



CHRISTMAS UPDATE 2008

At the end of each year, we feel incredibly blessed for all that God has done through His church, and through the people that He has called to minister alongside us in El Salvador. We recently had the privilege of interviewing one of ENLACE's long-term supporters and friend, Bill Manwarren. Bill Manwarren is a lay, mission's leader of his church in Santa Ana, CA. He created a partnership group made up of church and community friends who have funded multiple initiatives throughout El Salvador for the last 12 years. We'd like to share a little of how he described his and the partnership group's experience through their work with ENLACE.

The group has loved learning and seeing where their money is going and the impact it has. It has been critical to get people out to events that we host to hear the need and God does the rest. We have visited El Salvador every two years to keep people engaged and excited about what they have funded and to expose new people to ENLACE and the needs in El Salvador. The team members will never forget these trips! They see first hand how people live and see how their lives had changed physically, emotionally and spiritually.

The work with ENLACE has changed my life. Visiting and walking alongside poor families with great need has created empathy and compassion in my own life. I learned how important it is to commit to people over a long period of time to really assist them to do it themselves and not just give them a quick hand-out. I have also become convinced of the importance of the church as being the primary agent of change. Being involved has made me more missions oriented and compassionate. We have seen how God has used us to provide a house for a poor widow, provide food through agricultural programs, provide electricity and housing to other communities. Because our group has been able to partner with ENLACE for so long, we have been able to see the long-term change in so many of the communities that we have served. We have been able to get more people involved in missions. The group members feel like ENLACE is their ministry. A partnership group can really get people excited and active about presenting needs and mobilizing resources to meet them. It can change your church.

We are so thankful for partners like Bill who have made ENLACE their ministry. Thank all of you who support us, and we pray that God blesses and encourages you richly. To read the full interview please visit the story on our blog, www.enlaceonline.org/blog.

key numbers

| # of years | # of projects supported | total donations | average donation | grants awarded through group |
|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 12 | 58 | \$357K | \$6155 | \$600K for 146 houses |

CELEBRATING WITH LOCAL PASTORS



In October we hosted our annual retreat for local pastors and leaders. Twelve churches attended the three day seminar that provided training, fellowship, and a good deal

of fun and food. The leaders were able to gain some rest from their tiring schedules and seek the Lord together for their churches and communities. Ron gave a series on the five marks of a living church, and groups split up to plan their

initiatives for the upcoming year. Please continue to pray for our staff as we prepare to work with more churches. We estimate that close to 20 new churches are interested in being trained by ENLACE in the next year. We are looking to hire more church advisors to handle the demand. It is exciting to see how much He is doing to use His church to transform El Salvador.



INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

2 new classrooms in El Paraiso

Along with the help of community members, the church, the mayor, and partnering U.S. churches, two classrooms have been completed for the only school in the tiny village of El Paraiso. With these two classrooms the school will double its capacity to educate more students.



Las Delicias reinforces its community

The Jerusalem church continued its work this year with a focus on risk prevention in 18 different areas in its community where land slides threatened. In many cases using used tires, they successfully reinforced these areas to protect their neighbors and their homes.

Along with ENLACE church partners, they also constructed a retaining wall to protect the 800 students of the local public school.

137 homes receive new roofs

During the windstorms of early this year many homes in the region of San Jose El Naranjo lost their roofs. With a heavy rainy season coming this would have been disastrous for these families. The community and local churches responded, and with a little help from ENLACE's partners to purchase materials, they successfully provided new roofs for all those affected by the storm.

Electricity in Abelines

The people of Abelines plugged in their lights for the first time this year. Over 4,000 people will receive access to electricity, dramatically improving the lives of people who struggle to live on \$1 a day. Read more on our blog: www.enlaceonline.org/blog



OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE



ENLACE PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

ENLACE manages many projects and programs that need funding each year. We are currently \$40,000 away from reaching our 2008 goal.

GOAL: \$40,000



LAS DELICIAS WATER PROJECT

This Spring we plan to start construction to provide water to the first of three communities. We still need over \$1 million to complete all three regions. For more info visit www.projectmilagro.com

GOAL: \$400,000

FOR NEXT COMMUNITY TO GET WATER



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

ENLACE is preparing to work with over 20 churches in 2009. It costs us roughly \$5,000 to work with each church.

GOAL: \$100,000

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