



SAN MARTÍN REGION

ANNUAL REPORT 2013





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The city of San Martín is located just east of El Salvador's capital, San Salvador, and is comprised of six communities divided into 37 hamlets with approximately 72,758 inhabitants. San Martín proper has a health clinic, public schools, private schools, and sanitation facilities. However, 88% have no access to clean water.

ENLACE has been working in the region for over 19 years with Pastor Miguel Durán and the El Buen Samaritano Church. However, the region has been growing rapidly in recent years and now includes the town of Panchimalco, just south of San Salvador with more than 35,000 inhabitants. With a rich indigenous heritage and colonial sites dating back to the early 1700's, Panchimalco is one of El Salvador's few remaining cultural and historical beauties. However, many of the surrounding villages are among the poorest in the country.

ENLACE is currently working with 14 churches in the region with more than 10 churches on a waiting list. Last year the churches implemented three projects that impacted the lives of close to 10,000 people directly. This year, they hope to implement 10 projects that will impact the lives of more than 13,000 people directly. Due to the region's rapid growth ENLACE will hire a new church coach to train emerging partners.



● Approximate area of impact





El Buen Samaritano Church, Las Delicias

El Buen Samaritano Church is a semi-urban congregation of 70 members, 12 of whom are leaders. In 1994 its pastor, Miguel Durán, and his congregation became the first church to partner with ENLACE, establishing a friendship that has spanned almost two decades. As pioneers, Pastor Miguel and his church led the way in serving their community with a variety of projects, and they have been invaluable to helping ENLACE become the organization it is today.

For over 30 years, Pastor Miguel dreamed of having clean water in the region of Las Delicias. In 2004 the church, with the help of ENLACE and the local government, undertook a water project that will provide three communities, 10,000 people, with clean water. Although still underway, "Project Milagro" is becoming a reality. Pastor Miguel is a well-respected leader and serves as both president of the water board overseeing Project Milagro and is a member of the ENLACE Pastoral Steering Committee. The Church has grown by 1% and is impacting 6,000 people.

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Project	Goal	Actual	Comments
Water system: stage 5	Complete	In progress	An agreement was signed with the mayor's office in January. This stage has been under construction all year.
Latrines	30 pit latrines	Postponed	Priority has been given to the water system

IDENTIFIED PROJECTS FOR 2014

Project	Goal	Budget	Comments
Water system: stage 5	Fund	\$300,000	Provide accessible water to the entire community of El Rosario.



Principe de Paz Church, Santa María

Principe de Paz Church is a semi-urban congregation of 50 members, 20 of whom are leaders. In 2007 its pastor, Santiago Alfaro, heard about ENLACE through conversations with Pastor Miguel Durán who encouraged him to reach out and serve his community.

Pastor Santiago and the church embraced the training they received from ENLACE and began to reach out and serve those in need. Despite the fact that Pastor Santiago was a well-respected leader, the process of rallying the support of the community was extremely arduous for the church. It took over four years to organize committees and develop a relationship with the local mayor's office. The church leaders persevered, however, and by coming alongside their community, they completed a road project that benefited over 600 people. Pastor Santiago now serves as a member of ENLACE's Pastoral Steering Committee and continues to lead efforts in his community. The church has grown by 13% in recent years and has directly impacted more than 12,000 people.

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Project	Goal	Actual	Comments
Home gardens	18 gardens	Completed	Provided technical assistance and training to 18 farmers; 13 chose to continue; 65 benefit directly from the gardens.
Road repair (Los Llanitos I and II)	Design and fund	Design completed, pending funding	Stone foundation repair and paving of 4265 ft. of a main road (drainage and curbs included) will provide increased safety and access to 78 families.
Water piping (Los Llanitos II)	Design and fund	Design in progress	The church has been working to connect in significant ways to local funding along with local organizations. This process can often slow a project, but in the long-run is most effective. This project will benefit 6 families or 30 people in need of water.
Eco-stoves	Design and fund	Completed	Built 30 eco-stoves benefiting 150 people.



Principe de Paz Church Profile continued...

IDENTIFIED PROJECTS FOR 2014

Project	Goal	Budget	Comments
Road repair (Los Llanitos I and II)	Fund	\$112,771.60	Stone foundation repair and paving of 4265 ft. of a main road (drainage and curbs included) will provide increased safety and access to 78 families.
Water piping (Los Llanitos II)	Design and fund	TBD	Connection and piping for potable water system will benefit 6 families.



Palabra de Poder Church, Anemona

Led by Pastor Marta Vaquerano and her son Walter, the Palabra de Poder Church is a dynamic congregation of 115 members, four of whom are strong and committed leaders. In 2010 Pastor Marta prayed for clarity about how to better meet the needs of her community of Anemona, a shanty town compressed between the Pan-American Highway and old railroad tracks. In what she describes as an answer to prayer, she learned about ENLACE through Pastor Miguel Durán.

A devastating monsoon in November of 2009 left the community extremely damaged and vulnerable. In response, the church and community worked together to meet basic needs and later to provide access to water and electricity. In the short time the church has been working with ENLACE it has taken the lead on many projects such as home gardens and road repairs. Through these endeavors, the congregation has made new friendships and built relationships with other organizations such as the local mayor's office. The church has grown by 4% in recent years and has directly impacted more than 1,200 people.

Late in 2013 Pastor Marta endured a life-threatening infection caused by a previous surgery. She spent months in the public hospital's intensive care unit and was also in a drug-induced coma for several weeks. She miraculously began to recover before Christmas and has since continued her recovery. During her absence, her son Walter has been leading the church as well as another small church they founded on the northern side of San Martín.



PROJECT REPORT 2013

Project	Goal	Actual	Comments
Road paving and curbs	Design and fund	Design in progress	Construction of access road to the community benefiting 202 families.
Home gardens	12 home gardens	29 gardens	Provided technical assistance, training and supplies to 29 participants benefiting 145 people.
Tilapia cultivation	25 ponds	20 ponds	Provided supplies and training to 20 participants; 100 benefit from this project.

IDENTIFIED PROJECTS FOR 2014

Project	Goal	Budget	Comments
Road paving and curbs	Design and fund	TBD	Construction of main access road to the community; will benefit 202 families.
Home gardens	12 gardens	\$4,500	Provide technical assistance and supplies to start 12 gardens; will benefit 52 people.
Tilapia cultivation	25 ponds	\$8,750	Construction of 25 ponds; technical assistance and training included; will benefit 112 people.





El Buen Pastor Church, Istahua

El Buen Pastor Church is a congregation of 60 members, 10 of whom are leaders. In 2010 its pastor, Salvador Andrade, attended a seminar hosted by Pastor Miguel Durán for churches in the San Martín region. Upon listening to how a church effectively serves its community, Pastor Salvador approached ENLACE about becoming a partner.

This church hungers to learn about community transformation and is deeply committed to helping its neighbors. ENLACE's coaching has helped focus the church's vision and has better equipped it to work together with its neighbors. The church and Ministry of Health have collaborated on projects such as reducing mosquito infestation, clean-up campaigns and home gardens. Through its outreach, the church has begun to create strong relationships with community members and other organizations. The church has not grown but continues to have a direct impact on more than 3,434 people on an ongoing basis.

PROJECT REPORT 2013

Project	Goal	Actual	Comments
Road repair	Design, fund and build	Completed	Working closely with the mayor's office, the church laid a stone foundation to a primary access road.
Home gardens	18 gardens	Completed	Provided technical assistance, training and supplies to 18 participants benefiting 90 people.

IDENTIFIED PROJECTS FOR 2014

Project	Goal	Budget	Comments
Home gardens	18 gardens	\$6,750.00	Provide technical assistance, training and supplies to start 18 gardens benefiting 60 people.





Pan de Vida Church, Panchimalco

Pan de Vida Church is a hard-working congregation of 110 members, 16 of whom are leaders. In 2008 the pastor at the time, Erick Rodriguez, contacted ENLACE because he wanted his congregation to become better equipped to serve its community. In 2010, Carlos Cruz became the new pastor and remains strongly committed to the same vision.

Although the church is located in Panchimalco proper, for two years it has focused attention on an extremely needy community called Amatitán just two miles away. The church implemented projects that provided electricity to 500 people, repaired roads, and built latrines. In October 2011, the church organized relief efforts in response to a devastating tropical storm for a community in Panchimalco called Fatima. The church will continue to collaborate with organizations such as the local mayor's office and Ministry of Health to serve the residents of Fatima. It has been amazing to see this church taking advantage of every opportunity to share Christ's love in the projects they undertake. The church desires to impact its own community and the communities of Fátima, Concepción and Florencia.

PROJECT REPORT 2013

Project	Goal	Actual	Comments
Latrines	20 pit latrines	Postponed	Priority was given to housing and eco-stoves.
Home construction	25 homes	Completed	Built 25 aluminum zinc homes, benefiting 136 people.
Eco-stoves	25 eco-stoves	Postponed	Training and construction for 25 eco-stoves benefiting 250 people was postponed until 2014.
Build Pedestrian bridge (La Fatima)	Design and fund	Design and fund	Project was postponed as priority was given to new home construction.
Tilapia cultivation	25 ponds	Completed	Provided supplies and training to 25 participants benefiting 125 people.

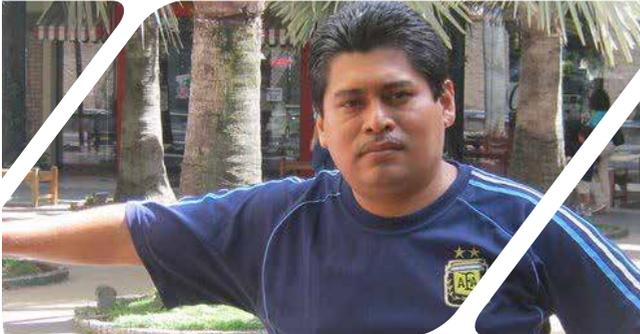


Pan de Vida Church Profile continued...

IDENTIFIED PROJECTS FOR 2014

Project	Goal	Budget	Comments
Home construction	25 homes	TBD	Construction of 25 houses benefiting 125 people.
Eco-stoves	25 eco-stoves	\$6,250.00	Construction and training on the use of 25 eco-stoves benefiting 250 people.
Pedestrian bridge (La Fatima)	Design and fund	TBD	A newly built pedestrian bridge that connects homes to farmland will benefit about 60 people.
Tilapia cultivation	25 ponds	\$8,750	Construction of 25 ponds; technical assistance and training included; will benefit 125 people.





Centro Cristiano Internacional de Misiones "Santuario" Church, La Loma

Centro Cristiano Internacional Church is a small congregation of 25 members, five of whom are leaders. In 2011 its pastor, Juan Carlos Romero, attended a seminar hosted by Pastor Miguel Durán.

Despite being a very small church, its pastor and leaders have been working on a variety of projects that meet immediate needs such as food delivery and hair cutting in order to meet and begin to get to know their neighbors. ENLACE's coaching has helped focus the church's vision and equipped them to collaborate with the Ministry of Health on projects that reduce the proliferation of mosquitoes, clean-up campaigns and home gardens. Through its intentional connection, the church has begun to build stronger relationships with community members and other organizations.

PROJECT REPORT 2013

Project	Goal	Actual	Comments
Eco-stoves	20 eco-stoves	Postponed	The church is hoping to complete this project in 2014 following more training.





Seven 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 yearly 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.



Torre Fuerte Church



Location:	Los Troncones
Church founded:	2005
Pastor:	Felipe Nery Hernández
Pastoring church since:	2005
ENLACE partner since:	2013
Membership:	90
Leadership:	22
Community partners:	Community Association
Community projects implemented:	Food delivery, medical teams, community connection through sport
Potential number of people impacted:	700



Centro Evangelístico Apostólico, Monte Sinaí Church

Location:	San Marcos
Church founded:	2012
Pastor:	Jorge Mario Miranda
Pastoring church since:	2012
ENLACE partner since:	2013
Membership:	70
Leadership:	6
Community partners:	Mayor's office
Community projects implemented:	Food delivery, youth rescue program
Potential number of people impacted:	5000



Tabernáculo de Adoración Church, Getsemaní

San Martin
1998
Hernan Ayala
1998
2013
125
8
Community Association
Food and clothing delivery
500



Misión Cristiana Sol de Justicia Church

Location:	Vista Bella, San Salvador
Church founded:	2011
Pastor:	Victor Manuel Castillo
Pastoring church since:	2011
ENLACE partner since:	2013
Membership:	70
Leadership:	10
Community partners:	Community Association
Community projects implemented:	Clean-up campaign, food delivery
Potential number of people impacted:	2500



Iglesia de Dios de la Profecía Church, Maranatha

Los Pajales, Panchimalco
2012
Pablo Ramon Vásquez
2012
2013
35
5
Community Association
Food delivery, road repair, clean-up campaign
300



Tabernáculo Bíblico Bautista Church, Los Pajales

Location:	Los Pajales, Panchimalco
Church founded:	2006
Pastor:	Felipe González
Pastoring church since:	1999
ENLACE partner since:	2013
Membership:	60
Leadership:	25
Community partners:	Mayor's office
Community projects implemented:	Clean-up campaign, road repair
Potential number of people impacted:	240



Santuario Profético Church

Location:	Rosario de Mora
Church founded:	
Pastor:	Oscar Vásquez Martínez
Pastoring church since:	2004
ENLACE partner since:	2013
Membership:	40
Leadership:	3
Community partners:	community association
Community projects implemented:	Road repair, water system
Potential number of people impacted:	3,000





In 2013 ENLACE trained and equipped over 115 church leaders and 79 community leaders on a monthly basis in 14 churches and 17 communities in San Martín. The total area of impact is 30,138 in this region.

Number of Local Church Partners:





“Working for ENLACE is more than excellent. I not only put my studies into practice, but I have learned about community development by serving others and living out the gospel.” -Nuria de Reyes

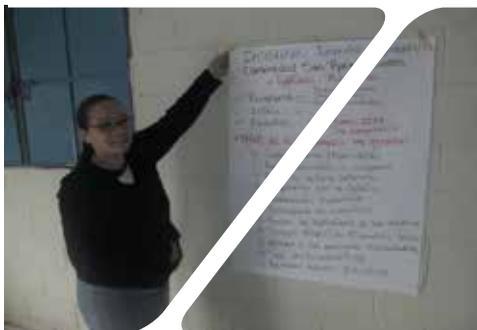
As a child, Nuria de Reyes learned to be passionate about two things: God’s Word and her family. Through the example of her parents, who were always helping in local missions, Nuria saw that a passion for God and others leads to a life of service. Through her parent’s faithfulness, a seed of serving others was planted in her and grew deeply over the years. Nuria became involved in a variety of church ministries, from children’s ministries to youth groups, and Sunday school, to other endeavors which all sprouted from her life as a committed Christian. Eventually, she pursued and received a degree in Theology from the Biblical Institute for the Assembly of Christian Churches and then became the Director of Education at that same institute.

It was during her tenure as the Director of Education that she met Miguel Durán, a pastor who was a part of her denomination and who had been collaborating with ENLACE for many years. Nuria worked with Pastor Miguel for five years and saw first-hand the impact that was being made in Las Delicias by his congregation, El Buen Samaritano Church.

When Pastor Miguel told Nuria about a job opening with ENLACE, Nuria felt a new excitement spring up in her heart. She knew she was ready. She fulfilled all the requirements; biblical training, a passionate heart to help those in need and a desire to learn about community transformation.

Today Nuria walks alongside pastors, lay-leaders and whole congregations. She is able to live out the journey of passionately demonstrating God’s love to others. Along with being the Supervisor of her region for ENLACE, in 2013, she also went on a missions trip to Nicaragua, which was a requirement for her to receive B.A. in Theology with a specialization in Missions.

Nuria is currently the Supervisor of the Central Region and has been working for ENLACE for seven years. She and her husband, Hogly Reyes, are expecting a baby girl in 2014 and have a six-year-old son, Esteban, and a two-year-old daughter, Nuria.





"Being a church coach is a commitment of walking side by side with people, where we laugh with those who are happy, mourn with those who mourn, comfort those who are broken, and heal the wounded." -Jaime Roque

Jaime Roque, at 24, is the youngest member of ENLACE staff. He was raised in an impoverished, rural area called Jayaque. It is located in the department of La Libertad. It is surrounded by coffee plantations. There was no water or electricity, and Jaime says that having lived in these conditions gives him great empathy with the communities in which he now works. He was only able to see his mother twice a month, as she worked far away in the capital, San Salvador.

He was raised by his mother's brothers who were both pastors. His childhood was shaped by dedication, service and love. However, he missed his mother and his sister who lived with her. Because of this, he eventually moved to San Salvador. While it was wonderful to be with his mother and sister again, the life of the city created other temptations that led him away from God.

Eventually, however, Jaime remembered his Christ-centered upbringing and discovered that God had given him gifts to serve others. He began to study music and theology. He soon became an Associate Pastor at a small church for over four years in Altavista Baptist Church.

In 2010 Jaime married Vilma Dolores Guerrero and found that he needed to increase his salary. He didn't want to cease his work as a pastor, but he knew he needed to be able to provide for his family. After some months of prayer, Jaime unexpectedly learned about ENLACE, applied for a job and in August 2012 was hired to be a church coach. According to Jaime, ENLACE has given him the opportunity to fulfill his pastoral calling. Jaime and Dolores had their first child, Mateo, in 2013.





The Way Things Are: The Story of Inés Cornejo

Inés Adriana Cornejo is 57 years old. For the last 20 years she has needed medical help for her respiratory infections. Most days she struggles to catch her breath when walking. The question that doctors always ask her is if she cooks over an open fire in her home. The answer Inés gives them is: "For one who is poor, this is the way things are."

To make a living, Inés spends much of her day frying potato chips, cassava, plantains, cooking tamales, and baking quesadillas over an open fire stove. "This has continued to severely damaged her lungs, there are times when the smoke causes me much despair, but I know I have to overcome it for my family. When I cook tamales or tostadas, the fire is very strong and the smoke even irritates my face." Even so, some days she just can't take the smoke. On these bad days, she sells used clothes in order to make her normal \$1 per day to support her family.

Desperate for some relief and after many months of saving, Inés bought a small propane tank in order to avoid the smoke. However, the tank doesn't last the entire month and invariably she has to return to using firewood. "I have dreamed about cooking on a healthy stove," said Inés, "and for a lot of people, a stove doesn't seem very important, but for my family a stove would make a huge difference in our lives."

When the Principe de Paz Church in Santa María began to interview and connect with its neighbors, they met Inés and learned about her problem. Inés, along with many in their community, became part of an eco-stove project in which they were provided materials and taught how to use their new stoves. Church members worked alongside Inés and other recipients to build eco-stoves which include a chimney and a chamber that encloses the fire so that the wood burns more efficiently and smoke doesn't escape.

Regarding her experience with the church, Inés said, "For me this new stove is a blessing from God. I thank God that He always provides and brings people into my life. I can only think that the local church is searching for more families, like mine, to serve. I can now see that they are here for everyone and to change our community. May the Lord bless all of them."



Praising God for His Power and Provision: The Story of Emilia Vega

Life has never been easy for Emilia Vega, her husband Nicholas and their two children who live in the hamlet of Fatima in the community of Panchimalco. Like many mothers in rural El Salvador, her life revolves around making ends meet on a daily basis and a whole lot of prayer. When Emilia wakes, she prays for the safety and health of her family and that their basic needs for food will be met that day. Beyond those simple hopes, Emilia can scarcely go.

Emilia is used to subsistence living. She used to work out in the fields alongside her husband, but eventually the work grew to be too hard on her and so now, she contributes to the family's income by embroidering blankets which she sells at a local market for \$3. Even though it takes her three to four hours per blanket, it is the best work she can find.

This work became especially important after a mudslide buried her home in 2011. In a panic, she realized that her son was under the debris. Miraculously, relief agencies managed to rescue him alive, but could not prevent the loss of their home and all their material possessions. It was a blow that could have ruined them; they were forced to rent a home, and that along with losing property vital to Emilia's small business left the family all but bereft.

In 2013, the Pan de Vida Church working with the Fatima community in Panchimalco to identify needs, got to know the Vega family and helped to build them a new home. The family, church members and people from the community worked alongside each other, learning about one another and praising God for his provision. According to Emilia, even though her family still has needs, she is happy and says that her new home is a sign of the greatness of God and His power to move others to help those in need.



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