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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



ARNOLD M. MATOS PRESIDENT/COFOUNDER

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:27

We find it a privilege for Always On Mission to have the opportunity to go to "the ends of the earth" as ambassadors for Christ.

We also find it a privilege that so many of you are faithful supporters of this ministry. Some may look at the donations that are made and see that it helps us provide resources for people living in poverty on the margins of society, and yes, that is true. However, for us, it means much more than that. We see it as an act of compassion and affirmation to people who are too often forgotten and devalued.

Furthermore, and just as importantly, it provides us with the opportunity to go far and wide, to share the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

2022 was a great year for AOM and we are looking forward to what 2023 has in store. On behalf of the Always On Mission family, we thank you and pray that God would continue to bless you!

Grace & Peace,





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MEET OUR TEAM



PASTOR ARNOLD M. MATOS PRESIDENT



VICTORIA MATOS VICE-PRESIDENT



PASTOR EVELYN LEON SECRETARY



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MISSION

Our mission is to encourage, edify, equip and empower those in need, while sharing the love of God, starting in our city and to the "Ends of the Earth".

VISION

Our vision is to find the root causes affecting individuals and communities in need and finding innovative ways to address those needs with sustainable solutions. We do this while living on mission, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and encouraging others to do the same.

OUR VALUES

ENCOURAGE - More than just through acts of kindness, we will take the opportunity to highlight the hope we have in Christ: urging one another in the truth and reminding one another of the infinite goodness of the Gospel.

EDIFY – Establishing relationships and building up individuals by sharing the love of God through openness, mutual respect, and service to others.

EQUIP – Providing individuals and communities with either the physical and or spiritual resources needed, not only to address an immediate need, but to provide long term sustainability.

EMPOWER – Empowering individuals and communities by identifying the root cause of their needs and moving from reactive, commodity-based kindness to the kinds of relational, holistic strategies that have long term effect.

> Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. Isaiah 1:17

LOCAL MISSIONS



THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

We were honored to bless 4 families in the Lehigh Valley with with Thanksgiving baskets. This was done through the outreach at The Center Lehigh Valley.



BACK TO SCHOOL OUTREACH

We partnered with Bethel Life Center and The Brotherhood Ministries to provide lunch and backpacks full of school supplies for children in East Stroudsburg, PA.



HOMELESS OUTREACH

We assisted the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter with getting the homeless population entered into the PA Homeless Management Information System.



DOMESTIC ABUSE OUTREACH

We blessed a woman who suffered from domestic abuse with a mattress & boxspring, two chairs, a TV stand, pots & pans, towels, cutlery, knives, dishes, and glassware.

WE BELIEVE IN COLLABORATION

At Always On Mission, we find the best way to have a greater impact, is by collaborating with others. We were honored to do just that with several local organizations and ministries.

Mother Theresa put it this way, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."



INDIA



We are honored to sponsor a Pastor and partner with Jane India Trust, who have now planted over 270 house churches around Karnataka, India. Jane India started off with a vision of planting 10 house churches. That vision later changed to 50, and then to 100. They are now aiming at 1,000 house churches by 2030. These Churches are crucial in playing a role in lives of the downtrodden and outcast in India. They do this by counseling them personally, leading families to unity, bringing individuals out of addiction, and introducing the concept of community fellowship in villages.



GOD'S GRACE CHILDREN'S HOME

In collaboration with Bethel Life Center from East Stroudsburg, PA, for the third year in a row, God's Grace Children's home in India was blessed with a special Christmas. Each of the 30 children and their caretakers, were given a personal gift along with a new outfit. The entire home was also treated to a Christmas dinner.









WATER SYSTEM INSTALLATION

In keeping within our core values of sustainable solutions, in collaboration with Living Water World Missions, a water system was installed at the volunteer fire department in Tucurú, Alta Verapaz, Guatemala. This water system will provide clean drinking water to the community at a cost far less than currently available.

The proceeds from the water system will help make the Fire Department self sustainable. And a portion of the proceeds will also be utilized to help keep the shelves stocked at the local food bank for families with children that are suffering from malnutrition.











CHURCH ROOF INSTALLATION

Every once in a while, we are called to fill a need outside of the areas we normally serve in. This church roof installation in the community of Las Nubes, located in Tucurú, Alta Verapaz was one of those cases.

The community had outgrown their existing church and were in need of larger space to worship. Once again in keeping with our core values of equipping individuals and communities with either the physical and or spiritual resources needed, not only to address an immediate need, but to provide long term sustainability, we lent our assistance in completing this church facility.



The old church



First worship service in the new church



The new church



SCHOOL DESKS

In Guatemala the lack of priority on education has made it that many of the schools have not received desks or classroom furniture in over twenty years.

At Always On Mission we believe all children should be given an opportunity to receive an education. We also believe they should be educated in an environment that expresses to the students that they are important, and that school is important. So, we invest in the children and their education by providing new desks for schools.

We provided 7 schools with a total of 250 desks, and 300 children received school supplies.



Pancajché Community School before

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Pancajché Community School after





STOVES

In Guatemala, many families use open fires to cook inside their homes leading to devastating respiratory problems and severe burns. At especially high risk are children under the age of 5, for whom acute respiratory infection is the leading cause of death. The ONIL stoves we install are a safe alternative, removing smoke from the home and reducing firewood usage by 70%.

Working alongside the families, we install ONIL plancha stoves in homes, and Onil Multifunctional Stoves specifically designed for institutional cooking in schools.

We provided 25 families with ONIL Plancha stoves, and 16 schools received ONIL Multifunctional stoves designed for institutional cooking.



Open fire cooking in homes



ONIL Multifunctional Stove



ONIL Plancha Stove





FOOD & FRUIT TREES FOR FAMILIES

According to the World Food Program the Country of Guatemala has a population of 16.3 million people. Almost half the population cannot afford the cost of a basic food basket. As a result, the prevalence of stunting in children under 5 is one of the highest in the world.

With sustainable solutions in mind, Always On Mission provides families with a two week supply of food, and along with that bag of food, each family receives a fruit tree. The premise behind the tree, is that aside from a two week supply of food, they will be able to eat from the tree, barter with their neighbors for a variety of fruit, and sell the excess in the marketplace in order to provide income and have an ability to purchase more food for the family.

We provided 335 families with a two week supply of food and 200 families received a fruit tree.



Community of Rubeltzul

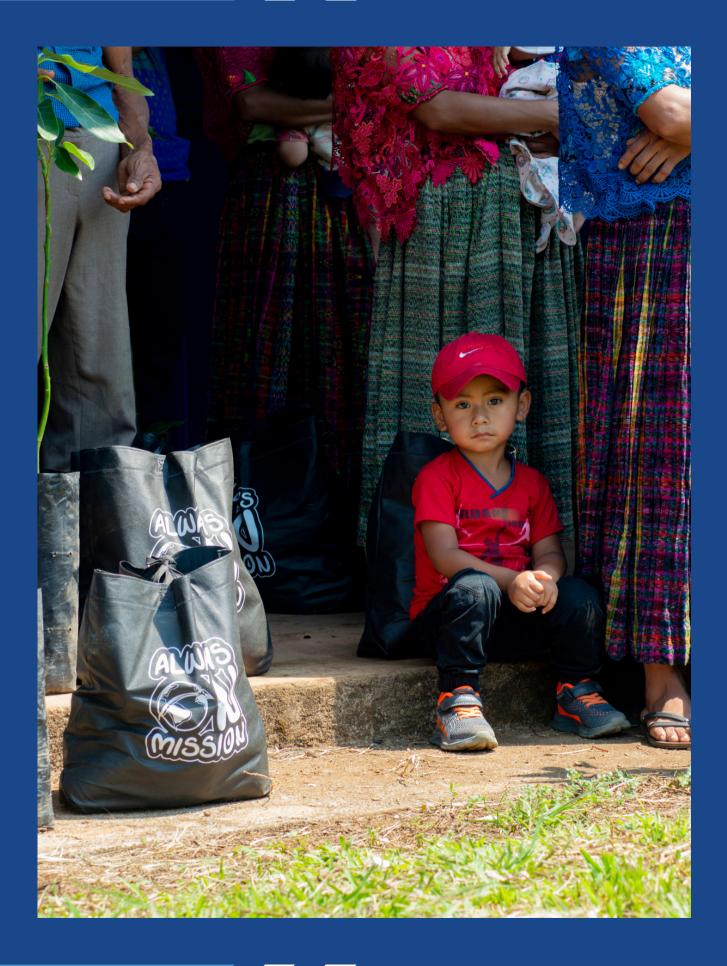


Avocado Tree

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Community of Las Nubes



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

How would you describe your volunteer experience with Always On Mission?

My experience with Always on Mission was amazing. I worked with a wonderful group of individuals, helped various families, schools, and villages, while experiencing the Guatemalan culture. Our group was diverse, but we came together to do the Lord's work, and I learned something from every one of them. Our days were long, and I was tired, but it was a good tired.

Even though we were there to help, there were many people in Guatemala that helped us accomplish our mission and it was comforting to see the love we were there to spread was immediately returned to us.

Tell me about the people you met.

Everyone I encountered on the trip I learned from. It did not matter if it was another team member showing me how to use a power tool or a young child smiling and waving on the side of the road. The Lord used each person and the experience I had in Guatemala to help me learn and grow.

How do you want to remember this experience going forward?

My volunteer experience with Always on Mission was life changing. I always knew how important it is to serve others, but my experience in Guatemala reiterated that fact. The service we did in Guatemala blessed me just as much as it did the families we served. To see the smiles and joy on their faces filled my heart.



What was a moment you will never forget?

The joy and smiles of the individuals that we helped. We were there to serve and provide items that they needed, but many individuals felt lead to bless us with tokens of appreciations, i.e. live music, welcome/thank you banners, fresh fruit, and bottled water.

How did God change your view of the world?

We may look different, speak different, and have different traditions and cultures. But we all want the same thing and that is to be happy and loved.



Tisha Cuff A volunteer who traveled to Guatemala with AOM

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

2022 MINISTRY EXPENSES



ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES - 3% OUTREACH EXPENSES - 97%



Mission team and Guatemalan partners that traveled to Guatemala in November of 2022

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