

The Incandescent Church

Leading the Way Toward Ending Poverty

“You are **the light of the world...**
Let your light shine so that people everywhere
see your good deeds and praise God!”
Matthew 5:14-16



 ENLACE
2018
Annual Report



Dear Friend of ENLACE,

The highlight of 2018 was that ENLACE graduated 10 churches into the leader stage at our 25th Anniversary Celebration in El Salvador. It was so incredible to see these leaders standing on the stage receiving their certificates, being recognized and prayed for. **They represented a church that is beautifully INCANDESCENT. To me, they were the living embodiment of Christ-followers shining their light before others.**

I knew the difficulties and sacrifices they had made to serve their communities. Many had been discouraged by other church leaders, community association members and even family and friends as they began to work with their communities. Others had sacrificed finishing their church buildings in order to offer their limited resources to community-led projects.

Even so, all of them expressed a deep-seated belief that they had followed God's direction to start and now lead long-lasting change in their communities. These leaders were confident that God had called them to bring physical and spiritual transformation to the most vulnerable and marginalized and were willing to put everything on the line to see lives changed. It was truly an honor just to be standing alongside these incredible people.

Because of this, I know we will continue to witness families THRIVE in their own contexts and end poverty for thousands of people now and in the coming years.

We thank our donors, our faithful friends, for their sacrifices and all the trust they've put into our organization. We look forward to another year of miracles!

Sincerely,

Ron Bueno
Co-founder & Executive Director

What Happens When Churches Lead by Serving Their Neighbors?

THEY BECOME INCANDESCENT

2018

88 local churches in 3 countries served 255 communities with 74 projects impacting 77,509 people on an ongoing basis

2019

109 local churches in 3 countries have already identified and will be working on 107 projects which will directly impact the lives of more than 101,800 people on an ongoing basis

Special Highlights from 2018

3,314 people volunteered locally on 74 projects | **1,023** church leaders trained in community development **230** international volunteers came alongside **19** communities, working on **19** different projects

All ENLACE projects are...

Locally identified

churches listened, engaged and collaborated with their communities to identify and design every community-wide poverty alleviation project

Locally funded

In most cases, local churches and communities raise at least 50% of direct project costs through local contributions of funds, materials and labor

Locally managed and sustained

churches and community organizations were connected, strengthened and empowered to maintain and develop current and future projects

Infrastructure Projects



ROADS & BRIDGES 3 Units



NEW HOMES 16 Units



SCHOOLS 5 Units

Health Projects



LATRINES 40 Units



ECO-STOVES 159 Units



WATER SYSTEMS 1 Units

Economic Development



SMALL BUSINESS LOANS 150 Units



AMOUNT LENT \$371,765



REPAYMENT RATE 97%



67 local church partners
50 projects
689 church and community leaders
 trained in community development
224 communities served
71,000 people impacted
 on an ongoing basis
 (from last 4 years)

EL SALVADOR



Continued year 3 of pilot project
10 local church partners
100 leaders
 trained in community development

GUATEMALA



6 years of operations
17 local church partners
258 church leaders
 trained by local staff
6 projects
30 communities served
25,500 people impacted

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HIGHLIGHTS

52% of direct costs for all projects were raised by local church and community leaders

10 leader churches graduated from Church & Community Program

11 projects implemented with completely local resources

Every local church partner in El Salvador engaged their local mayoral offices procuring materials and funds

HIGHLIGHTS

Facilitated **1 workshop for 20 professionals** from local churches on integrated project management

Facilitated **3 workshops for 30 church leaders** from three potential church partners

1 road reconstruction project completed in collaboration with 15 church leaders and members and 10 community members

HIGHLIGHTS

In communities that have traditionally shunned many Christians, local churches are **finding a “place at the table”** and becoming **true leaders of ministry** to the poorest and least cared for groups in Nepal



Special 25th Anniversary Highlights

At two events held in October and November in the U.S. and El Salvador, almost 600 friends and partners came together to celebrate 25 years of God working through ENLACE!

Featured guests and speakers included pastors and leaders from 11 churches that had graduated from the Church & Community program to become Leader Churches in their communities.

In 2018 all 11 graduated churches began to create, fund and implement their own development projects independent from ENLACE. Building off the the strong relationships they had forged with their local schools, health units and mayor's offices, they continued their collaborations and to leverage local resources.

Several mayors attended the event in El Salvador along with 50 community and nonprofit organization leaders.



“ We are seeing incredible changes in our community of San Jacinto! Many years ago we worked together and built a community-wide water system that we’ve maintained by continuing to strengthen the local Water Board. We also renovated a health clinic and helped to repair the infrastructure of public schools. To help our farmers get their products to market, we

led the repairing of many roads. It is a great joy to now serve other churches as they begin to partner with ENLACE. I help in Guatemala and am truly excited to see the potential there!

Pastor Mauricio, is from semi-rural town of **San Jacinto**, and has a mix of small scale subsistence farmers and entrepreneurs.

“ Before we began working with ENLACE the needs of the community felt too big for our small church to take on. We believed the resources in our community were far too limited. Our church had just 27 members and monthly offerings were under \$40. More than half our community lived in poverty, including our church members. But we began in faith and God provided the resources and helped us to build

stronger relationships with our local community associations, the Ministry of Health, our Mayor, and the local school. Now as a church, after completing one amazing thing after the other with our community, we believe we can make an even greater impact in the years to come.

Pastor Victorio is from the village of **Abelines, El Salvador** one of the very poorest populations in Central America.



“ With the accompaniment of ENLACE, we learned to manage and use our own resources well. Every project that we have implemented in recent years we have accomplished on our own with our community. As church leaders one of our jobs is work with many community associations and other local organizations so we can say that we work hand in hand with our

community. This wouldn’t have been possible without ENLACE walking us through the process.

José Luis Garcia, Nueva Jerusalen Church Leader, **Comecayo, El Salvador**. After working on projects such as home gardens, improved roads and sidewalks, and a large pedestrian bridge, the church is now building six new homes for 90 people.

ENLACE USA Financial Information

Statement of Activities

Enlace USA Revenue

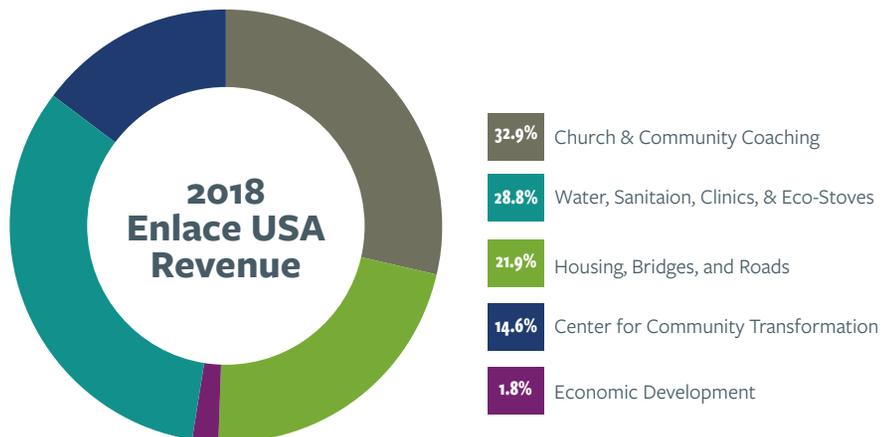
	2018		2017	
Churches	\$883,113	56.5%	\$734,936	44.4%
Individuals	\$339,178	21.7%	\$372,225	22.5%
Foundations	\$306,056	19.6%	\$509,674	30.8%
Corporations	\$34,251	2.2%	\$37,476	2.3%
Other	\$19	0%	\$7	0.0%
TOTAL	\$1,562,617	100%	\$1,654,318	100%
Enlace USA Expenditures				
Administration	\$124,394	7.6%	\$139,078	8.1%
Fundraising	\$211,077	12.9%	\$277,426	16.2%
US Programs	\$43,755	2.7%	\$19,648	1.2%
Missionary Volunteers	\$28,108	1.7%	\$134,181	7.8%
Foreign Programs & Projects	\$1,229,869	75.1%	\$1,144,032	66.7%
TOTAL	\$1,637,203	100%	\$1,714,365	100%

*2018 amounts have been updated to reflect modifications resulting from ENLACE's annual external audit by Capin Crouse LLC.

*The 2017 Audit Report is available online at enlace.link/grow/news-report

*The 2018 Audit Report will be posted online as soon as it is available.

2018 Enlace EUS Foreign Programs & Projects



International Church Partners*

Broadway Christian Church (Columbia, MO)
Central Christian Church (Wichita, KS)
Cornerstone Baptist Church of West Los Angeles (CA)
Covenant Family Fellowship (Portland, ME)
CrossWay Christian Church (Nashua, NH)
Eastview Church (Normal, IL)
Evangel Family Church (Singapore)
The Lutheran Church of Hope (Des Moines, IA)
Meadowbrook Community Church (Champaign, IL)
Northpark Community Church (Fresno, CA)
Orange County First Assembly of God (Santa Ana, CA)
Redemption Church (Costa Mesa, CA)
River Valley Church (Burnsville, MN)
Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church (Newport Beach, CA)
Soul City Church (Chicago, IL)
Temple Church (Selma, NC)
The Crossing EPC of Columbia (MO)
The Gateway Church (Des Moines, IA)
The Oaks Fellowship (Red Oak, TX)
The Summit Church (Indiana, PA)
Vineyard Christian Church (Pataskala, OH)
Willow Creek Community Church Chicago (IL)
Willow Creek Community Church Crystal Lake (IL)
Willow Creek Community Church South Barrington (IL)

**Churches contributing at least \$5,000 annually*

Individuals**

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Foundations/Businesses**

Canadian Baptist Ministries
Crossings Community Church
CVW Family Foundation
Ellis Family Charitable Foundation
Faith Christian Academy
Herschend Family Foundation
John Houston Homes
Little Bird Marketing
Nelms LLLP
Oddo Family Foundation
Southeastern University

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***Individuals, Foundations, or Businesses contributing at least \$2,000 annually*



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