

ANNUAL REPORT

2022



MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW DIRECTOR

This year was a year of changes at Light and Salt Ministries, changes that helped us to grow. In chapter 1 of the book of Joshua, the Lord encourages us to not fear because He will be with us wherever we go, so we are sure that in every step we take the Lord will be with us.

In 2022 our motto was "An open mind, cultivated in the Word, is the beginning of change". We wanted to teach each of our beneficiaries that the key to positive change is the word of God and that every process of change begins in the mind and then moves into transforming the heart. We know that moving forward means that we face greater obstacles. Overcoming those means our victories will be greater also.

We continue growing, we continue advancing, and we continue cultivating minds to provoke a change in the quality of life of those we serve. And we do not leave our essence; we continue being light in the darkness, we continue being the salt of the earth, and we continue taking the gospel to homes. We continue seeing the hand of God in each of our projects.

Each year we see God's blessing become tangible in the expansion of our facilities. We are 80% complete in the construction of the new offices and we are confident of their full completion very soon. We are thankful for our foreign donors as well as our Nicaraguan supporters in the continued building of our facility.

We want to thank the Assemblies of God in Nicaragua and Orphan Network for their continued alliances as well as every missionary who has come and supported our work with their hands.

We are positive that God will continue to encourage and empower the staff at Light and Salt Ministries to do the work that He has sent us to do in Ciudad Darío, Matagalpa Nicaragua. Now for a word from our Executive Director, Tara Germain, the founder of this mission.

Thank you Eliezer, for taking on such a task. Becoming the new General Director of LASM required courage and I can say with confidence that you've already proven yourself up for the challenge! To our donors, thank you as always. Together we have come to this turning point where we hand off the torch more and more to the locals and continue to push them forward. Ideally, this is the place all missionaries strive to get to, and it's taken a lot of hard work, dedication and partnership to get here. We all know that being a part of something outside of ourselves is highly rewarding and this year has been a mountain topper in that regard. Thank you for always being along for the ride and for trusting both myself as well as our staff to break cycles of poverty in such a hands-on, robust way in Nicaragua. We needed you this year and we will need you next year. As our new general director mentioned, change begins in the mind by renewal in the Word. Once a renewed mind is matured it brings forth truth, and truth in turn brings forth freedom. It's not an easy or quick task, but one that bears much fruit in time. Your journeying with us means hope and new horizons for families living in extreme poverty and hopelessness. It means new life! It is possible, and we see it sprouting and growing because you have joined with us in dedication and faith.

Tara Germain
Executive Director



Eliezer Ortiz
General Director



BOYS FORMATION CLASSES

The objective of the formation classes is to form boys and adolescents in Christian, moral, ethical and cultural values through learning. We want them to grow into men knowledgeable in the Word, who love God and their neighbors as themselves, and positively transform the families and societies in which they live.



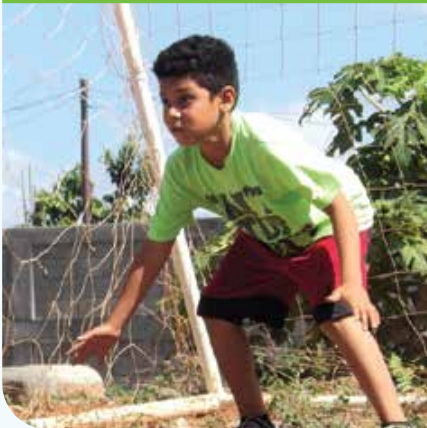
In our hot meal program, approximately 6560 plates of food were served for breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner. The weekly menu is prepared based on vegetables, fruits, soy, meat and grains which all help to improve the nutritional health of each student.

The boys were treated for possible parasites and then given vitamins each day during their daily meal in our dining room for an entire month. We used 40 doses of parasite treatment, 24 bottles of multivitamins and 1008 vitamin C tablets for children.



Once each month, our staff has visited the homes of all 24 families represented in our boys formation classes to take the word of God to their homes, thus making the entire family part of the formation training. This is just one of the details that makes LASM stand out above the crowd, we go to them!!

TESTIMONY OF A STUDENT.



Juan Valle, student of the boys's formation program:

"What I like most about the ministry is that I have learned a lot in English. I also like to practice sports, and above all, I have learned a lot about the word of God. I feel happy to be part of this place."

TESTIMONY OF A STUDENT'S MOTHER



I have seen a great change in my son. His behavior is much better and he values much of what he learns at Light and Salt Ministries. My son really loves the teachers at LASM and he loves the food that Sister Reyna, who is in charge of the kitchen, prepares for him.

Personally, I have benefited from the workshops that are given every month and I have learned a lot I like how LASM supports us in the formation of not only of our children, but of our families as well".

TRIUMPHANT WOMEN SEWING COURSE



In the triumphant women sewing course , we not only want to equip women with a skill that allows them to earn income, but we offer hope as well. We see a change in their hearts and they realize that with the hard work and trust in God, they can achieve their dreams. This year 144 yards of fabrics were used by the women.

The 23 women graduates held a fair in a municipal park where they sold products they had made.

TESTIMONY OF A SEWING STUDENT



Meet Marling Rivas, a beginner level student in the sewing course. She tells us that when she started the course, she knew absolutely nothing about sewing, but now she knows the sewing machine very well, including how to maintain it. Marling has already made some clothes, like skirts for her daughters and a dress for herself.



Mercy in Action Program

In 2022 the Mercy in Action program distributed the following to its beneficiaries:

- 1332 food packages
- 5328 pounds of rice
- 3996 pounds of beans
- 666 liters of cooking oil
- 43 hours of invaluable expressions of love and listening to God's word.



Testimony of Mercy in Action beneficiary

Jeyson Soza, one of the beneficiaries of our Mercy in Action program, suffers from cerebral palsy. He cannot walk on his own and his mother had to carry him everywhere on her back, a very difficult task. Through the program, we provided a wheelchair for Jayson. When the gift was given, his mother said, **"God answered my prayer!"** It is a pleasure for us to see Jeyson happy in his wheelchair.

NEW OFFICES

The construction of the new offices, which will be the work place of the management and administration team is very close to completion, we are 80% complete.

The facilities at LASM continue to grow and become more beautiful, but so does the work we do! God takes us to a new level every day and we are forever grateful.

BEFORE



AFTER

VOLUNTEER HOURS

2,328

312 HOURS

in Canada

Marketing, Administrative
Duties, Recycling fundraiser, Donor
care

2,016 HOURS

in Nicaragua

Painting, Social media,
Construction, Short term
Missions Teams.

Total Expenses

\$161,917.47

PROGRAMS
\$100,136.47

ADMINISTRATION
\$19,312.55

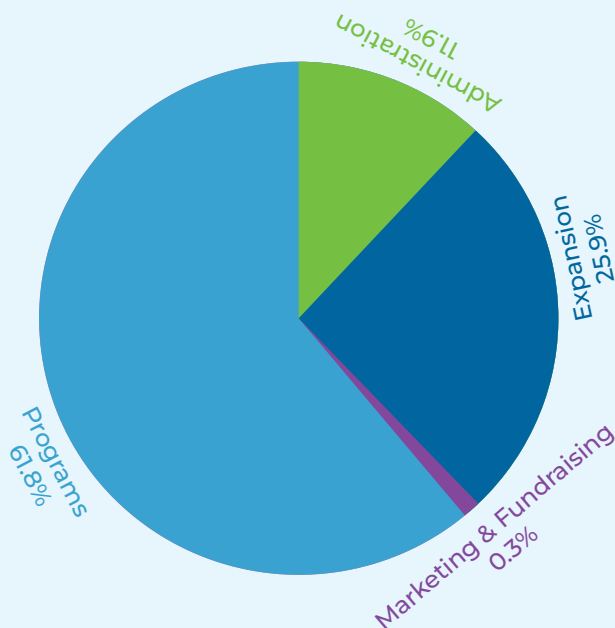
EXPANSION
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MARKETING & FUNDRAISING
\$500.87

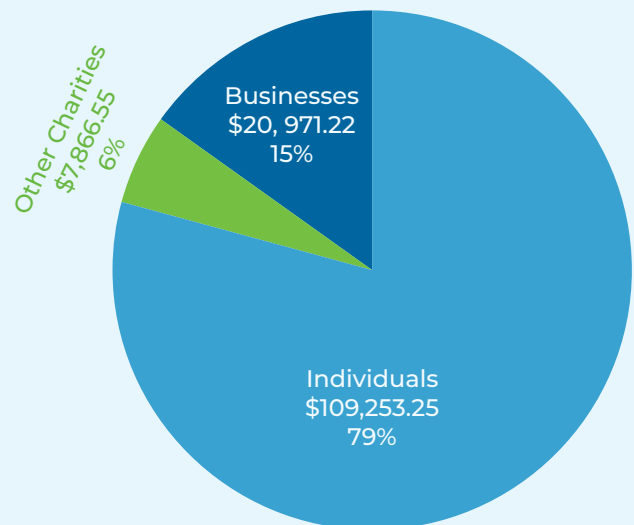
Total Donations

\$138,091.02

\$17,554.30 Total
donations received for
expansion fund in
2022



Donations by Donor Category





Thank you for making this ministry possible!

We look forward to your continued partnership.

Visit www.lasministries.org/donate for ways to give. We now offer a way for our USA givers to receive a tax deduction. We also have a Legacy Program with a variety of ways you can make a lasting impact.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." - *Matthew 5:16*

