

# Mission Housing Ministries 2017 Annual Report



## **Dear Missions Partner,**

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matt 5:16 NLT

This verse has stuck with me throughout the year. Not because I'm thinking of my personal good deeds, but rather because I see the fruit of what many people have done through Mission Housing Ministries.

Needy families in Guatemala have been helped. Pastors have been educated. Churches have been equipped and encouraged. New relationships have been built and old relationships grown. And at each step along the way the Good News of Jesus Christ has been at center stage.

And the fruit of this ministry is not isolated to Guatemala, but extends to the US as well. Churches are engaged in service and missions in a new or growing way. Short-term mission team members have grown in their faith. And many have used their spiritual gifts in the Lord's service this year.

So as we share highlights from 2017, let's join together to praise our heavenly Father!

Thank you for being part of Mission Housing Ministries!



Eric Ferree, on behalf of the entire MHM Team!



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## **Growing our Team in Guatemala**

Ovidio has led our Guatemalan team to another amazing year. The Lord has blessed him and his family. Their boys are growing up, and Kevin has been helping with team hosting while he decides what education and career he would like to pursue. Fernando and David are continuing school in Xela and doing well. The family continues to divide their time between Xela where the boys are in school, and Comitancillo. We are so thankful for Ovidio's faithful and wise leadership.





Carlos Pascual just finished his first full year with MHM. He has been outstanding at hosting teams and in administration of the student scholarship program. His Carmen and daughters Shirley and Carla are a joy. We look forward to another year of growth in the scholarship program, and thankful for Carlos's excellent communication and ministry skills.

Elisa has been with us for just under a year, and has been a Godsend. She relates well to women and has an especially powerful ministry with the single mothers that we serve so frequently in Comi. Elisa's daughter Michelle is an amazing young lady and we have enjoyed meeting her. When US teams are not in Comi, Elisa manages the animal project.

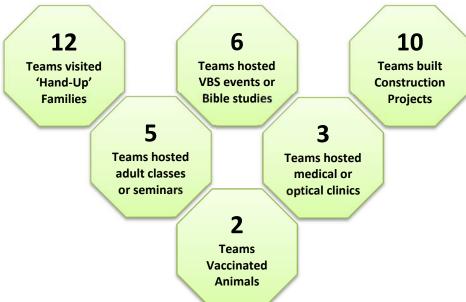


We are pleased to announce Ovidio's latest hire, Alba Lopez. Alba is 24 and lives nearby in the aldea of Chicajalaj. She has an accounting degree and will be managing the bookkeeping for both MHM and FTEI, which will allow us to improve financial communication and maintain our high level of accountability as the ministry continues to grow.

# **Hosting Mission Teams with Impact**

MHM hosted 13 teams in 2017. God provided an amazing variety of skills and callings in the team members that He sent this year. Most teams served the community in more than one way. All shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ.





And new for 2018 we can host dental teams with a fully-equipped dental suite.

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# **Hand-Up Ministries**

Building a better life for this generation and the next. Encouraging independence and a strong Christian faith. Committed. Based on partnership and relationship. Centered on the Gospel. That's why this ministry is a Hand-Up, not a Hand-Out.



81
Children sponsored to provide food and cover school expenses (\$30/Month)

9 Bunkbeds Built (\$300 ea) 10 Stoves Built (\$300 ea)

27
Homes Built
(\$500 ea)

198
Animals distributed to needy families to provide income and food (\$60/pig or goat)

## **Solid Partnerships**

God multiplies the work of good partners; especially when each partner is working in their area of giftedness and calling. Our partners are chosen carefully and are faithful in their work.

#### FTEI Bible Institute

Educating Pastors and Church leaders.

FTEI just celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony promoting 64 of the 107 students enrolled. We look forward to the coming year under the leadership of Paulino Velasquez who will be the new Director for 2018.



FTEI 10<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony

#### **Local Churches**

Spreading the Gospel daily.

As partners, local churches are the community connection for much of what we do. Some of our partners are looking to expand including CFC Church and School. CFC is planning to add bathrooms and a kitchen to their facilities this vear.



CFC Church Construction Plan

## Vision Plus, Optical and Dental Clinic

Free or affordable optical and dental care.

Ovidio's clinic became an official business in 2017. It is now recognized as "Vision Plus." The mission is still the same, and people in the community could not afford the care provided without US teams and financial support.



Ovidio's Clinic now 'Vision Plus'

## Lamp Mam Literacy Ministry

Promoting literacy and teaching the Bible in the local language of Mam.

The New Testament was translated to Mam 16 years ago. Although Mam is widely spoken, literacy rates are low. LAMP teaches people to read the Bible in their heart language.



LAMP shares the Bible in Mam

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## Stewardship Update

We strive to have a big footprint in the mission field with exceptionally low overhead in the US. MHM is a qualified 501(c)3 organization, and all contributions are tax exempt to the full extent allowed by law. Some highlights from 2017:

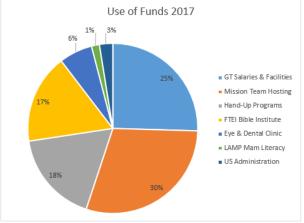
- 19.9% increase in support in 2017 led by increased giving for team visits, scholarships, and construction.
- 33.5% increase in funding to the mission field, made possible by stable finances and strong reserves. Increases were led by team ministries, scholarships, and operating support for both the Optical Clinic and the FTEI Bible Institute.
- 97.5% of funds were directed to the mission field. All team members in the US are volunteers and contributors to the ministry.

GT Salaries & Facilities	\$ 74,717.24
Mission Team Hosting	\$ 86,943.83
Hand-Up Programs	\$ 51,418.22
FTEI Bible Institute	\$ 49,901.00
Eye & Dental Clinic	\$ 18,613.00
LAMP Mam Literacy	\$ 4,441.00
US Administration	\$ 7,426.34

Use of Funds - 2017

Total \$293,460.63

Total US Overhead 2.5%







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