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“ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

The Objectives Of Latin America Mission



- To undertake specific evangelistic endeavors throughout the Latin world, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and encouraging fruitful growth in Christ.
- To participate directly and assist others in the establishment, edification, and mobilization of the Church.
- To address the needs of individuals, families and communities in the Latin world, to participate and assist in the meeting of those needs, and to aid individual Christians and churches to give compassionate and caring service.
- To promote ministries to, by, and with Latin people where beliefs and ministry objectives are compatible with those of LAM Canada.
- To build bridges between Latin churches and form strategic alliances between Latin churches and other churches through whatever means possible, including education and cross-cultural communications.
- To encourage missionary concern and service throughout the world, particularly the involvement of Latin Christians.



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**Remaining in Christ,
going and bearing fruit
that will last.**”

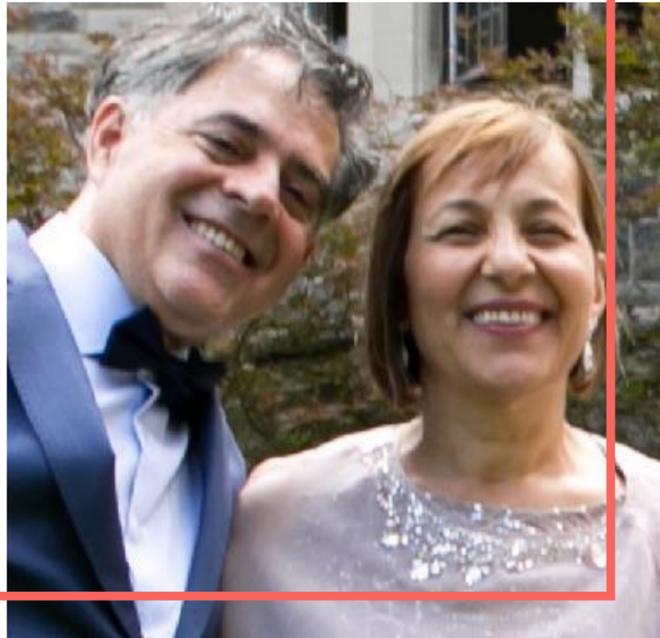


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DIRECTORS REPORT



It is with great joy that I present you this report.



Carluci Dos Santos

Executive Director

In 2021, the Latin America Mission celebrates its 100th anniversary! LAM Canada has been part of the foundation and incorporation of LAM since its early years. We remain truthful to our core commitments of bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the peoples of Latin America, building bridges with Latin American churches, engaging in the ministry of compassion and service, alleviating poverty, and supporting the missionary movement out of Latin America. The work that is done through the LAM family of missionaries, staff, and partners is a testament to the glory of God. As a holistic mission, we are feeding many children, adults, seniors, families, and Venezuelan refugees while remaining faithful to gospel proclamation and discipleship.

In the past year we have shipped dehydrated vegetable mix and fruit from Ontario Gleaners and Niagara Gleaners to support churches in their ministries of compassion to the neediest. Your support is helping feed thousands of people in Colombia and in Venezuela in particular. During the pandemic, through our Covid-19 Relief program we were able to support families in Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Brazil. In Brazil, we continue to support Indigenous ministries through literature, pastoral care, evangelistic work, and pioneering work among the Enewanê-Nawê. In Honduras, we continue to work with the Miskito people.

We are engaged with community development by investing in short- and long-term agricultural and social projects. Our missionaries are supporting young teenage mothers through the Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Armenia, Colombia. The Centre is currently fundraising to purchase a multipurpose building to serve not only as the home of the Crisis Pregnancy Center, but also as a church plant, internet evangelistic outreach, and other community development projects. We continue to work with bible-focused leadership development through bible expository preaching, and formal and informal theological education both online and in-person. You'll read more about these initiatives in the following pages.

We remain very thankful for your generous financial support. Your support has enabled our missionaries and partners to carry out their ministries in the specially challenging context of the pandemic.

The Missionary Handbook of the Latin America Mission states that **“LAM Canada recognizes that every aspect of the work and organization is dependent for its effectiveness upon the wisdom, power and direction of the Holy Spirit.”** We count on your prayers for all of us as we continue to serve God. Together with the Board, we are “custodians of this vision and yet open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as new opportunities for service become available.”

I continue to pray for us to open ourselves up more and more to support Latin Americans as they engage in mission in their home countries and throughout the world. We remain committed to the pioneering vision of LAM “to encourage missionary concern and service throughout the world, particularly the involvement of Latin Christians.” Today is the day!

May God continue to bless you and your engagement with the mission of God!



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Community Development.

Fundación Doulos

Daniel Bravo - Colombia



We have seen the Lord's grace and provision during the last 5 years: more than 50 churches in Colombia and Venezuela have connected with surrounding communities to reach them with the Good News of Jesus Christ. As a result, over the last 5 years, more than 100,000 people have received powerful evidence of God's love for them. We believe that the church is God's answer to a suffering world. We are passionate about seeing churches committed to the Lord's mission: to proclaim and live an integral Gospel, connecting and leading their communities in the process of healing and in every dimension of human life, especially in the most vulnerable communities. Fundación Doulos is a ministry focused on supporting churches to make a profound and lasting connection with communities through grassroots development and humanitarian aid initiatives. Our aim is to improve the effectiveness and long-term sustainability of church-led community projects.



El Pinal - Venezuela

Joel García - Canada



When we think of LAM we often have the idea that it is an agency that helps missionaries to carry out their work. This is true, but the Principe de Paz Church in El Pinal sees LAM as an instrument in God's hands to calm people's spiritual and physical hunger. By the grace of God, over the last two years, LAM has supported soup kitchens in Venezuela that are feeding around 1,800 people every week. These people come from deeply critical situations. Due to the situation in the country, many have lost any kind of hope. It is very sad to think that the meal that many of the people receive from these soup kitchens is the only meal that they will have that day. Our hearts break especially for the children and the elderly, who are among the people we serve. But, above all, we glorify God because these soup kitchens have served as a channel to speak of Christ to thousands of people each month. Many new families have been brought to the feet of Christ and many others are already being disciplined. We thank God for using LAM in Venezuela.



The Nest

Jacob y Leidy Aguirre - Colombia



El Nido (“The Nest”) is a project that aims to improve the quality of life of vulnerable adolescent mothers by removing barriers to opportunities and by helping them to reach their full potential through education, health services, and Christian values. In September of 2021, we initiated a campaign to purchase the building we are currently renting. So far, we have raised CAD\$63,000 towards a total of CAD\$250,000. Our goal is to raise enough to purchase the building in 2022. Purchasing the building will enable us to provide aid to more young mothers. While COVID has made the past year difficult, we have seen God’s faithfulness as all of the girls’ babies were born healthily and without complications. We had wondered how we were going to be able to meet with the young mothers during the lockdown, but many people donated cellphones and money to charge the phones with data so that we could meet and have the classes on zoom. We are currently able to meet in person with all the protocols in place. Returning to in-person programming has been important for developing bonds with the girls and their little ones. Please pray for us this coming year as we have been selected to showcase our project in a project fair hosted by the National Rotary Club. As always, we need more volunteers, but are always amazed and humbled at how God has shown his love for us and our young moms. Without God’s help we surely would be unable to continue.



Agricultural and Humanitarian Project

Orlando Obando - Venezuela



In 2021, the Principe de Paz Church integrated 2 agricultural projects: the Good Shepherd Church agricultural project and the Ebenezer Bible Institute agricultural project. These two new projects are in addition to our current fish and poultry farming programs. I am a retired engineer and have been blessed to receive what I had asked of God: to be able to serve people in precarious conditions, which I am being able to do through LAM. Due to the pandemic, I have been providing logistical support remotely, which has not been easy. But, this challenge has generated creativity and the beneficiaries have been able to apply the technical and administrative guidance I have been giving them. We have been growing in cultural sensitivity, which has allowed us to better organize ideas and to meet the objective of the projects. Working conditions are very difficult due to the political situation of the host country, socio-economic variables, and the lack of infrastructure, such as banks, to carry out and sustain the projects. These challenges make us stronger by seeking to support one another in the struggle for survival. To conclude, the peace I have has always been in my relationship with God, In the support of the family, and in the desire to improve the lives of the most vulnerable. I am grateful for the support of Brother Carluci and the trust of the LAM Board of Directors.

"Thank God in every situation, for this is His will for you in Christ Jesus" 1 Thessalonians 5:18





2

Indigenous Ministries.

Kayapo and Xikrin Natives

Dione Santos - Brazil



This year God has given me many opportunities to share His Word with the Kayapo and Xikrin Natives. On Sunday mornings we gather at the CASAI and hold services with the presence and participation of individuals from several Kayapo communities. During the week, I visit the Kayapo and the Xikrin at CASAI and give them booklets with Bible verses, the New Testament in Kayapo, summary books on Genesis, Exodus, and Jonah. I visit the Kayapo and the Xikrin in hospitals and sometimes accompany them to their medical consultations and examinations. I host many Kayapo and Xikrin here at home. This year many Kayapo and Xikrin came to my home because they were traveling to participate in church meetings in other villages. Others come to receive food or to receive counseling. God has transformed the lives of many Kayapo and Xikrin. I want to share one of the wonderful experiences I had this year. Ngrenhtykti, a Kayapo child, was in intensive care in the regional hospital here in Redenção. She was very ill. I went to CASAI and, when I arrived there, the nurse told me to talk to Ngrenhtyktire's parents and to explain to them that if they took Ngrenhtyktire out of the hospital she would die. So I talked to Ngrenhtyktire's parents and prayed with them. The father went to the hospital and, when he entered the ICU, he saw his child open her eyes and move her leg. God blessed this child, who today is well and her trusting parents are standing firm, trusting in Jesus their saviour.



Moskitia Community

Benjamin and Isabel Martinez - Honduras



These last two years have been difficult and challenging for some more than others. For those who live in this region of the Honduran Moskitia, it was a time of desperation because the region is remote and because they have been forgotten by the government authorities. The first wave of the pandemic was painful for many of us because of the loss of our loved ones. In the midst of the pain, most people shared what they had with those who were less fortunate and encouraged each other with words of comfort and prayer. In the villages, the pandemic was more difficult. In some cases, villagers were even forbidden to take their sick to the hospital.

The villagers were also unable to supply themselves with food so they united and organized themselves to acquire it. It was evident that the hand of God was guiding them and sustaining them. As if the pandemic and the lack of food were not enough, God in his sovereign grace, sent two hurricanes, which devastated all the crops that served as sustenance. It was painful to see the cry of the people, but we saw God's response as he did in the desert. It rained manna and the Lord provided food for the people, through humanitarian aid. God glorified himself over his people. Despite these challenges, the pandemic crisis was also a blessing because, thanks to God, we were able to come together as a family and share all this time together. God has provided us with sustenance, health, and life. We have been able to cultivate a life together, enjoy times of prayer, worship, and study of the word. God has been good to us, even when we got sick, he knew how to pick us up. We did worry about our ministry, however, because there was no way to do anything in this context, only to persevere in prayer. But, in due time, the Lord

answered our prayers and the cases of the virus ceased. At the beginning of this year, he blessed us with the necessary conditions for us to start the Walpa Yamni ministry. January 2021 was a time of blessing. The Lord gave the community the longing to search the Scriptures and

has given us the opportune time to begin Bible classes. The works of the Lord are unfathomable. However, just when it seemed that everything had passed, and everything was normalizing--with people were circulating freely and congregating in the churches--in the middle of the year, we were surprised by the new outbreak of the virus. There were many deaths, but once again the God of peace blessed his people. Today there are few cases of death. We thank God that, although there were cases of virus in our students and their families, including myself and my children, there were no deaths. Our students' desire to study and to know the Word moves us to continue with our work. There is no better time than God's time to do what he has arranged for us to do. Wonderful and great is the Lord.





3

Christian Education.

Gwen Rowe

English Teacher - Mexico City



Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6) This is the heart's desire of parents, and many will agree that they can not, and should not, do it alone. "It takes a whole village" is a quote that resounds for parents and teachers, especially in the mission field.

At BridgeWay North American school, I have the privilege to be involved in raising children. At international schools like ours, missionary teachers partner with local teachers. As a new school, BridgeWay has already provided Christ-centered, high-quality, holistic education to children of many nationalities: children of missionaries who want their children to receive a high level of education, and local families who simply want a values-based, quality, bilingual education for their children.

One exciting part of ministering to children is that it often extends to the parents. We have even had situations where the students themselves have shared what they have learned about God with their own parents. This encourages us that BridgeWay is indeed fulfilling its vision "to transform Mexico City and beyond through educating the next generation".



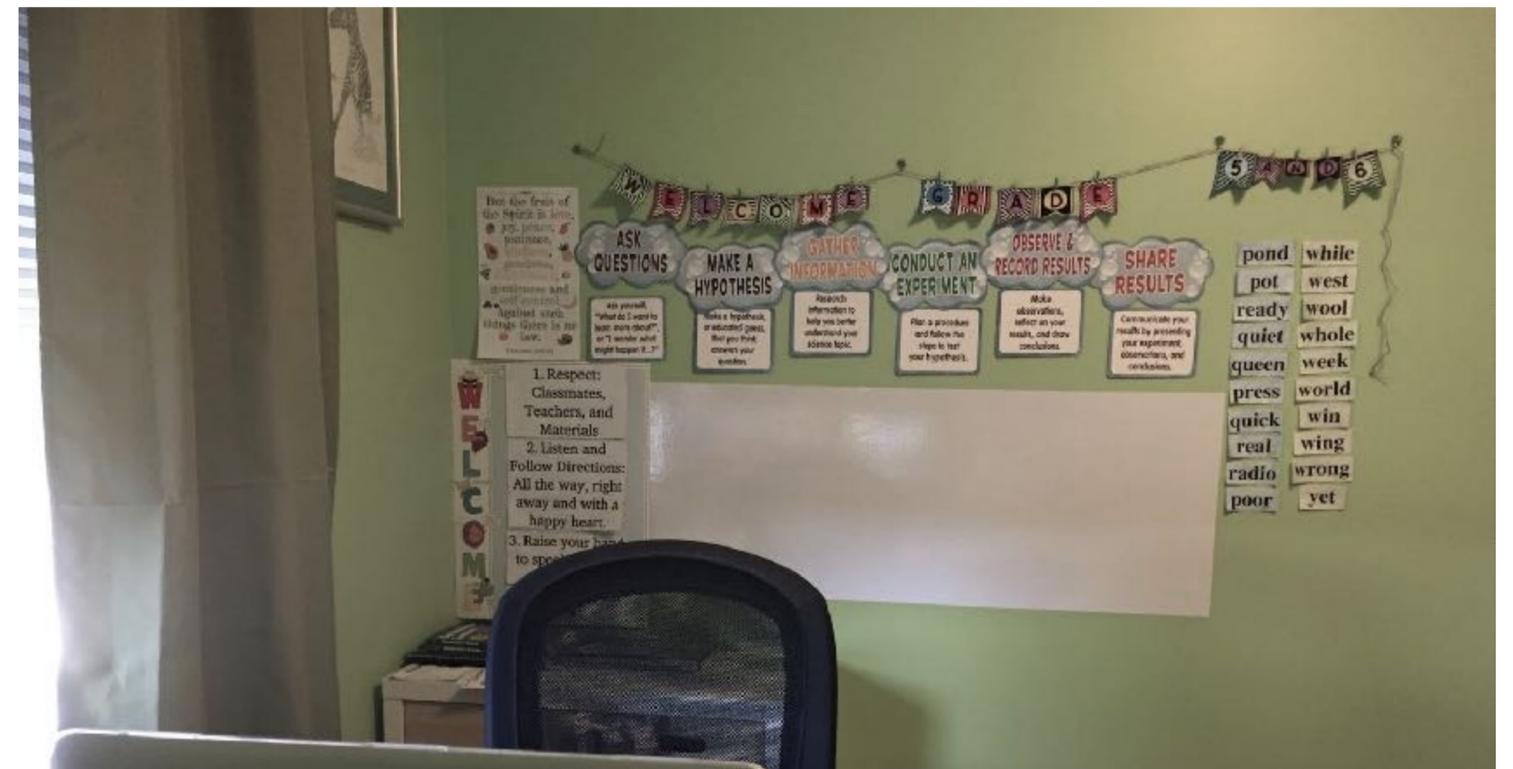
Taylor Chester

English and Science Teacher - Honduras



I have been serving in Honduras as a teacher in a Christian Bilingual school for the past 4 years as an LAM missionary. Through my ministry in the school, I have the opportunity each and every day, not only to teach my students English and Science, but to teach my students about God and to share the gospel with them. My school has a desire to reach the students in our classes, their families, and the community for Christ and I am so honoured to be a part of that.

With COVID-19 and the closure of schools for the past year and a half, my ministry has looked different, but God has been so good in still making a way for our school to continue online.





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Theological Innitiative.

Ministry Formation Institute

Carolina Holguin - Canada



I had the privilege of joining the Instituto de Formación Ministerial (Ministry Formation Institute - IFM) in 2009. Later, under the direction of Pr. Eynar Mina, I served as Dean of the IFM from 2012 to 2021. The IFM is a two-and-a-half-year Hispanic ministry training program in Toronto, supported by LAM and the Eastern District of the Alliance, and in partnership with Emmanuel Bible College (Kitchener, ON). The IFM exists to equip Hispanic servants of Christ in Canada and overseas to live for the glory of God and fulfill their call.

We praise the Lord for the way He has been working through the IFM by making leaders grow, students deepen in their knowledge of the Scriptures, lives being renewed, families impacted, and students' ministries strengthened. The IFM has had the blessing of increasing access to theological education through in-person and online classes for local and non-local students from different Latin American countries. Most of the students and alumni serve in church planting, children ministries, preaching, teaching, missions in their home countries, pastoring, church administration, discipleship, and leadership formation. I don't have words to express how beautiful it has been to see people mature in their faith and be formed as faithful servants and heralds of the Word of God. This fall, I had the privilege of beginning a Ph.D. in Old Testament at McMaster University (Hamilton, ON).

I envision influencing the Hispanic church leaders and teachers to better understand and apply the Old Testament text in their respective ministries. I also want to contribute by making biblical-theological training more accessible, especially for the Hispanic community in Canada and Latin America.



LAM Theological Initiative

Andrés Rincón - Colombia



LAM's Theological Initiative seeks to carry out high-quality and applied education to all of our missionaries and leaders in Latin America. We are looking forward to training people who want to deeply understand the faith they profess, who can defend their doctrine with depth and clarity, who have strong foundations to be teachers, servants, missionaries, and evangelists, and who are prepared for to do ministry with LAM. I have the privilege of coordinating the Master of Divinity at Northwest Seminary, where we currently have 2 students who are also missionaries with LAM. I am also coordinating the Diploma in Theological Studies that we offer through ZonaJ for lay leaders in different churches in Colombia.

I feel very honoured to be able to serve in this way in God's mission in Latin America through LAM.





Projects.



Through 2021 we continued to see God's blessings in many different areas in our beloved Latin America. Here you can read a glimpse of the main projects LAM was involved with in 2021.



Enewanê-Nawê

Northern Brazil



The aim of this project is to reach-out to and evangelize the Enewanê-Nawê – a remote and unreached indigenous group in northern Brazil. The Enewanê-nawê people live as a very closed tribe. They speak their very own language and are located in northwest Mato Grosso, which is part of the Brazilian Amazon forest. The Enewanê-Nawê chose the city of Vilhena in the neighbouring state of Rondonia as their business and shopping centre.

Since the beginning of the project in May 2021, some important progress has already been made in developing personal relationships, community connections, and the possibility of starting Bible presentations to some of the Enewanê-Nawê. As a closed tribe, you can only go to the tribe with special invitation from the Enewanê-Nawê. We were invited to go to the tribe this summer.

The missionaries are an indigenous couple from another tribe, which facilitates the relationship-building with the Enewanê-Nawê. They have been using the mission base in Rondonia as an open house to support the Enewanê-Nawê while they visit town on errands and business. The house is being use to bless the Enewanê-Nawê and to offer Bible studies for them.

LAM has partnered with the Evangelical Mission for the Brazilian Indigenous Peoples (MEIB in Portuguese). The budget for this three-yearproject is approximately CAD\$50,000.



Iglesia para la frontera Colombia-Venezuela



This project is a response to the refugee crises in Venezuela, where thousands are fleeing to other countries because of the difficult conditions in Venezuela today. Since 1999, over four million Venezuelans, around 13 percent of the country's population, have emigrated. Some estimates say that over 30% of this number fled to Colombia and around 5,000 Venezuelan immigrants (including children and seniors) remain isolated in precarious situations in the borders cities. Many of these individuals are currently locked down in small overcrowded warehouses, camps, and other temporary housing that might host hundreds of people at the same time. Venezuelans are desperate because they are not receiving any guaranteed income (they rely on day-to-day earnings) and do not have access to public services or places to get food from stores. Of course, the Covid-19 pandemic has worsened the situation.

The year 2021 marks the third phase of this Barranquilla-based project. During a 2- month period, 350 families were blessed with food and care. Over USD\$50,000 has already been sent send to cover the costs of this project in the last two years. Fundación Doulos is the main partner for this project. They are responsible for all the management of the resources as well as the training. Pastor Mauricio from Iglesia para la Frontera is responsible for the execution of this project, such as the distribution of the food and medication and evangelization.

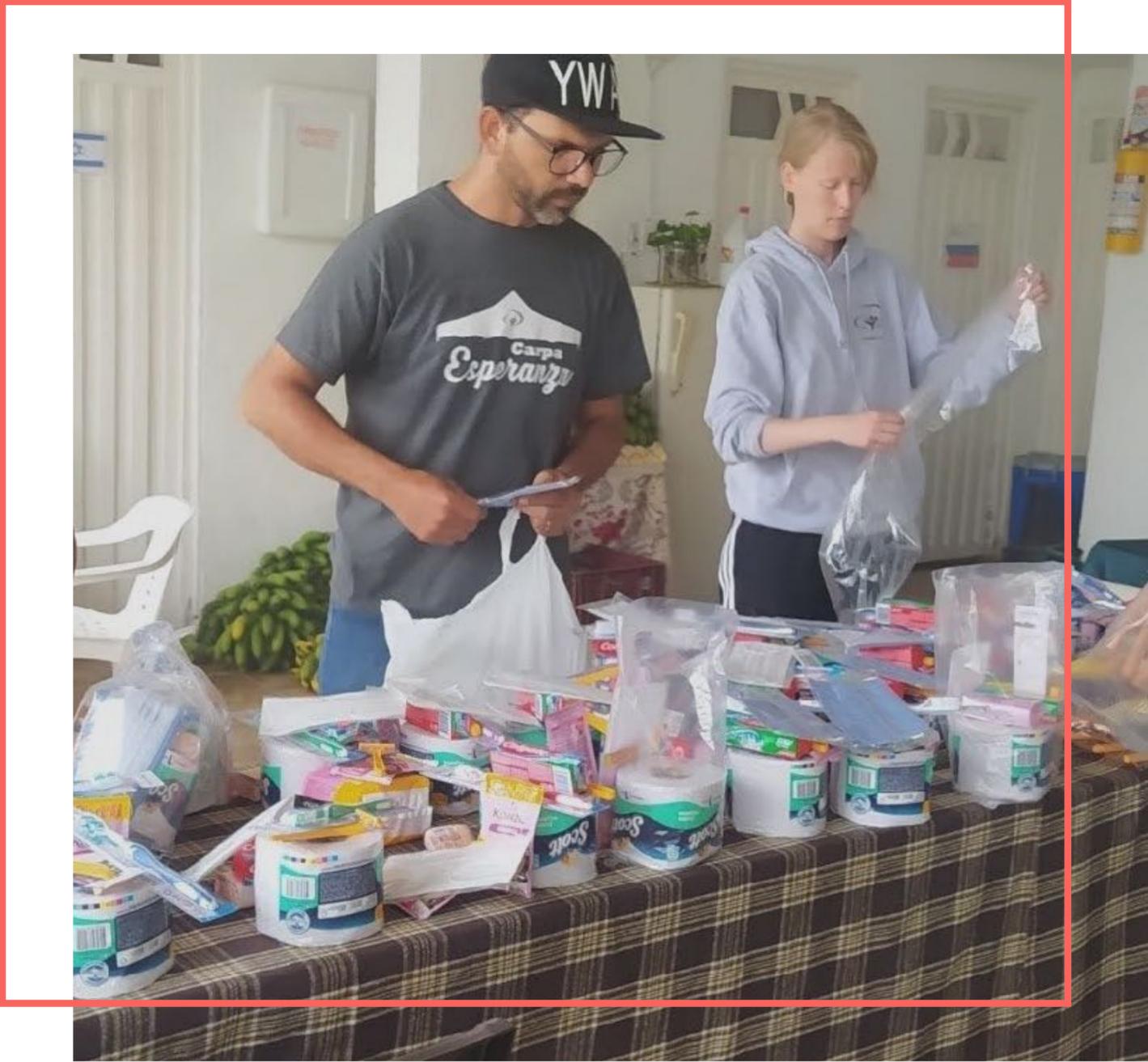


Carpa Esperanza Colombia



Carpa Esperanza (“Tent of Hope”) is another project aiming to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela. Acting proactively, a group of brothers and sisters go after the walking refugees to provide a hot meal, medication, and love. Three different cities host this project: Bucaramanga, Cucuta, and Valledupar (Colombia). For each of the 3 phases, over 6,000 people were blessed (almost 18,000 in total) and had a chance to sense God’s love for them. Kits are prepared to be distributed to the people that are fleeing Venezuela on foot. Food, hygienic supplies, and even medication can be part of these kits.

For this project LAM partnered with Foudación Doulos and Youth with a Mission. Over CAD\$46,000 was sent to support the 3 phases of the project. The costs of the project include the purchase of the needed supplies to prepare the kits and the hot meals.



El Comedor project

Humanitarian Aid to refugees in Venezuela



This project reaches out to refugees who are fleeing to Colombia in response to the severe humanitarian crisis in Venezuela. Thousands of Venezuelans are leaving their homes. The Iglesia Principe da Paz (Prince of Peace Church), in the border city of Tachira (El Pinal) hosts this project. They serve food (a hot meal), and provide medication and care for those families and individuals leaving Venezuela on foot. Some of individuals are invited to stay in Venezuela, while others see the church as an “oasis” where they sense God’s love for them. The project involves providing one meal a day, Monday to Friday, to about 200 people, which are mostly families. This project is another good example of the holistic mission God calls His church to accomplish. Yes, our main goal is to share the good news of Jesus, but we should never forget or close our eyes to the huge challenges those around face just in order to survive. The Iglesia Principe da Paz has an evangelism program and regularly visits the people who are use the soup kitchen. Some of these families already attend church on Sundays. LAM missionaries involved in this project include Joel Garcia (Canadian connection), Pastor Albert Malaguera (supervisor in Venezuela), Jenny Nino, Juan Araque, and Rebeca Rincon (leaders in Venezuela).

LAM Canada will be sending an additional CAD\$30,000 to support this project. The money will be used to purchase food to prepare the hundreds of meals that Iglesia Principe da Paz serves monthly. This money will also help to cover the cost of sending Covid-19 supplies and other medication.

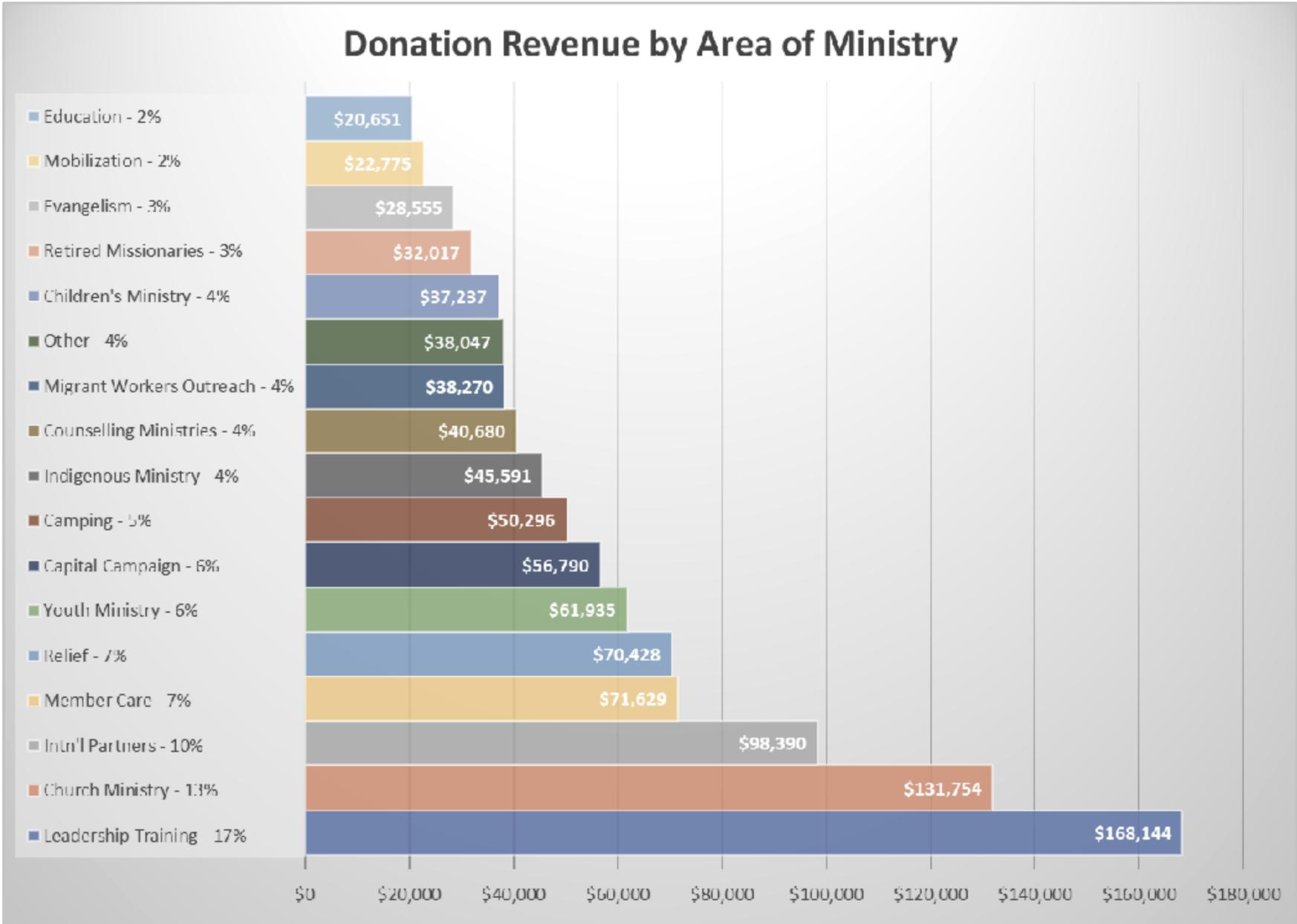




Financial Report.

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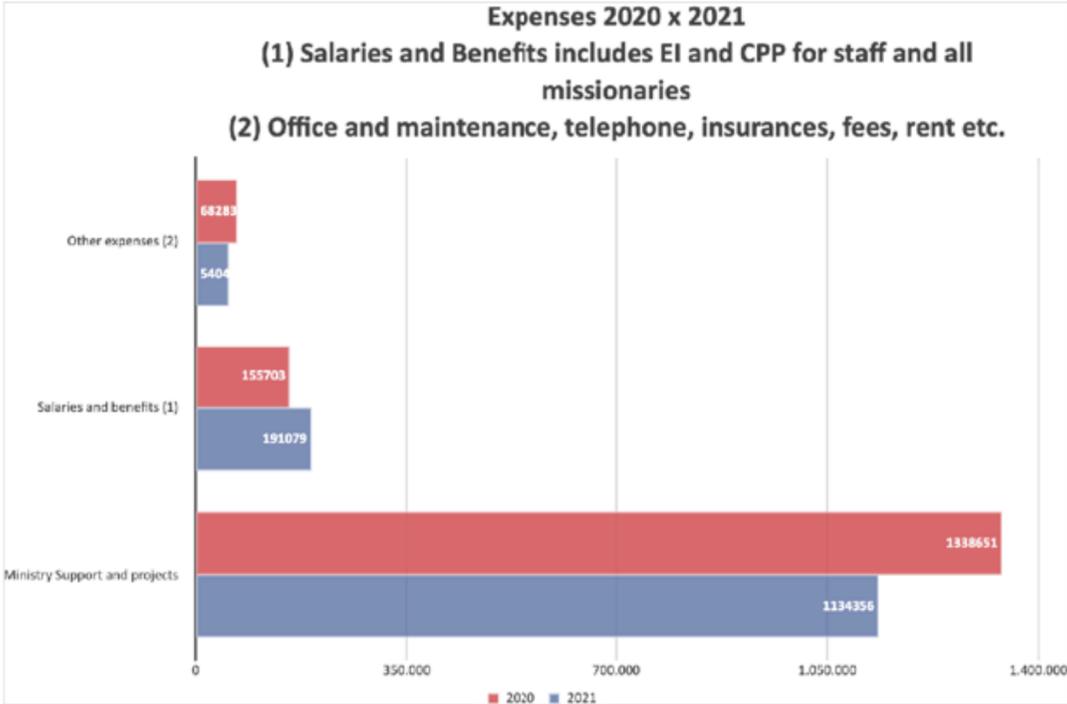
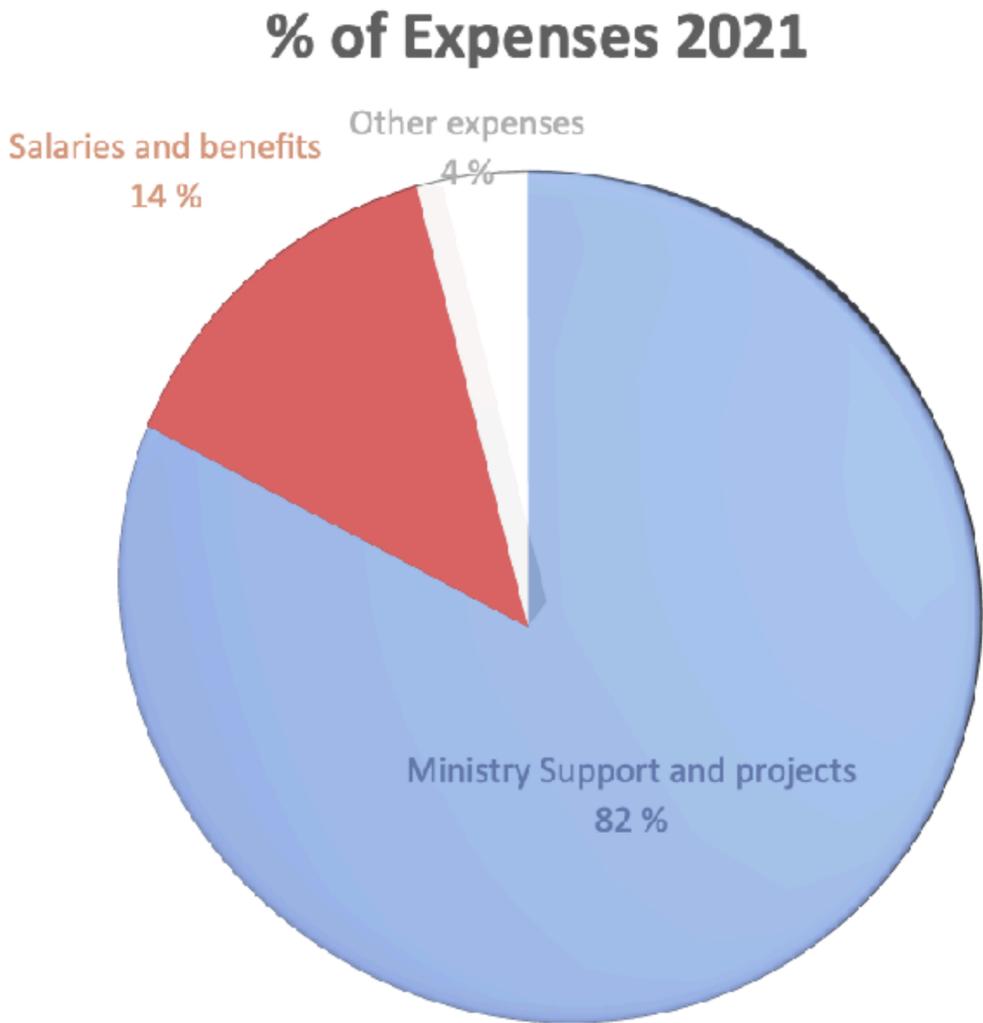
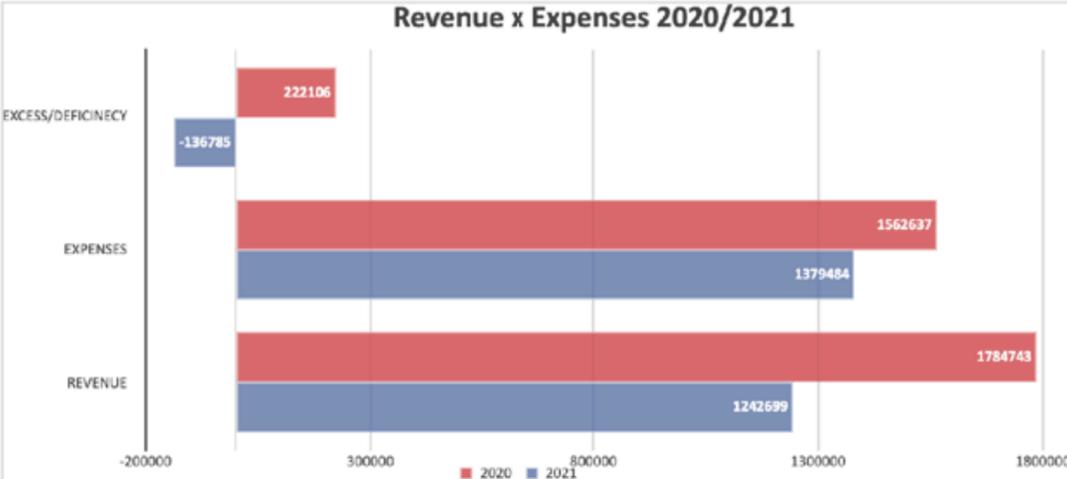
Counting Our Blessings



Thanks to the generosity of our faithful donors – individuals, churches and foundations - during the fiscal period ended August 31, 2021, we were able to allocate a total of \$1,013,191 in countable blessings towards the current and future needs of our ongoing programs and ministries in Latin America and Canada. In the chart you will find the broad categories of ministry our donors opted to support this year. Donations made towards the support of LAM Canada missionaries engaged in these areas of ministry are included in category totals.

Note: Donations to International Partners (Latin Link and United World Mission) also include support for various areas of ministry, not categorized above.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW





List of Projects.

- **Anglican Diocese of Chile** - Youth Centre
- **Atiencia Work Fund** - Retreat Centre, seminars
- **Bravo, Hernan & Rosa Projects** For Venezuelan refugees, child sponsorships, etc.
- **Bravo, Daniel and Helen** - Food Truck Project
- **Brazil Projects** - Kayapo seminars, work of Dione Santos Lima
- **Camp Roblealto** - Cabin, LAM Building, General funds
- **Caribbean Relief**
- **Covid 19** - Small projects overseen by missionaries
- **Disaster Relief** - Honduras hurricane relief
- **Dominican Republic Container shipment** (JRS project)
- **Enawene-Nawe Project** - MEIB as Agent
- **Garcia WF** - Migrant Ministry and Venezuela
- **Gleaners Project 2021** - Food for Colombia
- **Holt Teams** - managed by Allan Holt
- **Honduras Development Network** - scholarships, missionary support
- **Latin Link** - one major project - Centro Esdras
- **Lopez TELL** - missionary managed project
- **Martinez Work Fund** - Puerto Lempira Projects

- **Medellin Seminary Project** - Faith and Displacement
- **Nesci Projects** - Two church building projects in Mexico, other outreaches
- **Niagara Gleaners Shipment** - Food to Colombia
- **Puerto Lempira** - sawmill, chapel classrooms construction, other
- **Quien Soy Yo** - Rommel Raudales responsible for reporting
- **Roblealto Child Care** - child sponsorships, general, capital
- **SAMS** - support for former SAMS Canada missionaries
- **Scripture Union Honduras** - Values Program Literature Project
- **Theological Education Fund** - Ebenezer Bible Institute Staff (Venezuela)
- **The Nest** (ZonaJ)
- **United World Mission** - Agency Agreement with LAM USA
- **Vega Projects** - Covid 19 outreaches
- **Venezuela Relief Projects**
- **ZonaJ**

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- Benavides, Santiago
- Lopez, Carlos
- Nesci, Joe
- Garcia, Joel
- Garcia, Maireé
- Viana, Marcelo
- Viana, Giulliana

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- Atiencina, Jorge
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- Bravo, Daniel
- Bravo, Helen
- Bravo, Hernan
- (Camargo) Bravo, Rosa
- Chandler, Kayla
- Chester, Taylor
- Cunninham, Craig
- Cunningham, Amanda
- Lawrance, Dan

- Longworth, Dave
- Longworth, Marilyn
- Martinez, Benjamin
- Martinez, Isabel
- McInnes, Pat
- Paul, Jacob
- Paul, Leidy
- Pieters, Tracey
- Raudales, Rommel
- Raudales, Ana Julia
- Rincón, Andres
- Rincón, Alejandra
- Rivera, Oscar
- Rivera, Ada
- Rowe, Gwen
- Santos de Oliveira Dione
- Umaña, Rodolfo
- (Longworth) Umaña, Nancy Rose
- Vega, Kike
- (Solorzano) Vega, Belinda

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- Sissons, Rebeca Van de Woerd, Alan
- Van de Woerd, Eileen
- Martinez, Natalia
- Chavez, Juan Carlos
- Rath, Judah
- Rath, Jessie
- Diego, Florentina

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- Holt, Allan
- Lau, Karen
- Liborio Tony

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