

Orphan Helpers

2023

YEAR END REPORT



**TURNING LIVES AROUND
THANKS TO YOUR
GENEROSITY!**

YOUTH IN CENTRAL AMERICA ARE ACHIEVING AMAZING LIFE TURNAROUNDS!

Thanks to your support, Orphan Helpers is equipping young men and women to break the cycle of crime and poverty and to achieve long-term success.

Look inside to see how incarcerated youth are moving from desperate backgrounds and difficult situations in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras to becoming Christ-followers and successful citizens.



Jancy

JANCY, EL SALVADOR

Jancy's early childhood in El Salvador was shaped by her father's absence and her mother's efforts to make ends meet. At 17, Jancy's life took a dark turn when she was involved with a drug-related crime, leading to her imprisonment.

"When I was handed a six-year sentence, I started to cry. All my hope was gone," she says.

During her imprisonment, Jancy accepted an invitation from Orphan Helpers to participate in the Success Academy. That's where she discovered faith and began her personal transformation.

Now released, she leads a purposeful life by serving the church, completing high school, and embracing entrepreneurship.

"Orphan Helpers has supported me in more ways than I could have ever imagined," Jancy shares. "Today, I am a changed woman!"

MAYNOR, HONDURAS

"Where I come from, most families are broken and suffer from violence," says Maynor of Honduras. "My stepdad was especially violent. He drank a lot, and hit my mom badly."

As a teen, Maynor finally decided to do something about the abuse. He defended his mom and attacked his stepdad. As a result, he was sent to juvenile detention.

"There is nothing easy about being locked up," he admits. "I'm grateful to God for protecting my life behind bars and to Orphan Helpers for teaching me to forgive those who have hurt me. What man intended for evil, in fact, allowed my life to be different. I now have God showing me the way."

Maynor is currently attending law school, working part time, and mentoring other youth in similar difficult situations.



Maynor

YOUTH NEED SOMEONE TO BELIEVE IN THEM

Teen boys and girls face significant challenges growing up in Central America's "Northern Triangle" countries of El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. They battle extreme poverty, lack of education, and gang violence. Many of them turn to criminal activity for a sense of belonging, and even survival.

Once locked up in tough juvenile detention centers, youth see no hope, no opportunity, and no future. As they see it, their only options upon release are to:

- 1) ***continue a life of crime that will end in adult prison or early death***; or
- 2) ***risk everything and flee to the U.S. border.***

At Orphan Helpers, we work to show them a different path. We equip them for success in their communities in El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. We help them see there's a God who loves them. We work with them to develop a plan for their lives. We walk alongside them to achieve their goals.



YOUTH COMMITTING TO CHANGE BEHIND BARS

The work of Orphan Helpers starts behind bars. We meet youth in their darkest hour, when they are forgotten and all alone. We invite them to change the trajectory of their lives.

Orphan Helpers has established Success Academies inside 11 detention centers across El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. They are led by Christian staff members in each center.

Our goal is to establish and nurture the youth's relationships with God, themselves, family and friends, and their community. This involves Bible studies, leadership training, and life skills classes. The program also includes developing a Success Plan, which gives each youth a personal roadmap for a brighter future. Since the launch of the Success Academies in 2016, **more than 1,600 youth** have graduated.



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YOUTH GROWING IN FAITH

The power of the Gospel to change lives is at the heart of Orphan Helpers' work.

Our youth mentoring program within juvenile detention centers is dedicated to rehabilitating young offenders. Our staff members are local Christians who go into the centers each day to teach "New Life in Christ" classes and work one-on-one with detained youths, offering guidance, support, and spiritual insight.

Drawing from Biblical principles of forgiveness, redemption, and love, the program provides a spiritual foundation for personal growth. The goal is to reduce re-offending and guide these young lives towards a purposeful, faith-filled future.

Youth who were once living a life of crime are now publicly professing their faith in front of their cellmates. In fact, **453 youth have been baptized behind bars** since 2016.

YOUTH CONTINUING NEW PATHS AFTER RELEASE

Vulnerable youth face significant obstacles and challenges once they leave the centers. Success Coaches serve as guiding figures, assisting youth in achieving personal, educational, and career goals in alignment with Christian values.

Today, **8 Success Coaches** are working full-time **with more than 200 youth**. They conduct one-on-one mentoring sessions, conduct family counseling, assess needs, set and monitor goals, and provide spiritual and practical guidance.

Success Coaches connect participants to resources in the community, including educational opportunities, job possibilities, and



Christian communities. We surround them with work, school, and church to reduce the risk of recidivism and to guide them in fulfilling their Success Plans.



93 youth are enrolled in education programs and receiving scholarship assistance

26 university

14 vocational education

53 middle and high school



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YOUTH PURSUING EDUCATION

Orphan Helpers offers educational scholarship support for released youth who are on a path to succeed.

Grounded in Christian values of redemption, forgiveness, and second chances, this scholarship assistance seeks to alleviate barriers to academic pursuits. The initiative emphasizes personal transformation through learning and offers released youth a renewed sense of purpose, hope, and a brighter future.

Youth receive partial scholarships to finish high school, attend college, or pursue a skill in trade school.

YOUTH LANDING JOBS

Orphan Helpers also works to connect youth with job opportunities. Stable employment is a significant deterrent to recidivism and a path to sustainable independence.

Through partnerships with local businesses and organizations, Orphan Helpers facilitates apprenticeships and job placements to ensure these young men and women have the skills and opportunities to reintegrate into society as productive members, breaking free from the cycle of poverty and crime.


In 2023
Orphan Helpers has
facilitated **94** job
placements like these:

YOUTH SERVING OTHERS


It's amazing! Youth from backgrounds of abuse, brokenness, despair and imprisonment are becoming dynamic Christian leaders!

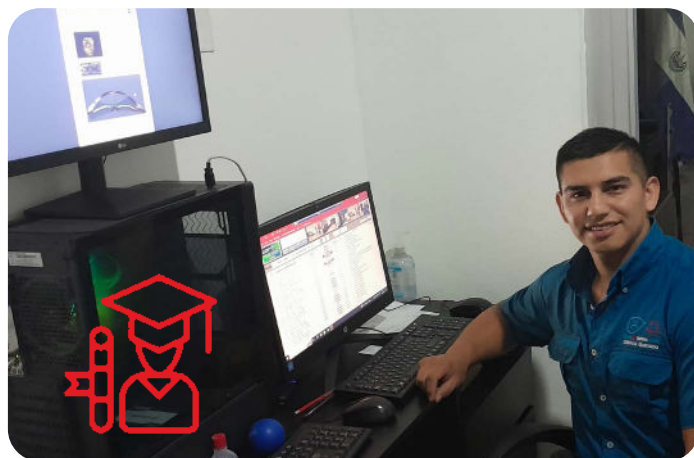
Released juvenile offenders are supporting each other and engaging in community service projects as a means of restitution and personal growth. Living out Christian values of redemption, service, and responsibility, these young individuals are contributing positively to their communities. They are mending bridges and building new ones.

Networks of Success Academy graduates are serving in their neighborhoods and in their churches. This year, **more than 50 youth have coordinated service projects in churches and communities.** These include,:

 Sharing from the Bible, delivering meals, playing games, and cutting hair at an assisted living facility


 Putting on a children's fair in an impoverished, crime-ridden neighborhood

 Hosting an International Children's Day celebration



 Plastics Factory

 Private University

 Department of Children and Family Services

 El Salvador Supreme Court

 Electrical Contracting

 Ophthalmologist Office

 Security Guard Company

 Welding Shop



"I NOW HAVE HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE."

At the age of 14, Maicol got involved in a life of crime. He was arrested and sent to a juvenile detention center in Honduras.

While behind bars, he met Samuel from Orphan Helpers. "Maicol was a good student, but every time we talked about his future, he said his plan was to go to the USA illegally," Samuel recalls. "He saw no hope, purpose, no opportunity in Honduras. He had his eyes set on the United States."

Maicol's plans quickly changed once he was released.

"The Success Coaches from Orphan Helpers contacted me right away after I got out," says Maicol. "They actually showed up! They encouraged me, helped me enroll in school, and provided me with some school supplies."

He had never been offered this kind of support. Now, Maicol is finishing up his last year of high school and is working as an entrepreneur to help support his family.

"I took an entrepreneurship class through Orphan Helpers and learned that I can make money using what I have. I make chips at home and sell them to shops in my neighborhood. It feels really good to be able to help my family," he says with a new sense of purpose.



Maicol



Maicol looks forward to a long future in Honduras and thanks you for his new outlook on life:

"I cannot believe how my plans have changed. I no longer want to go to the United States. I am going to stay here and become a lawyer with the support of Orphan Helpers. I want to stay, study, and help my family get a house where we never have to live in fear. What Orphan Helpers has done for me is really something marvelous. I don't know what would have become of my life without them. I will live the rest of my life feeling grateful to the donors who support Orphan Helpers. I am not the same Maicol who arrived at the detention center. Through Christ, I am a new creature. I now have hope for a better future."

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 7/1/22-6/30/23

REVENUE

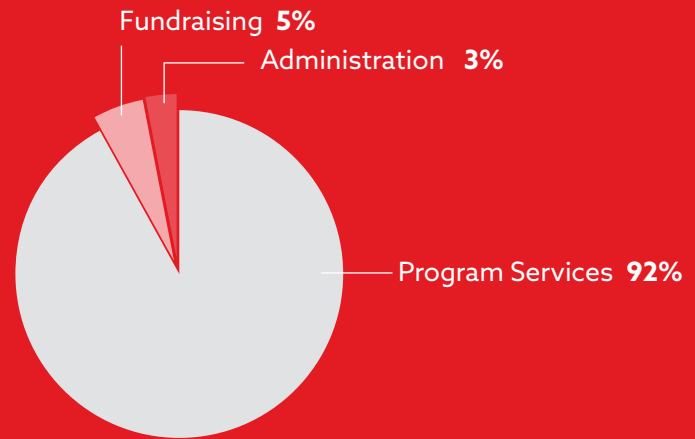
Contributions & Grants	\$ 1,137,583
Other Revenue	\$ 0
Total Revenue	\$ 1,137,583

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$ 1,029,911
Management	\$ 39,452
Fundraising	\$ 51,541
Total Expenses	\$ 1,120,904

NET ASSETS

Beginning of Year	\$ 1,339,635
Ending of Year	\$ 1,356,314



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