

1MISSION

2023 Annual Report



We're a community development
organization giving people in poverty
the opportunity to earn a house by
serving their community.

A Letter From the CEO

In 2023, 1MISSION celebrated our 15th anniversary!

In May, we shared 15 stories to commemorate those 15 years—one of which you'll read in this report. As you can imagine, this is just a sliver of the many stories we could tell. And we're grateful, knowing that none of it would be possible without your faithful, generous support.

By the end of 2023, more than 1,100 families had earned houses and transformed their neighborhoods by serving in community development initiatives. Those families now have a new story to tell. The same could be said of every partner like you who has been on a build trip, participated in Bikes Fight Poverty, given up a birthday, or attended the Gala. We all have stories that mean a lot to us.

Perhaps your own stories are similar to mine. Before I joined the 1MISSION team all those years ago, I was a trip participant. As I served in that way, I saw the huge impact we could have on the lives of families, and it had an immeasurable impact on me. Many of you know exactly what I mean.

Together since 2008 we have provided safe, secure housing for some 4,400 people. And nearly 17,000 of you have traveled to Mexico to work side-by-side with local families on these houses. Even as we seek to measure the impact these efforts continue to have in communities like

Puerto Peñasco and Miguel Alemán, we know it's impossible to measure the impact these life-changing experiences have on trip participants once they return home. It's always encouraging to hear stories of transformation happening in families, schools, businesses, churches, and broader communities.

Thank you for partnering with us and the families we serve.

Once 1MISSION touches your life, we hope your life is transformed. Because stories like these are meant to transform us. Relationships with people who are different from us are meant to transform us.

On behalf of the 1MISSION team and the families we serve, we're thankful to God for blessing this ministry, and thankful to you for 15 incredible years of partnership. Here's to everything that's yet to come.



Greg Yochim
CEO



In 2023, **45 families** received the keys to safe, secure houses of their own. Since our founding in 2008, **1,102 families** in Mexico, El Salvador, and Nicaragua earned houses by serving more than 330,000 hours in their communities.



IMPACT STORY

Amparo's Story

Katie Jensen, Executive Administrator



Before I ever worked at 1MISSION, I had heard about Amparo through Brittany and Dustin Patrick, my sister and brother-in-law. They had gotten to know her while living in Puerto Peñasco in the early days, helping to get 1MISSION off the ground.

Even now, all these years later, Amparo's story remains one of my very favorites. I love it because it's such a beautiful story of the power of community.

Before I tell you more, I wanted to share something Dustin and Brittany wrote to friends and family back in 2011, which provides the backstory:

Amparo is a single mom with eight kids. She has been volunteering with 1MISSION for over a year. We weren't able to build for her because she had no legal ownership of the piece of land she was living on. Over the course of the year, she built great friendships with some of the other women she had volunteered with. They began encouraging her to apply for a piece of land nearby that she could gain ownership of. Two ladies that

have been working with us for a while walked her through the steps to acquire some land.

The next obstacle was the \$300 required for a down payment. She had exactly \$0 saved. She hasn't had a steady job since we've known her, and barely makes enough money for a little bit of food each day. One of the ladies who met her through volunteering came to us and wanted to help with the down payment. Maricela is a mother of 5 kids. Her and her husband have not had steady work since we've known them either. They gave \$40. That's about two weeks of income for them but to her, Amparo needed it more than she did.

Maricela believed that others were there for her when she was in need, and now she had the opportunity to help when someone else was in need.

Over the course of four days Amparo was able to pay her down payment (with the community's help) and two days later we were able to build a home for her and her family. The day her house was completed, her neighbors and friends surrounded her, all crying as they looked at Amparo's new home, which they had each helped make possible.

How we measure success is through locals serving



in, and giving to, their community. We are happy to see more and more community members taking ownership in making their neighborhood a better place to live

Amparo has been involved with 1MISSION since 2010, faithfully serving in a variety of ways, including the gardening program and the basecamp kitchen. A few years in, she took one of Susana's sewing classes and caught on really quickly. Soon she was teaching others how to sew. She found a real passion and developed amazing skill in quilt making. Today, she makes and sells gorgeous quilts as a way to help support her family. As a fellow seamstress (who is nowhere near her talent!), I have always been impressed with her sewing ability!

Recently, she took over as coordinator for the sewing projects in Puerto Peñasco.

In May of 2022, I was able to go on a trip with my whole family: the Jensens, the Patricks, and my mom. We were able to build a new house for Amparo and her family. (Her original house was having flooding issues because of some new construction nearby.)

Having the opportunity to build for Amparo was so cool. Because I know her story and I know the love and commitment she has to serving her community—which she's continued to show over the last 13 years—it felt really special.

And then to make it extra special, I got to build with Britt and Dustin. It was like a full circle moment. To see the love that the community still has for them was really amazing. They moved back to the US in 2011 and have visited several times, but haven't been in the community for an extended period of time in probably a decade.

But you wouldn't know it. Seeing their interactions with Amparo and other community members, it was as if they never left. People were coming from all over the neighborhood to see them. Neighbors who were just walking by recognized them immediately. It really showed the impact that they were able to make on the community just by loving and serving more than ten years ago.

Amparo says, "For me, my house means stability. It's a safe place and represents a future for my children and me. With our house, we're protected from the weather and are able to relax. When Brittany and Dustin came to help build my new house, it was something that really impacted me. It's wonderful to know that we are still connected. We are a family. Thank you so much."

My sister has always been a hero and role model to me. And Amparo is one of my all-time 1MISSION heroes. How amazing to be there with both of them, working together!



Stories like these are only possible because of the faithful partnership of people like you. The best way to partner with more families like Amparo's is to [Join the Supply Yard](#), our amazing community of monthly givers.

FEATURED FILM

My Friend, Araceli

Ana González, Project Coordinator

There are people who come into our lives who change us, who impact us, who teach us valuable lessons. I know that has been the case for me with Araceli, who I've had the privilege of knowing for the past seven years, ever since I first set foot in the community of Miguel Alemán, 30 minutes from my hometown of Hermosillo, Mexico.

Araceli and her family are featured in our new short film, *This is Home*, by our communications director Tim Hoiland and the Mexican filmmaker Daniel Pérez Robinson. In the film, you will meet a woman who is strong, brave, and hard-working. I've seen those qualities in her myself.

But there's even more to Araceli than that. She is generous, always extending hospitality to her neighbors. Most of all, she is a woman of faith. As I have spent time with her, Araceli has taught me the power of resilience and the power of prayer. And I have watched her with my own eyes, leading community development workshops, teaching people to cook, and serving in her church.

For me, I like to think of Araceli as a flower in the desert—someone who has blossomed even under difficult life circumstances.

In the communities we serve, men and women like Araceli are leading the way. They are the heroes. We celebrate them and support them in their work.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for partnering with 1MISSION and the families we serve. Thank you for being part of this amazing story.



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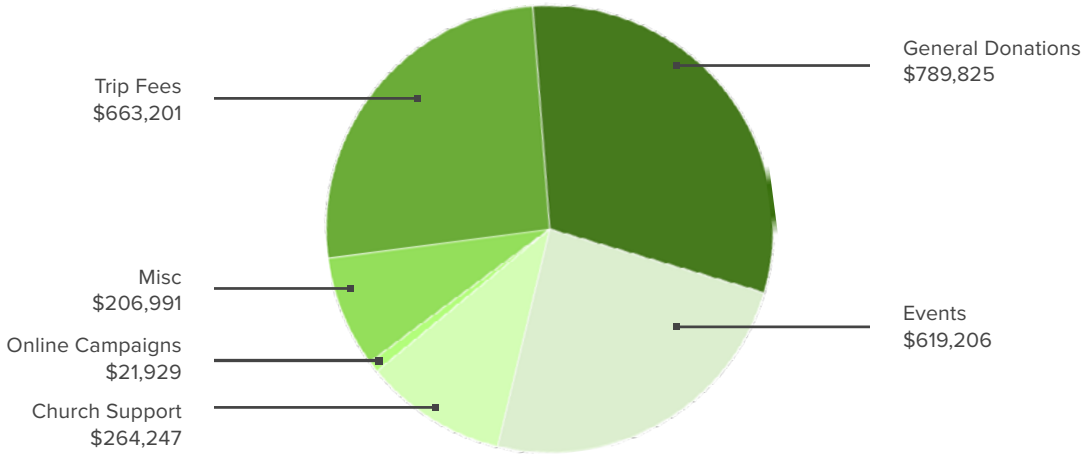
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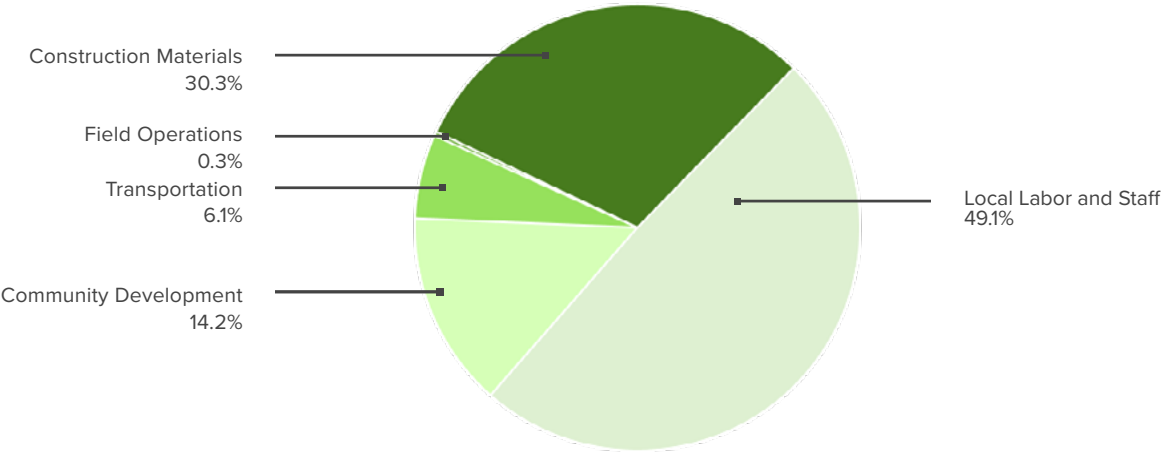
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2023 Revenue

\$2,584,687



2023 Program Expenses



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