



# SAN JOSÉ EL NARANJO REGION

## ANNUAL REPORT 2013





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*The San José El Naranjo region is located in El Salvador's westernmost province of Ahuachapán. The region is comprised of many rural towns, each of which is surrounded by dozens of smaller villages. In the mountainous, rural villages most of the residents are subsistence farmers. They rent or own less than five acres of land and try to produce enough traditional crops (corn, beans and sorghum) to feed their families. The average person lives on between \$1 and \$2 per day. In the towns located along the coast, most families survive by fishing, a rather risky profession. They rent or own small boats, going far out into the ocean, often working all night for a few dollars worth of profit. The city of Cara Sucia is the regional center for commerce and with its close proximity to the Guatemalan border, many of its residents work in the markets that line the street leading to the border crossing. Even though it is the location of vibrant trade, it has a great need for sewage systems and latrines. In rural villages, the majority of people have limited access to primary health care services, clean drinking water and sanitation facilities.*



● Approximate area of impact





## Nueva Jerusalén Church, San José El Naranjo

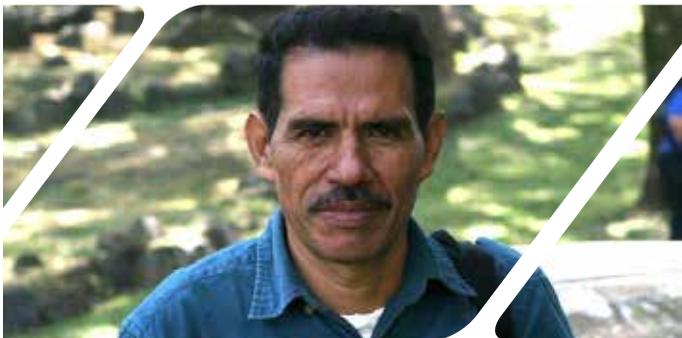
Nueva Jerusalén Church, located in San José El Naranjo proper, is a semi-rural congregation of 180 members, 42 of whom are strong leaders. Pastor Marcos Antonio Melara began working with ENLACE 1996, making him one of ENLACE's pioneering pastors. Over the last 19 years, the church has worked with its community to implement a variety of projects such as hosting medical teams; installing eco-stoves and latrines; and building dozens of homes, a water tank, a pedestrian bridge, roads, a school room, and retaining walls for the health clinic. In the process the church established solid relationships with its neighbors and started teaching other churches nearby how to reach out and serve their communities. The church has grown by 6%.

### PROJECT REPORT 2013

Project	Goal	Actual	Comments
Road improvement (near soccer field)	Design and fund	Postponed	Priority has been given to the repairs needed on Cemetery St.
Road improvement (Cemetery St.)	Design and fund	Designed; pending funding	656 feet of road repair will benefit 1,200 people.
Home gardens	25 gardens	Completed	Provided technical assistance and training to 25 farmers; 11 chose to continue; 55 benefit directly from the gardens.

### IDENTIFIED PROJECTS FOR 2014

Project	Goal	Budget	Comments
Road improvement (near soccer field)	Design and fund	TBD	Improved road will directly benefit 300 people.
Road improvement (Cemetery St.)	Design and fund	TBD	656 feet of road repair will benefit 1,200 people.
Home gardens	12 gardens	\$3,000	Will provide technical assistance, training and supplies to start 12 home gardens benefiting 60 people.
Water cistern system for Christian school	Design and fund	TBD	
Perimeter wall at public school	Design and fund	TBD	A perimeter wall will provide more safety for parents and teachers.
Road improvement	Design and fund	TBD	The road in front of the Christian school needs improvement.



## Voz que Clama en el Desierto Church, San Antonio en Medio

Voz que Clama en el Desierto Church, surrounded by hills and rivers, is a humble congregation of 25 members, six of whom are leaders. In 2005 their former pastor, Jeovany Rivas, learned about ENLACE through the Nueva Jerusalén Church. In 2010 Pedro Flores became its new pastor and wanted to continue the church's vision of working alongside their community supported by ENLACE's coaching and training. After working hard over the last few years, the church has become a well-respected entity in the community. Working with the community in the past, the church repaired many of the main roads, built a water tank, installed 25 latrines and also implemented a reforestation plan. The church has not seen an increase in attendance but now is impacting more than 460 people in the community.

### PROJECT REPORT 2013

Project	Goal	Actual	Comments
Water distribution system	Fund and install	Completed	Along with installation, a local Water Board was created and legalized; the Board will maintain the new system.
Road improvement	Design and fund	Funding in progress	Construction of this concrete road with a rock foundation will benefit 800 people.

### IDENTIFIED PROJECTS FOR 2014

Project	Goal	Budget	Comments
Road repair	Design and fund	TBD	Primary road used by the community.
Electricity	Design and fund	TBD	Install electricity hookups for 25 homes.
Footbridge reinforcement	Design and fund	TBD	





## Lomas del Jordán Church, Los Lirios

The Lomas del Jordán Church was founded in 1997 and is located in the municipality of Cara Sucia. It is a humble and hardworking congregation of 70 members, 42 of whom are leaders. Its pastor, Jeovany Rivas, learned about ENLACE through Nueva Jerusalén Church in San Jose El Naranjo when he was pastor of Voz que Clama en el Desierto Church in San Antonio en Medio, an ENLACE church partner since 2005. When pastor Jeovany became the pastor of Lomas del Jordan, he continued to support a vision of his church working with its community. The church has grown by 16% and is impacting 790 people. They hope to impact not only their own community but also the neighboring community of El Cortijo.

### PROJECT REPORT 2013

Project	Goal	Actual	Comments
Road repairs	Design and fund	Pending design and funding	Paved road in Las Delicias will benefit 1,000 people.
Home gardens	15 gardens	15 people trained	Agricultural training was completed for 15 participants. However, the focus was on cultivating basic grains rather than vegetables. Training will continue in 2014.

### IDENTIFIED PROJECTS FOR 2014

Project	Goal	Budget	Comments
Latrines	20 composting latrines	\$11,000	Preventive health education and maintenance training included; will benefit 100 people.
Road repair	Design and fund	TBD	Paved main road in Las Delicias will benefit 1,000 people.
Agricultural technical assistance	Provide training to 15 farmers	TBD	Continued crop management training for basic grains.



## Príncipe de Paz Church, Las Delicias

The Príncipe de Paz Church, founded in 1990, is a congregation of 60 members, 15 of whom are leaders. Its pastor, Miguel Angel Bolaños is a dynamic and enthusiastic leader. From the first moment of learning about ENLACE through the Nueva Jerusalén Church, pastor Miguel embraced the vision of working effectively with his community. He was so enthusiastic that he wanted to start the process as soon as possible. Soon after receiving initial training, the church spearheaded building 27 latrines within its community with the support of the Nueva Jerusalén church. In 2013, they completed a housing project that provided homes to 10 families. The church has grown by 20% since beginning to reach out to its community.

### PROJECT REPORT 2013

Project	Goal	Actual	Comments
Latrines	25 latrines	Funding in progress	Latrine-use training and preventive education included; will benefit 125 people.
Electricity	Provide electricity to 10 homes	Funding in progress	50 people will benefit directly from this project.
Home construction	10 homes	Completed	Built 10 block homes benefiting 52 people.

### IDENTIFIED PROJECTS FOR 2014

Project	Goal	Budget	Comments
Latrines	50 composting latrines	\$ 27,500	Build 50 composting latrines; provide training and preventive health education to 250 people.
Home construction	15 homes	TBD	Build 15 block homes benefiting 75 people.
Electricity	Provide electricity to 10 homes	TBD	Install electricity to 10 homes benefiting 50 people.



## Rosa de Sarón Church, Metalío



The Rosa de Sarón Church, located on the western coast of El Salvador, has a congregation of 65 members, 12 of whom are leaders. In 2011 its founding pastor, Fermín Sánchez Hernández, learned about ENLACE through Nueva Jerusalén Church. The church began training and has focused on creating an effective management system for future projects such as eco-stoves, a retaining wall and electricity. In 2013 the church worked with the community on its first project, which was building 50 eco-stoves. This church's work has become a model for implementing eco-stoves due to the incredibly organized way the church worked together and involved 2 community associations while installing the clean cookstoves in record time. The church has grown by 7% in the past year and is impacting 1,200 people on an ongoing basis.

### PROJECT REPORT 2013

Project	Goal	Actual	Comments
Eco-stoves	50 eco-stoves	Completed	Built 50 eco-stoves benefiting 250 people.
Retaining wall	Design and fund	Funding in progress	Construction of 98 ft. x 6 ft. retaining wall will increase safety from mudslides; will benefit 384 people.
Electricity	Design and fund	Designed; funding in progress	Install electricity to 10 homes benefiting 50 people.

### IDENTIFIED PROJECTS FOR 2014

Project	Goal	Budget	Comments
Road repair	Design and fund	\$12,500	Construction and training on the use of 50 eco-stoves benefiting 250 people.
Electricity	Design and fund	TBD	Install electricity in 10 homes benefiting 50 people. The budget is still being worked on because the distance between each home and the electrical posts has yet to be determined.
Retaining wall	Design and fund	TBD	Construction of 98 ft. x 6 ft. retaining wall will increase safety from mudslides; will benefit 384 people.



## Aguas Vivas Church, Cara Sucia

The Aguas Vivas Church is a congregation of 180 members, 30 of whom are leaders. Its pastor, Victor Manuel Herrera, learned about ENLACE through Nueva Jerusalén Church, where he served as one of its previous pastors. As he witnessed the process of transformation that San José El Naranjo was experiencing, his desire to connect with ENLACE grew. The church now has begun training and is in the process of getting to know the community and its needs in a more intimate and thorough way. Over the past year, the church has grown by 12% and is impacting 1,500 people. The church desires to impact its own community and the neighboring communities of El Llano and La San José.

### IDENTIFIED PROJECTS FOR 2014

Project	Goal	Budget	Comments
Road repair	Design and fund	TBD	Primary road used by the community.
Electricity	Design and fund	TBD	Install electricity hookups for 25 homes.
Footbridge reinforcement	Design and fund	TBD	





*Three new churches began to partner with ENLACE this year in this region. Each partner had a strong passion to serve its communities and began with ENLACE's coaching and training program. Through workshops, seminars and hands-on activities, church pastors and members are prepared to become effective servant-leaders in their communities.*

*During this initial stage in ENLACE's coaching and training program, the ENLACE coach focuses on the first three (of six) iterative stages in the yearlong church-coaching process:*

*Discover -- Organize -- Listen -- Partner -- Embody -- Replicate*

*Each area is designed to help prepare a church, new to community development, to understand itself as a redemptive agent of change, explore its community, and reach out to its neighbors effectively. Such preparation maximizes the effectiveness of future projects and is extremely important to help the partner reach its fullest future potential.*



## Manantiales de Vida Eterna Church



<b>Location:</b>	El Escondido
<b>Church founded:</b>	1973
<b>Pastor:</b>	José Manuel Torres
<b>Pastoring church since:</b>	2008
<b>ENLACE partner since:</b>	2013
<b>Membership:</b>	25
<b>Leadership:</b>	12
<b>Community partners:</b>	Community Association
<b>Community projects implemented:</b>	Clean up campaign
<b>Potential number of people impacted:</b>	300



## Dios de la Profecía Church

**Location:** El Kilo 5, Acajutla

**Church founded:** 2011

**Pastor:** Abraham Eliseo Segovia

**Pastoring church since:** 1997

**ENLACE partner since:** 2013

**Membership:** 45

**Leadership:** 20

**Community partners:** Community Association

**Community projects implemented:** Clean up campaign

**Potential number of people impacted:** 350



## Aposento Alto Eterna Church

**Location:** El Cocalito, San Antonio

**Church founded:** 2000

**Pastor:** José Israel Pineda

**Pastoring church since:** 2013

**ENLACE partner since:** 2013

**Membership:** 61

**Leadership:** 20

**Community partners:** Community Association, mayor's office

**Community projects implemented:** Road repair

**Potential number of people impacted:** 375





*In 2013 ENLACE trained and equipped over 64 church leaders and 59 community leaders on a monthly basis in seven churches serving 25 communities in the region of San José El Naranjo. The total area impact for this region is 11,292 people.*

## Number of Local Church Partner:





"If we only focus on the spiritual aspects of the gospel we diminish the power of the gospel." - Felix Orellana

Felix Orellana is a passionate and talented young minister. After a childhood full of challenges, Felix became a Christian at a Franklin Graham crusade in El Salvador at the age of 18. He quickly became involved serving in his local church, and says he felt "desperate" to learn about the Bible and equip himself with the tools necessary for ministry. It was this desperation that led him to leave his promising career in food service to study at La Universidad Cristiana and become a missionary.

Midway through his studies Felix was offered a pastorate in a vibrant church near Santa Ana. Without hesitation, Felix accepted, and he reports that pastoring this congregation has provided him with invaluable ministry experience. However, since he became a Christian, he has been fascinated by the idea of missions and drawn to the notion of mobilizing experience gained from one area and translating it for use in another. When he heard about a position opening with ENLACE, he was eager to work with an organization that worked with churches all over the country.

Felix started working in the Abelines region and is now working in both Santa Ana and San José El Naranjo regions. He says that some churches are often only focused on the spiritual aspects of the gospel because they simply don't know how to get connected to their communities. It is at this moment that Felix enjoys getting the chance to help a church take that belief one step further. "We [at ENLACE] are also able to help [churches] get organized to complete initiatives...But it's not about being the protagonist of the church's process. We must allow God to lead."

Felix married Dina Jarquin in 2011 and soon after, their marriage was blessed with the arrival of their beautiful daughter, Sophia Belén. Similar to Felix, Dina also had a call to missions when she was young. Over the past two years, they have balanced ENLACE's work with serving in Nicaragua as missionaries. And in 2013, Felix and Dina visited Nepal with Executive Director Ron Bueno, in order to begin the process of serving as ENLACE Church Coaches there. Both poverty and spiritual need are characteristics of Nepalese communities, something they can relate to having lived and served in El Salvador. Felix, Dina and Sophia will be in our prayers as they begin this new adventure in their lives.





When Noé Canales was just a teenager he already had a strong passion to serve Christ. He devoted much of his time as a volunteer with the Royal Rangers, a Christian wilderness program for boys. After High School he took on many odd jobs while he began to study theology. Three years into his studies, Noé was hired by World Vision as a Christian Commitment Coordinator, and began a career in community development. Through this experience, Noé saw a glimpse of what rural churches can accomplish when they work with their communities. When the World Vision program concluded, Noé encountered ENLACE and joined its staff in June 2011.

Being involved with ENLACE has provided Noé a way to continue his passion to serve Christ. He says, "I'm excited to be part of this process...[I love] walking with the pastors...walking down the streets of their communities, meeting with them, talking about the challenges in their communities and coming up with solutions...[I love] discussing how God helps [to] bring development and change."

Over the last three years, Noé helped to foment an amazing growth in the number of churches in the region of San José El Naranjo, going from two to nine! These churches now form a regional network that meets on an ongoing basis to share experiences and coordinate efforts. This region's cohesiveness was displayed in an amazing way during a thanksgiving service late in 2013. More than 500 community members from all over the region and the mayor celebrated the year's successes with representatives of all nine churches and ENLACE. Noé's hard work and vision has made these successes possible.

Noé and his wife, Mirna Quiñonez, have one five-year-old son, Ricardo Ernesto.





## “God Multiplies a Hundredfold”: The Story of Teresa from Las Delicias

Teresa de Jesús Escobar de Flores is 50 years old. Teresa, her husband and two of her three children have lived in Las Delicias for three years in a humble dwelling made of bamboo sticks with plastic on the floor.

Teresa expressed a teary surprise and gratitude when Noé Canales, ENLACE Church Coach for the San José El Naranjo Region, told her she had been selected to be a beneficiary of one of the first 10 homes that the community and the Principe de Paz Church would build together.

"At first, I did not understand and then brother Noé explained, 'You will be the one with the model home'. I never imagined any of this, but these are blessings from God. I had no way to build a house like this one; I can hardly buy beans...but God multiplies a hundredfold...This [home] is a gift."

After entering her home for the first time Teresa said, "Thank God we have a nice home where we won't get wet. In my old house the plastic was tattered. The mice had eaten large holes through it and a lot of water fell from those holes. When a strong storm came, the wind blew so strongly that I couldn't sleep, and I sat down and prayed until dawn. But now I feel protected because I am not worried that the house will collapse."

Like many home recipients who are able, Teresa is also looking forward to helping others enjoy the blessing she has received. "[My neighbors] are helping me now, but then we will also help them. It is a wonderful bonding experience."



## "Inspired and Going Strong" The Story of the Rosa de Sarón Church, Metalio

Fourteen years ago, Fermín Sánchez and his wife, Ana Florencia, started a church in the small village of Metalio. The Rosa de Sarón (Rose of Sharon) Church began with just a handful of congregants meeting under the shade of a cluster of palm trees and has become a thriving congregation of 60 members, growing daily.

Over the years, the church has served many poor households that needed food, medical and financial assistance. But as Pastor Fermín realized that while he wanted to help poor families, he also yearned to provide more long-lasting help and build stronger relationships with those in need. When Pastor Marcos Melara, a long-time friend, told Pastor Fermín that these desires were being fulfilled in his own congregation with the help of ENLACE, Pastor Fermín felt that this was exactly what he'd been looking for. He had so wanted a way to approach his community, but up to that point hadn't known how to do it effectively.

"The truth is that we needed someone to come [and help us]," said Pastor Fermín. He likened his church

and himself to disciples in the time of Jesus who needed to be shown that the fields were ripe with harvest. He said that overcoming "barriers that often stop [them] from approaching [their] neighbors" is what his church is now learning to do. According to Pastor Fermín, for his church this barrier has been a mindset that Christians only deal with other Christians and that "we sin if we have friends who are non-believers." But this is changing. "[W]e are learning to see what God wants from us which is...to go beyond, to Samaria, where no one wanted to go...ENLACE has been an institution that has come to help us grow in our vision. We can now see further."

Pastor Fermín and the Rosa de Sarón Church began partnering with ENLACE in 2013 and with incredible speed, organized themselves and connected with their community to build 50 eco-stoves in Metalio and the surrounding area. This experience and the project's great success has affirmed and encouraged them to move on. "Every day our church is growing; we're getting to know more people, and we learn more about ENLACE's methodology," said Pastor Fermín. "This keeps us inspired and going strong."



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