

Rooted & Rising

2025 ANNUAL
REPORT



ENLACE



A FAMILY IN EL SALVADOR WITH FIRST HOME TOILET

“Let us not become weary in doing good...As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people.”

Galatians 6:9–10



Letter from the President & CEO

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued partnership with ENLACE.

Because of your support, local churches across Central America and Nepal are stepping forward to serve their communities with practical solutions to poverty.

Over the past year, we have seen strong and growing interest from churches that want to engage their communities more effectively. Thousands of churches have expressed interest in learning how to mobilize their members and partner with community leaders to address the challenges around them. In response, our team has been designing a new training program that will allow us to scale the coaching and support we provide to church leaders while maintaining the long-term relationships that are central to ENLACE's model.

We are also seeing encouraging progress in our economic development initiatives. Savings groups are expanding, especially among women, who are still the primary providers for children and elderly care. These groups build financial stability and access to small loans to support household needs or start small businesses.

Building on this momentum, we are launching a new microenterprise development training program to equip churches to support local entrepreneurs in their communities.

At the same time, our agroecological program is helping farming families improve soil health, increase food production, and generate additional income through sustainable agricultural practices.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunity to welcome more than 100 new churches into ENLACE's training and coaching process across Central America and Nepal in 2026. As demand continues to grow, we remain committed to equipping churches to lead sustainable change in their communities. The time is now to move boldly into the new opportunity.

Thank you for walking with us in this work.

With gratitude,

Dr. Ronald Bueno
President & CEO



ENLACE'S IMPACT IN 2025

by the numbers

117,225

People Served
Directly by Projects
& Programs

1,397

Church Leaders Trained to
Design & Manage Sustainable
Community Projects

125

Church Partners
in Four Countries

216

Communities
Served

341

Projects
Implemented

10

Projects
in Progress

2,470

Local Leaders Trained and
Actively Serving Their
Communities

13,984

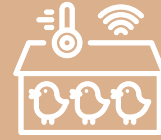
Church & Community
Volunteers Mobilized and
Serving Their Communities

104,626

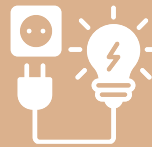
PEOPLE SERVED
BY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
INITIATIVES



1,650
Agricultural
Assistance



470
Chicken Farms &
Poultry Businesses



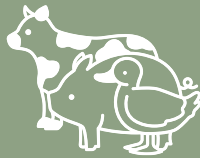
792
Electricity



24,350
Environmental



460
Latrines & Waste
Management



885
Livelihood



24,385
Community
Infrastructure



455
Eco-stoves



15,775
Roads



3,315
Savings Groups



7,826
Healthcare
Assistance



250
Home Gardens



235
Vocational Training



560
Water Filters



475
Microenterprise



868
New Homes



18,425
Wells & Water
Systems



400
Agroecological
Program



3,050
Schools/
Education



20,870
Total Families
Served Directly



NUTRITION PROJECT IN GUATEMALA

NUTRITIONAL AID



39

Churches

4

Countries

367

Church &
Community
Volunteers

2,747

Families Fed
With Local
Resources

12,874

People
Fed With Local
Resources

12,874

Total Number
of People
Served

59,201

Number of
Meals Sourced
Locally



Program Highlight: Agroecological Farms

ENLACE's agroecological program trains small-scale farmers in sustainable practices that enhance soil quality, increase production, and limit reliance on chemical inputs. As a result, participating families see improvements in food security, nutrition, and income through the sale of surplus crops.



\$62,035

**Total Amount
Produced**

4

**Years
Running**

2

**Churches
Participating**

4

Communities

240

**Total
Farmers**

\$775

**Total Amount
Produced Per
Family**

400

**People
Impacted**

49

**Women
Farmers**



Program Highlight: Savings Groups

Savings groups enable community members, particularly women, to strengthen their financial security by saving and lending together. Members commonly use these funds to meet household expenses, invest in small enterprises, or support local initiatives, contributing to greater economic stability and stronger community connections.



\$157,745

**Total Amount
Saved**

60%

**Women
Members**

4

**Years
Running**

32

**Churches
Participating**

\$238

**Savings Per
Family**

663

**Total
Members**

3,315

**People
Impacted**

399

**Women
Members**



Program Highlight: Chicken Farms

The Family Chicken Farm Business Program equips families to raise chickens for eggs and meat, improving nutrition and generating income. It trains local leaders, supports small businesses—often led by women—and helps communities increase food security using locally available resources.



\$86,632

**Total Amount
Produced**

\$1,733

**Total Amount
Produced Per
Family**

4

**Years
Running**

5

**Churches
Participating**

5

Communities

50

**Total
Farmers**

250

**People
Impacted**

29

**Women
Farmers**



Program Highlight: Microenterprise

ENLACE's microenterprise program trains and supports individuals to start or grow small businesses, increasing household income and financial stability. It combines business training, coaching, and affordable loans to grow sustainable businesses.



\$122,300
Total
Amount Lent

\$141,026
Revenue

128
People
Trained

95
Loan
Clients

79%
Commerce
Businesses

18%
Farming
Businesses

1,115
People
Impacted

135
Women
Entrepreneurs



EL SALVADOR

Project Impact by Family

125	Agricultural Program
80	Agroecological Program
50	Chicken Farm Businesses
2667	Community Infrastructure
1153	Drilling/Water Systems
76	Eco-stoves
117	Electricity
400	Environmental Projects
716	Healthcare Assistance
52	Latrines
17	New Homes
1160	Roads
663	Savings Groups
283	Schools/Education
75	Water Filters

7,634 Families Served

38,169

People Served
Directly by
Projects

1,150

Leaders Trained to
Design & Manage
Sustainable Community
Projects

50

Local Church
Partners

123

Communities
Served

186

Projects
Completed

9

Projects in
Progress



GUATEMALA

Project Impact by Family

44	Chicken Farm Businesses
403	Community Infrastructure
2310	Drilling/Water Systems
15	Eco-stoves
4200	Environmental Projects
59	Healthcare Assistance
10	Latrines
80	New Homes
1210	Roads
62	Schools/Education
47	Vocational Training
37	Water Filters

8,477 Families Served

42,385

People Served
Directly by
Projects

173

Leaders Trained to
Design & Manage
Sustainable Community
Projects

24

Local Church
Partners

23

Communities
Served

46

Projects
Completed

1

Projects in
Progress



NEPAL

Project Impact by Family

- 190 Agricultural Program
- 427 Community Infrastructure
- 10 Drilling/Water Systems
- 41 Electricity
- 70 Environmental Projects
- 218 Healthcare Assistance
- 50 Home Gardens
- 30 Latrines
- 75 New Homes
- 177 Livelihood
- 785 Roads
- 125 Schools/Education

2,198 Families Served

10,989

People Served
Directly by
Projects

990

Leaders Trained to
Design & Manage
Sustainable Community
Projects

27

Local Church
Partners

40

Communities
Served

50

Projects
Completed



NICARAGUA

Project Impact by Family

- 15 Agricultural Program
- 1380 Community Infrastructure
- 212 Drilling/Water Systems
- 200 Environmental Projects
- 573 Healthcare Assistance
- 1 New Homes
- 40 Savings Groups
- 140 Schools/Education

2,561 Families Served

12,808

People Served
Directly by
Projects

157

Leaders Trained to
Design & Manage
Sustainable Community
Projects

24

Local Church
Partners

30

Communities
Served

59

Projects
Completed

Donor Program Highlight



ENLACE's Monthly Giving Program Continues to Grow

ENLACE partner communities contribute at least 50% of their project costs, but progress can slow while waiting for sponsors to cover the rest. The solution is working juntos—together.

Each month, Juntos Sustainers receive a detailed impact report highlighting the work made possible through this shared effort—from regenerative family farms to clean water, roads, healthcare, and more.



**Join
Today!**



147
Sustainers
in 2024

165
Sustainers
in 2025

159K
Funds
Raised

JUNTOS
=
TOGETHER

Donor Program Highlight



Rooted & Rising Women Create Strong & Healthy Communities

The ENLACE Shine Collective is a rooted and rising network of Shine groups committed to understanding the vital role of women in development and actively supporting initiatives that equip women to lead lasting change in their communities. Now in its fourth year, the Collective has grown to 240 members, with 14 traveling to low-resourced communities to learn from and encourage women in under-resourced contexts. We are deeply rooted in this shared mission and excited to see this movement rising in the year ahead.



Project Highlights

- Provided 250 women with entrepreneurship training, helping them to launch and grow income-generating businesses
- Built 12 eco-stoves combined with health education, directly impacting 60 people
- Built 20 composting latrines combined with waste management education, directly impacting over 100 people
- Supported women to join savings groups, creating thousands of dollars in reserve for families experiencing multidimensional poverty
- Began agricultural projects alongside women to boost nutrition and generate income

4

Countries
Supported
in 2025

240

Members
Worldwide

14

Pilgrimage
Participants

Join Us!



Donor Program Highlight



Rooted in Service, Rising Through Vision

Short-term serving teams are not the solution to multidimensional poverty, but they play a meaningful role in what God is already doing through the Church: meeting practical needs, strengthening relationships, and supporting community-led change.

ENLACE invites ministry partners to send teams that come alongside local church leaders to encourage, learn, and build lasting connections as communities carry out their own development efforts.

Connect with us to sponsor a project and partner with communities in Central America or Nepal, working together to support sustainable, locally led initiatives.



Partners' Teams in 2025

Ascent Project Church (Fort Collins, CO)
Christ's Church of the Valley (Phoenix, AZ)
Crossings Community Church (Oklahoma City, OK)
Crossway Christian Church (Nashua, NH)
Eastview Christian Church (Normal, IL)
John Houston Custom Homes
Lutheran Church of Hope, West (Des Moines, IA)
Port City Community Church (Wilmington, NC)
Redemption Church (Costa Mesa, CA)

SeaCoast Grace Church (Cypress, CA)
The Summit Church (Indiana, PA)
Terwillegar Community Church (Edmonton, Canada)
Timberline Church (Fort Collins, CO)
Valley View Christian Church (Littleton, CO)
Vanguard University (Costa Mesa, CA)
Willow Creek Community Church South Barrington (IL)
Risepointe (Vision Trip)
Soul City Church (Vision Trip)

24

**Service
Teams**

16

Partners

285

**Team
Members**

23

**Projects
Supported**

2

**Vision
Trips**

Donor Celebration Highlight



Lighting Up the World: First Annual Chicago Gala

In September we gathered in Chicago for a special evening celebrating God's work through the global Church. We enjoyed meaningful fellowship with long-time ENLACE supporters and met some new friends during our time together.

The event was a great success with more than 120 in attendance, raising over \$111,000 to help churches end poverty in their communities!

We're already planning the 2026 Gala and look forward to seeing the ENLACE family grow to make an even bigger impact in the years to come!





Rooted & Rising

USA Board

John Fuhler
Casey Hale, Esq., Secretary
Dr. James Huff
Christine Nolf, Board Chair
Trinity Scurto
Santiago Sedaca
Amanda Woods
David Zapata

Foundations/ Businesses/Contributors*

Canadian Baptist Ministries
Cornerstone Trust
CVW Family Foundation
Desiring God Ministries Foundation
Ellis Family Charitable Foundation
Global Lift Collective
The Googasian Family Foundation
Hope International
John Houston Custom Homes
Little Bird Marketing
MacLellan Foundation
Michalak Charitable Fund
Oddo Family Foundation
Dr. Otto u. Margarete Graber Stiftung
Partners Worldwide
Vanguard University
Risepointe
Zapwater Communications

Individuals*

Sam Allan
Jill Arbin
Amanda Conklin
Catherine Collie
Scott Davis
John & Siri Fuhler
Gregg & Janice Gentry
George & Phyllis Googasian
Todd & Kathy Gordon
Rowena Hall in honor of
Galen Hall
Josh Hamilton
Jeff & Tirzah Hammond
Karen Hess
Ami Hileman
Rebecca & James Huff

Steve & Patty Johnson
Kendall & Kristina Kasper
Bradley & Virginia LaForest
Roan & Riani Martin
Frederick & Ana McGough
Priscilla & Steve McKinney
David Moore
Marshal Musselman
Moses Nolf & Christine
Brooks Nolf
Jim Reynolds
Alisa Ruff
Valerie Sass
Michael W. Scheitz
Vienna Scott
Trinity Scurto & Mike Shintani

Santiago & Nicole Sedaca
Jeffrey & Laurie Shaw
Rob & Karen Shive
Sara Sims
John & Susan Stella
Aaron Stanski
Nora and Jonathan Taylor
Rebecca Brown Thompson
Adrienne Torry
Vicky Tribbitt
Elisa & Troy Van Voorhis
Lindsay Wagner
Richard & Zoe Warner
Daniel & Michelle Wendell
Terry Youngblood

International Church Partners †

Ascent Project Church (Fort Collins, CO)
Christ's Church of the Valley (Phoenix, AZ)
Cornerstone Baptist Church of West Los Angeles (CA)
Covenant Family Fellowship (Portland, ME)
Crossings Community Church (Oklahoma City, OK)
Crossway Christian Church (Nashua, NH)
Eastview Christian Church (Normal, IL)
Evangel Family Church (Singapore)
Life Christian Church (Las Vegas, NV)
Life.Church (Edmond, OK)
Lutheran Church of Hope (Des Moines, IA)
Northpark Community Church (Fresno, CA)
Port City Community Church (Wilmington, NC)
Redemption Church, (Costa Mesa, CA)
Rockingham Christian Church (Salem, NH)
SeaCoast Grace Church (Cypress, CA)
Southside Church (Peachtree City, GA)
Terwillegar Community Church (Edmonton, Canada)
The Summit Church (Indiana, PA)
Timberline Church (Fort Collins, CO)
Valley View Christian Church (Littleton, CO)
Willow Creek Community Church South Barrington (IL)
Willowdale Chapel (Kennett Square, PA)

*Contributing \$2,000 or more annually † Contributing \$5,000 or more annually