holistic approach that focuses on the emotional, physical, and spiritual health of their students.

**Casa Elizabeth** serves as a home for pregnant teens and for their babies after birth in Quito. The heart is to provide a safe place where they can see and feel the love of Jesus and receive the support that they need during this crisis.

**Cumbre Alta** serves youth and children through soccer and, in the future, other sports. The coaches, who are all Christians, use soccer to disciple their players, most of whom are not yet Christians.

**El Hormiguero** is a social help program where families in vulnerable situations such as poverty, catastrophic illnesses and migration, can exchange plastic bottles for a food basket of non-perishables.

**Ninawachi Mission Institute** is a missionary training institute that is in the jungle. The goal of Ninawachi is to train up missionaries from the local indigenous communities to return to their communities to share the Gospel with their people.

**P7.8** is a daycare program that meets three days a week and works with the children who live near the garbage dump in Portoviejo.

**Quinta Casablanca** is Inca Link's guest house, making the mission field feel like home and a piece of heaven. It also houses retreats, pastors, and leaders.

## GUATEMALA

**Creación de Dios** and **Manos de Cristo** are children sponsorship ministries providing meals, educational support and God's love, word and truth.







## HONDURAS

**Casa Onesíforo** serves the new generation of Támara through a feeding program, practically showing the love of Christ.

**Proyecto La Sierra** involves a team that is working for the children and youth of La Sierra, Intibucá, Honduras. Their program includes discipleship, teaching the kids to read and write, and teaching math.

## MÉXICO

**Casa Berea** is a men's ministry and a second-step home for men coming out of rehab. It exists to disciple and mentor men as they make the transition back to daily life, and eventually back to their families.

**International Network of Hearts/Red Binacional de Corazones (Casa del Jardín)** is a ministry engaged in the fight against human trafficking through prevention, education and fundraising. Serving at Casa del Jardín is all about having fun and pouring truth into the lives of rescued children.

**Rancho La Hermosa** is an orphanage in Primo Tapia housing children who are there for various reasons (from poverty to abuse) but very rarely because they are true orphans. The children at Hermosa receive incredible care through small family units, led by house parents.

## PERÚ

**Amijai** is a ministry for women, children and teens. Amijai uses fellowship with the mothers and their children as an opportunity to teach handiwork, cooking, art, and share the Gospel.

**Elim** is a garbage dump ministry. It operates several days a week serving the community in a variety of ways. The hope is that Elim will raise up a generation of leaders who will continue to impact their community.

**Inca Thakhi** is an outdoor camp and sports ministry. The Inca Thakhi Team provides an ideal space for the kids and youth of Victor Raul to foster a deep relationship with Christ via discipleship through adventures in nature.

**Mana** is a day care center, and programs happen there 6 days a week. Mana is working on loving the children of the community, mentoring and discipling teens, and bringing unity to families through spiritual growth.

**Misión Más Vida** is a church that is reaching the next generation in Lima, Peru, and coordinates with other churches in Lima. It is growing fast with new conversions and baptisms every year.

**Runa Simi** is a ministry that exists to reach the indigenous people groups of Peru with the Word of God in their own languages. Runa Simi runs a literacy program so that people can be able to read God's Word.



**Corban** is a international traveling worship band whose mission is for each presentation to connect the hearts of the people with the heart of God.





# "Zoe's" Story

AS SHARED BY MISSIONARY PAUL OVERMOYER



**Tatiana** had been tricked by a guy "friend" several years older than her into coming with him to Bogota from the little town she lived in. The idea was to sell bracelets and knick-knacks on buses, which is very common here. Along the way, they met up with another man. The men began to restrict her communication with her mother to the point where there was no communication, and they prohibited her from sending her mother any money. Tatiana basically ended up begging on the streets and in that way supported the two men.

They started traveling from town to town in Colombia and soon ended up in Ecuador, where they were told that they could do well in Manta – a coastal town there. At some point, the two men decided they all should go to Peru.

While at the bus station, Tatiana was secretly able to get the attention of a security guard, who got in touch with the police. The police separated her from the two men and questioned them all. She told them the story and asked them to get her away from them.

A couple of days later, Ecuadorian authorities placed her in a Christian group home called Shekina, where she lived for the next several months. Many of the kids from Shekina receive tutoring at Bonsai – Inca Link's program for marginalized children in Manta, Ecuador, led by Will and Amanda Eason.

Eventually, Ecuadorian authorities arranged for Tatiana to return to Colombia and her home, where she was living with her mother. The Ecuadorian child services communicated to Colombia's child services that they believed she was in the process of being sold as a sex slave and the men needed to get her to the drop-off point.

Once Tatiana returned home to Colombia, we were put in contact with her via her connection to Bonsai. She lived about 2 hours outside of Bogota, where Lineth and I live. When we met her at her home, she and her mother were living in a bedroom that shares a kitchen with several other people. Her mother is unemployed, and there is no internet at the house for schoolwork. The mother-daughter relationship seems to have been inverted in that the daughter seems to be caring for the mother. Moreover, she was living in the same town and the same house from which she was taken nearly a year earlier. We (Lineth and I, Tatiana and her mother) all felt that there was a chance the men might come looking for her again.

How could we at that point in time say to Tatiana and her mother, "Good luck, we'll be praying for you."? The Lord impressed upon us to find a safe place in which she could study and move on with life securely.

**Zoe in Greek means "Life". The New Testament uses the word to convey the fact that God gives us His very life as our life. We want people to realize that we have been crucified with Christ and we no longer live, but He lives in us! It's a powerful truth that has changed our lives and the way we do life.**

Tatiana, not knowing the meaning this word has for us, called Lineth up and said she wanted to change her name. Lineth encouraged her to pray about what name the Lord might have for her. Several days later, Tatiana came back and said, "I want to be called Zoe from now on." Naturally, this had a great impact on us and when Zoe understood the word's significance for us and for her as a child of God, it became even more significant to her.

Zoe is the first teen to be in a "Zoe Home". Right now she is living with us as we develop the program, raise funds, and recruit appropriate couples whom the Lord may be calling to invest heavily in young people.

**Zoe Homes is a brand new project for Inca Link Colombia.**

We are very early in the planning and implementation phase and there are a lot of details to work out as we develop the ministry. The central idea is to place adolescents who are from dysfunctional homes into healthy environments (a Zoe Home) as they finish up adolescence and move into young adulthood. The purpose is to change their trajectory in life – giving them a new vision of how life can be lived with Jesus while providing new tools with which to do life.







#### PLEASE PRAY:

- Lineth and I need the wisdom to develop a training curriculum for the homes and teens so that they are aware of the difficulties, changes in home dynamics, and blessings as they share their homes with teens who have not ever even been exposed to what the couple can offer them in Jesus.
- For funding. It will cost \$250 per month per teen in a home. That is a huge need. We can only develop homes and place teens as funds become available.
- Pray for God to lay a burden on a mature godly couple's hearts to pour into teens' lives by inviting them into their homes and giving them love and opportunities to know Jesus as Life and to grow into healthy independent young adults.
- Pray for the purchase of a "group home" which will serve as an initial safe place in which Zoe Teens can heal, evaluate their current situation, and dream of a life in which cycles of spiritual poverty have been broken.

#### PRAISES:

- We praise the Lord for bringing into our lives several teens that He used to plant the vision of Zoe Homes Network.
- Thank God for the work of growth that he has been doing in Zoe's life.
- Praise the Lord for two couples who have expressed a desire to be active in the lives of displaced teens through the ministry of Zoe Homes Network.

#### COLOMBIA MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- A new ministry, Zoe Homes, has been launched!
- The Overmoyers disciplined 3 Link Year students.
- Oasis added three more classrooms to the new building, an office, a sewing workshop and a bakery!





# Yadira's Story

AS SHARED BY MISSIONARY RESIDENT KRISTEN BREWER



I want to share with you the story of **Yadira**. She is 40 years old and a mother of three. She lives in one of the neediest communities in the area I work in with her three children and husband.

When I met her, she had just given birth to her baby girl. Her little baby was not feeding well, so Yadira had to quit work to focus on the care of her baby. As soon as she did, her husband got into a motorcycle accident. He broke his right leg and wasn't able to work for three months while it healed. Shortly after that, her eldest son started having blood in his stool.

During this time, Inca Link Costa Rica was getting ready to host some teams, and we needed a chef. Yadira used to work in a restaurant, so we gave her the job. She was able to work alongside our team, bring her children with her, or have them attend Inca Arte.

Her husband has since healed and is able to work again. Her son got the medical attention he needed and, with a change in his diet, is now fully recovered. Her daughter is also walking, babbling, and growing strong. Her middle child enjoys making art and reciting Bible stories at Inca Arte.

Yadira is now a staff member of Inca Arte and continues to cook when teams arrive. This family has blessed Inca Link Costa Rica, and Inca Link Costa Rica has blessed them. It truly is a friendship under the Lord.

## Celebrating what God has done through Inca Arte in Costa Rica!

I created Inca Arte as a place for youth to come to: First, relieve stress with a healthy outlet; second, to disciple and teach them the Bible; and third, to train leaders. I praise God because I have been able to see all three of these happen.

1. Two of my students told me they enjoy participating in the art program because it is like medicine for their occasional feelings of anxiety or stress. Two different mothers also came up and told me that they have seen a change in their children. They don't play as much video games and the time in the program has really helped them stop that addiction.
2. Through our art, the students have been able to take Bible verses and use them to create pictures. I had one student retell the story of his art months after he painted it but the meaning and the Bible verse were still very connected to his work of art. To be able to see the students taking their understanding and what they have learned during our devotionals and creating art is a beautiful praise!
3. The Lord has brought incredible staff my way this year. To train these wonderful women has been a joy. Our last meeting, we taught about how to develop and write devotionals. They will each be practicing this very soon and I cannot wait to see how the Lord uses them! What an incredible year!



### PLEASE PRAY:

That the Lord will continue to provide leaders and teachers that have a heart for the Lord, the youth, and art and who want to be a part of this ministry long-term. Also, pray for God to continue to supply students and art supplies!

### COSTA RICA MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Inca Link Costa Rica hosted 8 teams/pastoral visits in 2022!
- Developed a partnership with the Higuito church.
- Participated in the discipleship & development of 2 interns.
- Jake, Jen and Sunday welcomed baby Isabela, born in October!





# Jhon & Dixon's Story

AS SHARED BY MISSIONARY KELLEY JORDAN-TAUBE



**Jhon** (19) is one of 11 siblings. His family lived off of the family farm. He left home on the coast as a kid to try out for soccer teams in Quito. After making it on one of the youth teams of the most prestigious clubs in Ecuador, he fell in with the wrong crowd and was sent back home. He currently has a 7th grade education. After his mom died by suicide, he came back to the city and found work as a delivery driver. We connected with him when he was working 12 hours a day, six days a week and getting paid \$300/month. Minimum wage in Ecuador is \$425/month. He had no hope for upward mobility if soccer didn't pan out.

**Dixon** (24) became an orphan at a young age and was taken in by his aunt and uncle. He is also from the coast and came into Quito when he was given an opportunity at a big club in Quito as a young man. After a change in administration, he was let go and has been barely making a living playing on lower league teams. He recently decided to get out of a toxic relationship, but in doing so was left homeless and had to return to his hometown 8 hours away.

## Both men needed a stable living situation in order to succeed as players and flourish in life.

Jhon and Dixon are two players who are invested in the team, show leadership and have openness to personal growth. Cumbre Alta believes that they are called to long-term investment in these men, so we rented them an apartment just 1.5 miles from our house and 1 mile from their practice field. It's an apartment with a third room so that another player in a crisis situation can live there short-term when

needed. Their rental contracts with us aren't financial. Instead, they are required to be at practice every day, attend CrossFit sessions generously donated, and work for the club by coaching the youth teams. The club also provides a small stipend so they are able to buy groceries and necessities. Nate, my husband, founder and coach of Cumbre Alta, enrolled Jhon in an accelerated high school completion program that will take him two years and Dixon is expected to start a coaching licensing program in January. Nate also meets with them weekly for individual discipleship.

They come to dinner every other week and I tease them about having the same expectations as my children, like learning to set the table the North American way! These nights are lighthearted with games, highs and lows of the day shared around the table, and World Cup bracket predictions. I've learned that Jhon is quiet in new situations but a jokester at heart. He is always looking around the room to make sure he is doing things right. And his pride at being elected class president in his new school could melt my heart. Dixon is tall and ridiculously strong. He is soft spoken and gentle, but deeply competitive. He is always taking Jhon under his wing.

These nights are also intended to be deeply meaningful in inviting them into our family, letting them watch us parent our kids, partner with each other, and hopefully model a real, messy but loving family. Mostly, these nights are intended to show them that they aren't a project that we leave at the door at 5pm, but rather men with deep value and worth. And that we love them deeply because God loves them so deeply.

We are excited to continue to understand more about their lives and offer support. And far more importantly, we want to give them glimpses of Jesus and an invitation to get to know Him personally.







# Louisiana Summer Soccer Outreach Camp

AS SHARED BY MISSIONARY MATT KEIFER



This year, we were able to host our first summer soccer camp for the local Hispanic community in Shreveport, LA. We were able to bring eight players and coaches from Quito, Ecuador, from Cumbre Alta to run the camp.

The idea of the camp was to really have an impact on the local community in Shreveport, but the impact was much more than that. We saw significant life changes in several of our guys that we brought from Ecuador. We saw an impact on the kids that attended the soccer camp (we averaged more than 100 kids each day despite 105+ degree temperatures each day). We saw an impact with the parents in watching their kids experience a unique opportunity.

We have seen cool opportunities emerge for the ministry in general, which include us starting a permanent presence in Shreveport, LA through a new soccer club and new opportunities in several cities across the USA to host soccer camps, which will give us opportunities to impact hundreds, if not thousands, of kids this coming year.



## PLEASE PRAY:

New ministries starting in the USA and a capital campaign we will launch to purchase our own property in Ecuador.

## PRAISES:

- A new apartment to house several players.
- The opportunity to start more than 10 one-on-one discipleship relationships with our players.
- New opportunities in the US for Cumbre Alta to grow their ministry.





# Jean Carlos' Story

AS SHARED BY MISSIONARY WILL EASON



We met **Jean Carlos** six years ago when we interviewed his family for Bonsai. He's the second of six children and is now 16 years old. His father is a recycler who also does some handyman work and his mother washes and folds clothes for neighbors. Neither parent can read or write.

This is the type of family that sometimes slips through the cracks here in Ecuador, caught in a cycle of poverty that often spans generations. It's hard for parents to strive for something better for their kids when they're struggling to even put food on the table, and children tend to follow in their parents' footsteps even if a part of them wants something better. It reminds us of the Israelites in the desert after leaving Egypt. Many wanted to return to slavery, not because it was good, but because it seemed better and less out-of-reach than the uncertain road ahead.

Before the pandemic started, we'd seen Jean Carlos start to give up. He wasn't putting any effort into his school work. He would frequently skip Bonsai to work with his father to earn \$0.50 to play video games at the local Internet café. We tried to encourage him, but it seemed like a lost cause. When the pandemic hit and schools here moved to online classes (for two whole years), Jean became even more disinterested. His parents got tired of pushing him, and our Bonsai staff frequently had to go into his house to convince him to come. It wasn't that he didn't enjoy Bonsai; it was that he didn't see the point of finishing school. He'd resigned himself to grow up and do what his father has always done.

Why had Jean given up? Because he didn't think his effort made a difference. He didn't think he was capable. Over the last two years, however, we've seen a significant change in Jean Carlos. Amanda (our resident math whiz), has spent a lot of time working one-on-one with him. He's developed a new level of confidence and now comes to Bonsai ready to work and learn. He's taking initiative to get his assignments done without having to be pushed. And, if we dare say it, he seems to enjoy learning. Jean is also an incredibly reserved person, but we've seen him opening up to us in a way that he never has before.

Please pray for Jean Carlos and his family, which just grew to include a new baby sister. Pray that he would keep working hard and finish high school. Pray that he would continue to open up to our Bonsai team. Finally, pray that God would use all of this to open up Jean Carlos' heart to see his need for a relationship with Jesus Christ.

## PLEASE PRAY:

- Pray for direction as we take our next steps with the purchase of property for a ministry center.
- Pray for ministry partnerships with new churches that will allow us to expand Bonsai to additional families and improve our ability to serve the ones that we already have.
- Pray for God to put people in our path that would be a good fit for Bonsai's staff as we grow. Having a strong team that views Bonsai as their ministry and not just a job is huge for us.

## PRAISES:

- God provided for us to buy a new ministry vehicle, which has allowed us to have all our Bonsai kids back together for the first time since before the pandemic.
- The first "kids" that attended Bonsai are no longer kids. They're now navigating adolescence, and they have chosen to talk to us and our staff about some pretty heavy stuff that they're dealing with. We're grateful for the trust that God has allowed us to build with them.
- We've seen a few of our Bonsai parents either start or finish a program that will allow them to get something similar to a GED. Education is a big part of what we do, and we know that this will allow them to better provide for their families in the long run. We thank God for this.



# Paola's Story

AS SHARED BY MISSIONARY IGNACIO MIRELES



**Paola** is a widow that lives in Puerto Murialdo de Orellana, Ecuador. She has 13 children, and her last daughter (who is in her early twenties) was born blind. Her husband died some years ago, so she raised most of her children alone. Unfortunately, once they grew up, they left the small town, and most of them never returned. She takes care of herself and her blind daughter. The people in town look at her as an outcast and mistreat her.

When Ninawachi students started visiting her, she was very receptive to the Word of God and in need of love and fellowship. When Betty and Wilmer (Ninawachi students) began to visit her, she finally had someone who would listen to her and keep her company, even if only once a week. Once she gave her life to Jesus, Betty and Wilmer continued to visit her and disciple her every Wednesday. I had the opportunity to visit her home, and she expressed gratitude for Betty and Wilmer – how they visit, care for, and teach her the Word of God. She broke down crying when she shared with me that they were the only people that cared for her.

## We are thankful because:

God gave Ninawachi students the privilege of loving on a lot of people who were not loved because of COVID.

God brought the Gospel uninterrupted to unreached jungle communities and families.

Over 50 people made professions of faith through the year in the communities the students visited.

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## PLEASE PRAY:

- Pray for student internships; there is a lot of spiritual warfare.
- Pray for the Mireles family; we want God to clarify our new direction.
- Pray for the Ninawachi staff; they are young and need God's wisdom to serve the students.

## ECUADOR MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Ecuador hosted 5 teams and 2 interns in 2022.
- El Hormiguero is discipling local high school volunteers in missions and service.
- Bonsai has a new van to transport students to the center!







# Adam & Sara Bannister's Story

AS SHARED BY MISSIONARY RESIDENT SARA BANNISTER



Our life was changed by our own ministry in 2022! Adam and I got married this July, and Inca Link has enabled and empowered us to follow our callings in music and youth ministry by serving the Lord together here in Guatemala.

**We are excited to continue serving in the things we are passionate about in a new ministry site next year!**

## PLEASE PRAY:

- For someone to fill our shoes as we move into a different ministry location.
- For the children here to continue seeking after the Lord.

## PRAISES:

- Several children have prayed to receive Jesus into their hearts through our outreach program in the mountains of Chiminisiguan.
- Kids are participating in children's ministry and youth groups every week and are learning more about God, themselves, and the world.
- In our kids choir and youth choir, children are learning proper singing technique, learning how to read music, and practicing singing praises to God with others.



## GUATEMALA MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Guatemala hosted three teams and pastoral groups in 2022.
- Creación de Dios celebrated their 2nd anniversary in October.
- Manos de Cristo hosted a medical clinic for families from the ministry.







# Guadalupe's Story

AS SHARED BY MISSIONARY NAYELI URQUIZO



This is **Guadalupe**. Before we met her, she was a shy girl who believed she couldn't study, and her self-esteem was low. She spends the whole day alone with her grandmother; neither her father nor her mother are in the picture at present. After attending our ministry, although she is not with her parents, she feels safer, she is playful, smiles and knows a lot.

## PLEASE PRAY:

- The Lord to provide more partners in the Gospel to share in our work.

## PRAISES:

- God's continued faithfulness, covenant and love!
- Our beautiful new community center.
- Teams and Interns who have come to support us in 2022.

## Eric and Molly Wahl in Honduras

The Wahl family's faith is being built through the process of finding where God wants them to go. Over the last year, God has guided them to the ministry of Inca Link, then through the process of finding which country to go to, and they are now in the middle of fundraising to go to the field!

## PRAISES:

- God has shown us the ministry to join.
- God is providing funds for us.
- He has provided a house for the next year.

## HONDURAS MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Honduras hosted 3 teams and 3 interns in 2022.
- The new La Sierra ministry center was built and opened in June!
- Daniel and Nayeli are expecting their first baby!







# David's Family

AS SHARED BY MISSIONARY AMANDA BURGE



In 2021, we were able to provide housing for a family waiting for their new place to be ready. In reality, that was an extremely dark, difficult time for them and we were so thankful to be able to support them then, and still today! We knew the circumstances of **"David, Olivia and Judah's"** relocation were harder and scarier than anything we had experienced before, but that Jesus would sustain them, and us, in the process.

Now in 2022, we were able to help David's parents, **"James and Julia"**, as they seek the same freedom and safety. When we were finally able to meet them, it was as if God gave us an almost audible, "I see you, I love you, keep stepping in obedience, you are making an impact even when you don't see it" through the mouth of this man standing right in front of us.

As James was tearfully talking to us about his love for his children, he said, "The hardest thing in life is to see your child suffer; when David and Olivia were unsettled and afraid it was like everything in my world was gray. But then I heard about your family and ministry, that you love Jesus and that they were safe in your home. It was like all the color came back because I once again had hope that their suffering would end because God was taking care of them through you."

Not only that, but the purpose of our first visit with them was to deliver a used bed. As we started to carry the bed inside the house, they said, "No, right here, this is the only space available for a bed (we were standing on the front porch). But it's okay, we are now free to share the truth about Jesus with anyone we meet...so where we sleep doesn't even matter."

Some might say we impacted the lives of these 5 individuals in a time full of fear and uncertainty for them, but the truth is our lives were just as impacted by their bravery and desire to have freedom in order to tell others about Jesus!

## PLEASE PRAY:

- In 2023, we are anticipating how God will move with a new ministry partnership in one of the most impoverished communities in our region. We are prayerfully considering what this new partnership will look like in the long-term, and seeking His guidance through the process.
- We are also ramping up several areas of ministry and praying for not only guidance, but balance in our efforts to not over-extend ourselves even though the options for loving others well are endless!

## PRAISES:

- Deepened relationships in the men's and women's ministries at church.
- 10 lives brought out of abuse and suffering and into healing and hope.
- 5 new opportunities for relationship-building through English classes in the local community.

## MÉXICO MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- English classes, utilizing pictures to form sentences vs more traditional methods, are a hit with the kids at La Hermosa.
- English classes are also being offered in partnership with Ben's Kitchen, a soup kitchen in the garbage dump near the U.S. border.
- Inca Link México partnered with a team from Indiana to serve at Casa de Luz, a local daycare for children of single moms, in April.





# Merari's Story

AS SHARED BY MISSIONARY JOSE CASTRO DIONICIO



**Merari** is one of our leaders in the ministry. Since she was little, she attended another ministry group, but when she reached adolescence she stopped attending for family reasons. Like many of the girls who grew up in her community, she was not raised in a Christian home.

So as the years passed, she wanted the same God she heard about when she was little to be the one who could give meaning to her life, for her future. In mid-2020, her cousin invited her to visit Inca Thakhi, and she saw children with a hunger to learn about God and people who she could share her life with.

After a few days, she told her cousin that she was interested in being part of the work team. As time passed, her interest in serving God grew as well as her desire to firmly follow God, and she was baptized in 2022.

Today, her life faces many tests; her mother is sick and the economic situation in the country is difficult, but God has encouraged her to prepare. Inca Thakhi supports Merari in her studies, and she is in charge of helping the children with their homework on a weekly basis and directing craft projects for them too.

## INCA THAKHI

### PLEASE PRAY:

- For the leaders and their spiritual growth, that God continue to guide their lives inside and outside the ministry.
- For the children of the community, that God may keep their lives and families in times of need.
- Provision for the materials we use as a ministry and for the scholarship for our leaders who are studying in local institutes.
- May the Lord continue to give us wisdom to connect the ministry and the church.
- May God guide the lives of this new generation of leaders, preparing those who come and investing in those who disciple.

### WE THANK GOD THAT:

- Our leaders are spiritually strengthened, because they were baptized and actively participate in their church by serving.
- The children continue their spiritual growth through the Bible lessons that we distribute weekly from house to house.
- We continue to serve the community through sports, music and craft workshops, and many children come to support us with cleaning and maintenance voluntarily.





# Yequi's Story

AS SHARED BY MISSIONARY STEPHANY TINCOPA



**Yequi** is a mother who lives in Sector 7 of El Milagro, Trujillo. A friend of hers told her about Elim's children's program and she began sending her 3 children to weekly Bible classes.

In time, she, too, began attending women's Bible classes. It was there that the Word of God began to impact her life, her fellowship with God, her relationship with her family and with the local church.

After a few months, Yequi began to attend a local church again with her children, where they are now active participants and continue to grow spiritually. Yequi has also had the opportunity to use her talents by teaching a baking workshop for women in Elim and has been motivated to continue her family business. At the end of the workshop, she told us about the satisfaction she felt having taught other mothers in her community.



## PLEASE PRAY:

- For the opening of the new center's classrooms.
- For guidance and favor to implement the operational plans.
- For a suitable work team.
- For more connections with local churches, organizations and strategic partners.
- For the advancement of the Kingdom of God in the El Milagro (The Miracle) sector!

## WE THANK GOD FOR:

- Having provided for the construction of the new center for Elim.
- The testimonies we have heard about how the Word of God has changed lives.
- Our first partnership with an educational organization and the support received from wonderful volunteers.



# Yurico's Story

AS SHARED BY NATIONAL LEADER BRENDA MOYA



**Yurico** is a mother who attends the crafts workshop. This year, she was supporting us as a workshop teacher in the absence of the usual teacher. She comments that she never thought she would feel so useful developing this work, that she feels like God gives her so many opportunities to keep growing.



## PLEASE PRAY:

- For wisdom, sustenance and more resources to continue growing.

**We are so thankful for all the Lord has done and continues to do.**

# Pedro's Story

AS SHARED BY NATIONAL LEADER JESSICA MURGA



Mana has a Library Program with information resources and activities that help strengthen learning with our sponsorship students. **Pedro** is a 14-year-old boy who has been challenged this year by this program. He has been able to take advantage of the materials and has formed a habit of reading in his life. This has led to an overall improvement in his academic performance in school, especially in his Communications course. Furthermore, his literacy skills with Biblical readings are helping him grow in discipline and daily conduct.



## WE ARE THANKFUL FOR:

- Committed attendance of our various programs by our sponsored children.
- The opportunity to develop close relationships with the parents of the sponsored children.
- The continued spiritual growth of our participants.

## PLEASE PRAY:

- For more volunteers to join and support the programs at the center.

## PERÚ MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Runa Simi hosted a YWAM team from Freiburg, Germany, in January and a youth conference in September.
- Mana held its First Annual Reading Festival!
- Construction is progressing on the new Elim ministry center!





# Corban's Story

AS SHARED BY FOUNDER ELISA SHANNON BROWN



**Corban** as a ministry is often involved in pre-evangelistic or evangelistic endeavors that don't always allow for life changing results to be seen in the moment. We know music is powerful, and in the past we have had the great honor to have seen a witch doctor come to Christ at our concerts, families reconciled, parents encouraged to trust God, teens excited about missions, and often other musicians inspired to see ministry outside the four walls of the church. But we do wonder, is this just excitement in the moment?

You can imagine our excitement then, when Rich and I were invited to preach together at a large church in the jungles of Ecuador. While preaching, we referred to Corban and at the end of the service sang one of our songs. No sooner was the service over when a group of young adults came rushing up excitedly to tell us that 13 years ago they had been at Corban's concert in the jungle and had accepted Christ.

**They are now very much a part of the church and leadership!**

#### PLEASE PRAY:

- For energy and strength for our next tour in NY.
- For creativity as we write music.
- For great synergy and Spirit filling when we gather to minister again!
- For the ministries we are each involved in to be able to release us for a month.

#### PRAISES:

- Continued discipleship within the band members, including one member graduating from seminary, and one member becoming a teacher at the local seminary!
- A video finished and getting ready to launch a new song about the prodigal son in all of us.
- Writing new songs God has put on our hearts.



# Matt & Jessica Crossson's Story



AS SHARED BY STORYTELLER JESSICA CROSSON



We believe that for our children to put their trust in a real Jesus, we have to lead our children into situations where Jesus has to be real.

Our family was captivated by true stories of missionary men and women who had gone before us. We read stories of bravery, devotion and unhindered trust in a God who did what He said He was going to do. Hidden deep within those pages was a new perspective, a way of life dependent entirely on the provision and faithfulness of a God who, because of these stories, became real to us. And our kids were hooked. Each one, in their own time, made statements about wanting to become a missionary. They had read about the dangers, about the risk, about the uncertainty, but they trusted anyway. They knew the story of Jesus was worth sharing, and we had to find a way to make it happen.

Through a series of amazing details only the Lord can orchestrate, we found ourselves cycling down a gravel trail, raising support and awareness for Inca Link International. On night two, Luke Schriefer asked if we wanted to spend a summer, as a family, serving college students in Central America. We knew only God asks you questions like that. We talked, we prayed, we celebrated how the Lord was writing our story, and we said "yes!"

Now, our family is on a mission to uncover true stories of the men and women who are currently sharing God's love with the 300 million youth in Latin America. Stories have power. They provide insider access into a fresh perspective. They hold an unmatched vulnerable truth. Specifically, stories that tell of the goodness of God

prove His reliability, giving us even more reason to believe He is trustworthy and still performing miracles. We believe a better way to capture these stories is to serve alongside the people who are telling them.

The conversations we've been having for months are finally becoming a reality. Through our partnership with Inca Link, we are writing the next chapter of our story. A story that tells how one decision to teach our kids about a real Jesus will lead to countless other moments for the Lord to prove Himself faithful. And we pray the stories we tell will multiply, impacting generations to come, causing more belief to grow. Because our God is real, and we have the stories to prove it.

# Timothy's Story

AS SHARED BY INCA LINK INTERN TIMOTHY SEIFERTH

During my time in Costa Rica for my internship, I gained exposure to so many behind-the-scenes aspects of ministry; things that helped me deepen my ability for missional impact. One of the most notable things I learned was the importance of consistency within relationships for growing bonds. Trust is earned in peoples' lives when you consistently show up. I formed deep relationships and learned many lessons that will stick with me for the rest of my life, and for that I am so, so grateful. I grew in multiple facets of my life and abilities, specifically trusting God with my time, and also grew in my leadership abilities. (The missionaries I was serving with) taught me many things about discipleship, leadership, and ministry.







# Amy's Story

AS SHARED BY LINK YEAR INTERN AMY RODRIGUEZ

Link Year marked a “before and after” in my life; it is very difficult to explain everything I lived and experienced in words. The Lord used Link Year to take me back to my 10-year-old self and show me how broken she was and how much He wanted to restore me.

Link Year also meant having face-to-face encounters with Jesus - being able to see him in a smile or in a hug from a child, and being able to understand the true meaning that the cross had for me.

Something that impacted me a lot was seeing how Inca Link has so many leaders with different skills and talents and how God can use them to reach children and adults. Learning from the leaders and the way they behaved was very cool and a great example for me. And one of the things that I liked the most was creating relationships and friendships with people that I hope one day to be able to see again.



**The Father really used Link Year to impact and conquer my heart!**

## New Faces at Inca Link!



**SARA BANNISTER**  
Missionary Resident



**CHELSEY BRUNT**  
Cumbre Alta



**GRACE CAMPBELL**  
Advancement Associate



**CROSSON FAMILY**  
Storytellers



**JESSICA DAME**  
Curriculum Coordinator



**GALEN GOODRUM**  
Global Outreach Coach



**JORDYN MCPHERSON**  
Global Outreach Coach



**RICHARD PACK JR.**  
Missionary Resident



**TYLER PEFFER**  
Director of Marketing  
& Design



**JEFF SOLEDISPA &  
CHLOE CHILDERSTON**  
Missionary Residents



**WAHL FAMILY**  
Missionary Residents

### INCA LINK INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- We had seven interns serve with us, three Linkers finish their Link Year, and six Missionary Residents begin their residency this year.
- We hosted 23 teams/pastoral vision trips/family trips across eight countries, including the United States, this year.

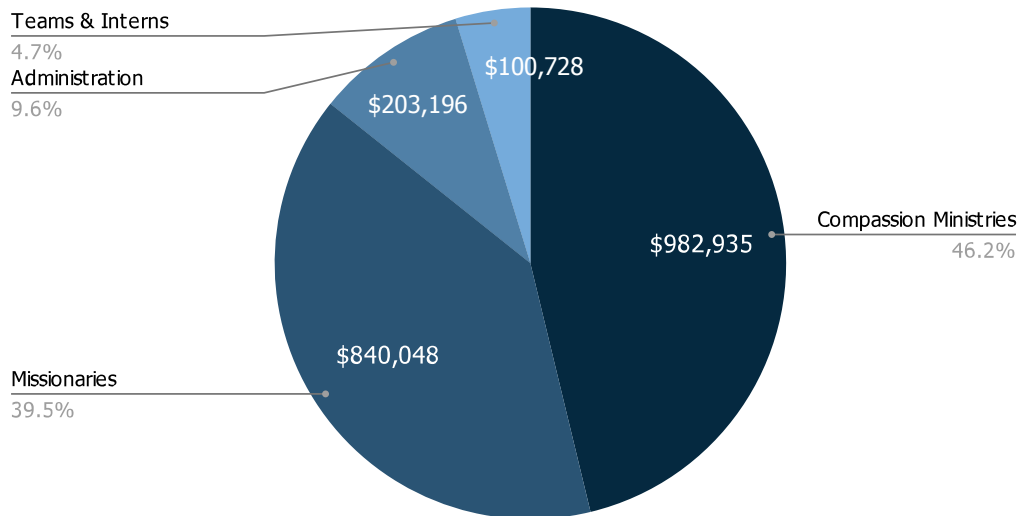




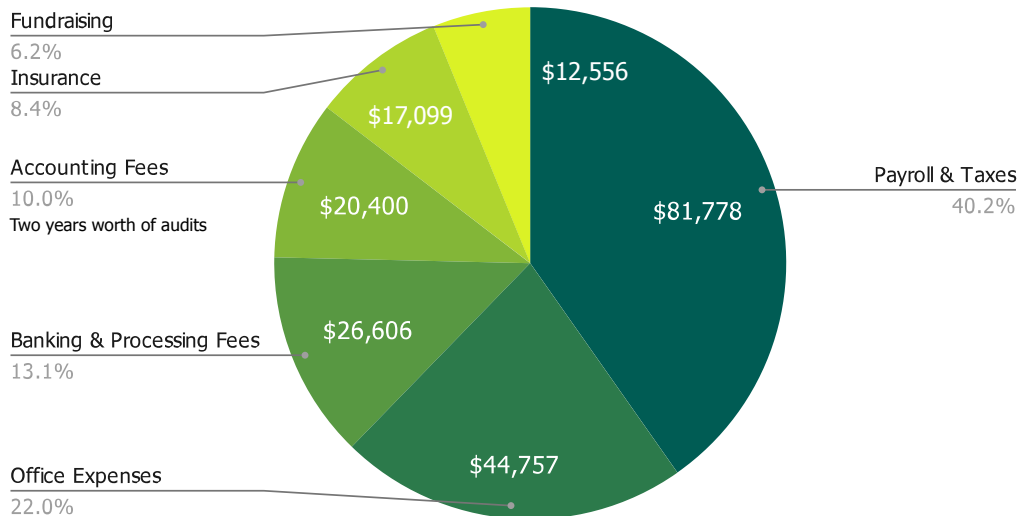
# Finance Report

TOTAL DONATIONS MADE: **\$2,126,907**

## Budget Breakdown



## Administration Breakdown



Date Range: Sept 1, 2021 - Aug 31, 2022





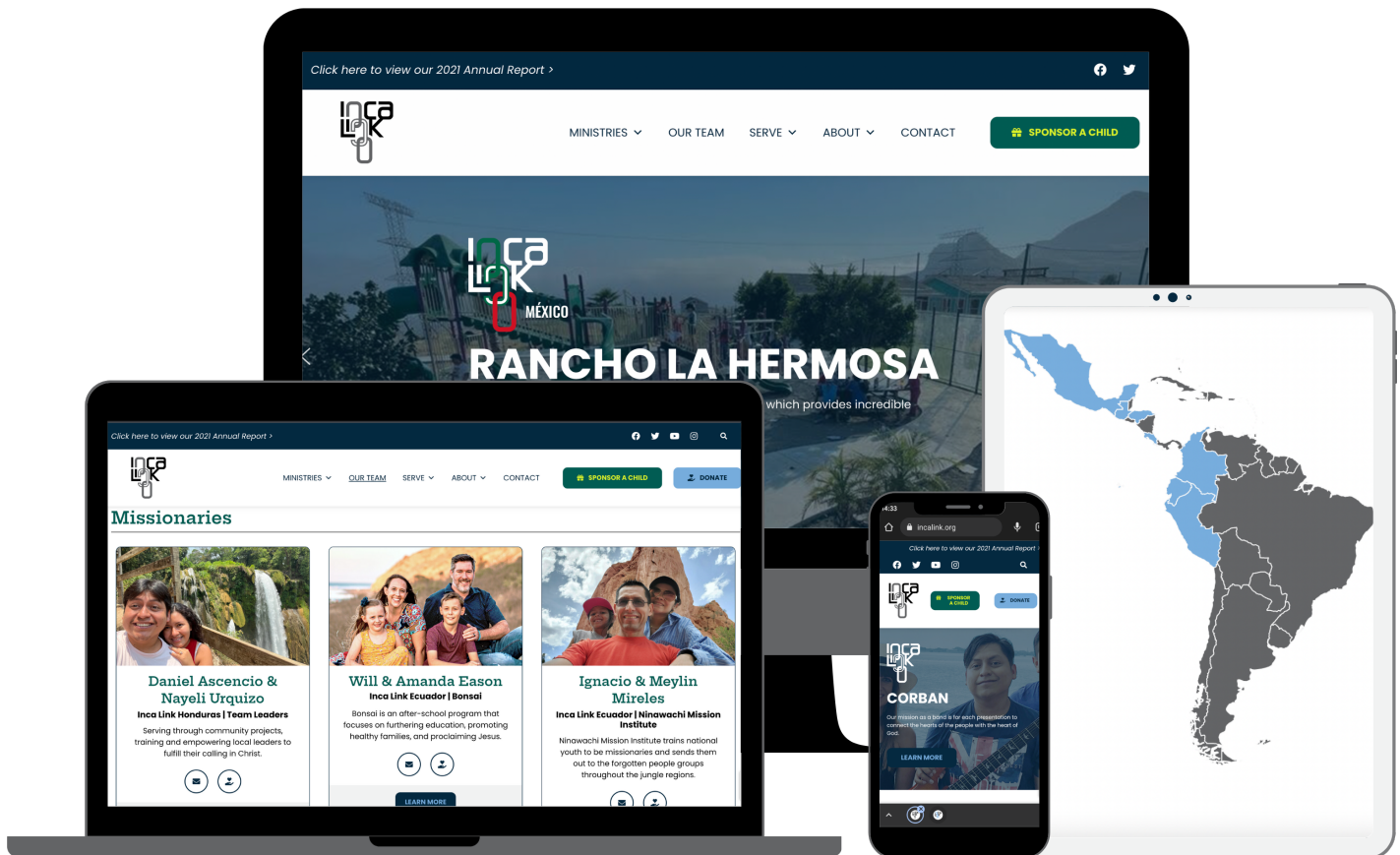
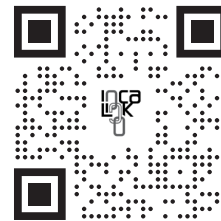


# New Website

## Inca Link International has a brand new website!

A special thank you to Tyler Pepper, our Director of Marketing & Design, and all of the contributors who helped create and launch our new site!

Scan the code or visit  
[incalink.org](http://incalink.org) to check it out!





# Year-End Campaign

As one of Inca Link's newer sites, Inca Link Costa Rica (ILCR) has emerging ministry opportunities across the greater San José area. In order to maximize these opportunities, ILCR has to be relationally engaged in every one of these locations. However, the rental cost of reliable transportation hinders the ability of our team to meet the needs of their community.

In order to remove this obstacle and expand our ministry impact, ILCR would like to purchase its own van in order to reliably transport children to and from their ministry sites, and also to provide transportation to our Global Outreach Teams when they are on the field.

**By owning our own van, we can guarantee reliable transportation, ministry expansion, and your investment directly impacting the youth of Costa Rica on a daily basis.**

Scan the code or visit  
[incalink.org/costa-rica-van-fund](https://incalink.org/costa-rica-van-fund)  
to partner with us in this campaign.

