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As **the Alliance in Colombia**, it is an immense pleasure to know that we have partners in extending God's Kingdom. The support provided by LAM Canada during the surge of Covid-19 allowed us to bring food to more than 15,000 Colombian and Venezuelan families which enabled them to endure the hard economic and social situation in our country resulting from the restrictive measures imposed by the National Government which lasted close to 8 months of 2020 in response to the pandemic. The aid also allowed them to see a God who is with them in word and deed!

Thank you!

let us share a bit more details on how this miracle became a reality!



*Reception
and Opening
of the container
at the Port
of Cartagena, Colombia.*

The food arrived at the port of Cartagena in early November, at the beginning of Winter, when the city's inhabitants were suffering from the ravages caused by the floods that occurred in the city.

Unloading and Inspection of contents carried out at the port cellar.



We worked with (11) campuses of **the Alliance in Colombia which are located in: Cartagena, Bogotá, Bucaramanga, Cali and Neiva**, each receiving about 35,620 food rations. These rations were distributed in an equitable manner with the objective of ensuring that all beneficiary sites had the same amount of food. However, it was necessary to create a logical distribution of food. To facilitate the preparation of the food, we developed caloric and macronutrient balanced menus to feed our target population in the best possible way. This distribution was carried out as follows:

Type of Food	Quantity of Bags to be Delivered	Food per days	Families per Month
Vegetables Soup	96	160	1,200
Apricots	10	180	1,350
Sweet Potatoes	54	168.75	2,700
Apples	80	144	540
Beets	40	144	540
Mushrooms	40	144	540
Egg Plants	40	144	540
Cabbage	40	144	540
Potatoes	299	269	2,020
Carrots	142	274	960

Note: *The previous amounts of food were delivered equally to the eleven (11) sites of The Christian Alliance, selected as beneficiaries of the donation by Lam Canada.*

The Cartagena campus not only collaborated with the logistics of receiving the container, but also acted immediately to attend to the crisis of recent floods on top of the COVID 19 pandemic that was occurring at this time in the city. With the food donated and the contribution of members of the community, thousands of lunches were prepared and delivered to the families of the neighborhoods most affected by the floods.

Food processing and delivery in Cartagena city.



One of our **campuses in Bogotá D.C.**, - which have been working hard to support their communities- organized community kitchens and food delivery days to benefit as many families as possible during the pandemic. For the preparation and delivery of food, not only were all the biosecurity measures and good practices for food handling established by the Ministry of Health during the pandemic implemented, but also the preparation of nutritional meals that would be adapted to the typical dishes of Colombian gastronomy. In Bogotá, in our **campuses such as Bosa, Buenavista, Kennedy, la Fragueta, and Suba**, more than 7,000 families made up of Venezuelan migrants, single mothers, the unemployed, and vulnerable population received food for three months.



Buenavista Dining Room, Feeding children of the sector



Recipes created by our campuses. The using of donated resources and compliance with dietary value.

Our campus in San Cristobal in Bogota not only organized activities for the massive delivery of food, but also integrated these meals into the social work carried out in the vicinity of the Simón Bolívar Hospital, where weekly meals are provided to families in rural areas of the country who do not have resources to support themselves while their relatives are hospitalized.



Kennedy campus delivers prepared food to Venezuelan migrants and low income people in the area.



San Cristóbal campus providing food to hospitalized people's family and community members.



Santa Cecilia campus in Bogota supported missionaries working in the Amazon, since this area of the country was experiencing a health emergency and a food crisis due to the closed border blocking the import of food from the neighboring country of Brazil. In addition to integrating the donated food in the menus that are delivered in this sector of the country.

Santa Cecilia campus delivers prepared food to families in the area and Venezuelans migrants.



Bucaramanga campus' members received the food rations when part of the donation was being transferred to the city of Cúcuta. As soon as the food was received, work groups were organized for the preparation and distribution of meals in the different parks of the city where Venezuelan families are concentrated daily, as well as in front of the campus facilities, since it is located on Carrera 33, an obligatory route for migrants moving from Cúcuta to the rest of the country and, so forth. During the whole day, the groups were in parks such as: El parque del agua, Los Niños, Centenario, Antonia Santos and, another group formed by the pastoral family sets up in front of the campus at a table to deliver packed food and a Word of Hope for the migrants who are...



Food delivery to Venezuelans migrants carried out by Bucaramanga campus



Food delivery to Venezuelan migrants located in Bucaramanga.

Neiva Centro campus, which has a feeding project in the south of the city (6th and 8th districts) to provide food, spiritual formation and values to children and teens, delivered breakfasts and lunches to children of the sector and their families. The feeding program was accompanied by a gospel message as well as workshops for the orientation in values in search of transforming in a positive way the reality in which the inhabitants of the sector live every day, and also, because as the body of Christ we are convinced that we must be part of the extension of the God's Kingdom.



Neiva Centro delivers food in the 6th and 8th districts in Neiva city.



The aid received was also used to **support communities in Lloró, Chocó** (a small town) affected by the winter emergency at the end of November, where the team from the San Bosco campus in Cali city mobilized with 7 tons of humanitarian aid, including nearly 23,000 rations of dehydrated food donated by LAM. As part of the Church's response to this humanitarian crisis in this town, initiatives are being planned to support the development of this community forgotten by the National Government, which lacks access roads and where there are many unmet needs.

Aid arriving in Lloró, Chocó after the devastation caused by the weather.

Trying to provide an intelligent management of the donation -besides fulfilling the main purpose which is to impact a great part of the Colombian and migrant population in a positive way - this allowed us to make strategic alliances with public and private organizations that contributed to a better use to the donation, besides covering and benefiting many more people in the national territory. The organizations involved in the delivery of this aid were:

1. Presidential Agency for International Cooperation (APC)

Thanks to the Presidential Agency for International Cooperation (APC), we were able to get the donation into Colombia, since the customs regulations at the time of importing were very complex. However, due to the resources, contacts and infrastructure that the Presidential Agency for Cooperation has, these processes can be carried in a little less complex way.

2. Súmate

Based on the agreements initially established for the acceptance of the donation, we delivered 115,200 food rations to Cúcuta. Through the Súmate platform the coalition of humanitarian and social services of the evangelical organizations in Colombia.



Packing and Sealing of food in individual portions into the containers.



Preparation of food for delivery to migrants in Cúcuta city.



Delivery of food to migrants in Cúcuta





3. Association of Social Work of the National Police

In an articulation with the Association of Social Works of the National Police, we managed to reach the community of San Andres, Providencia and Santa Catalina, with the aim of helping the community to cope with the economic and social emergency caused by Hurricane Iota, a natural disaster that destroyed about 98% of the infrastructure in these islands, not counting the hundreds of people who died and disappeared as a result of this environmental emergency. Due to this, thanks to the logistical support of the Association of Social Works of the National Police, we were able to deliver nearly 62,000 food rations that benefited 300 families who were reported to have been affected by the hurricane.

Arrival of aid at Gustavo Rojas Pinilla International Airport -main airport of the San Andres, Providencia and Santa Catalina archipelago.

4. Misión Paz (Mission Peace)

Through the Mission Peace Ministry based in Cali, Valle del Cauca, we were able to carry out two specific activities, such as:

First: the supply, distribution and support to the community of Chocó as a result of heavy tides and rains have suffered floods that have affected the civilian population, creating needs for food, medicines and building materials, as many homes and collection centers were destroyed and basic needs are becoming increasingly strong. In this way, we managed to deliver through Mission Peace, 126,600 food rations that were very helpful to feed about 300 families with an average of 4 members each for a period of thirty days. Second, we carried out a feeding day in Cali, where we delivered prepared food to more than 500 people.



Delivery of groceries to families in Chocó.



5. Somos un Pueblo Ministry

Finally, we were able to deliver cooked meals and distribute 86,000 food rations to people, which were delivered in partnership with the Somos un Pueblo (We Are a People) Ministry based in Bogotá D.C. This is a ministry with a broad social development, where we seek to expand the Kingdom of God and help the less fortunate.

Receipt of the donation by Somos un Pueblo Ministry in Bogotá D.C.

It is worth mentioning that the logistics, customs expenses, warehouses in Cartagena and the transportation of the cargo to Bogota and finally to the cities where the aid arrived, cost more than USD \$8,846,12 covered by the National Office of the Alliance in Colombia as well as USD \$22,768.24 which were invested buying the complementary food needed to deliver healthy and balanced meals, food such as: fruits, drinks, animal protein, some vegetables, among other supplements. It is also important to highlight the efforts made by the 1200 volunteers of different teams that came together to unload, count, prepare transport and deliver food as well as sharing the good news of Jesus!

Without your donation, it would not have been possible to bring food to more than 15,000 Colombian and Venezuelan families. We are deeply grateful to know that God united us as a family of faith that is not limited by borders.

We are better together!

Thank You!

