

# 2018

## Annual Report



**JAMES PROJECT**  
OF LATIN AMERICA

2018 - A Year of  
Transformation

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Directors, Missionaries  
James Project of Latin America



Dear Partners,

When 59.3% of the Guatemalan population lives below the poverty line (\$1.90/day) and 23% live in extreme poverty, living conditions can be desperate. Studies have shown that poverty can lead to stress in the family, which can trigger abuse amongst family members. As a result, the crime against women and children (especially girls) is extremely high. In fact, Guatemala has one of the highest rates of violence against females in the world. This violence comes in many forms, including physical abuse and sexual abuse. This mistreatment of women leads to abandonment, neglect, and trafficking of their children. Fortunately, there are organizations like the James Project of Latin America that serve the women and children who are victims of these vicious cycles.

2018 was a year of transition at JPLA. In order to improve the care of these women and children, JPLA is constantly looking for ways to better serve these precious people. Some of the changes that came to JPLA in 2018 included training in trauma-based care, partnering with other nonprofits in Guatemala, opening child sponsorships to nationals, improving our child sponsorship program, and hiring more staff. We also closed our transition home in order to place our independent adult children in foster and biological families.

For 2019 we are excited to see what God has in store for the organization and those we serve. In January we opened our second boys' home (Casa David), and in February hired another psychologist. We also hope to hire a bilingual Guatemalan Team Coordinator and (missionary) sub-directors. Perhaps our most exciting goal is to break ground on our new teen maternity home. Whether or not this happens in 2019 depends on if we can raise enough money throughout the year to actually open and operate the home.

Of course none of this will happen without prayer and support. We always want to operate in God's will, but we know that God uses people like you to make things happen. We appreciate all of you that have given in one form or other to JPLA in the past, and thank you in advance for your future giving, prayers, and support. Together we can make a difference in the lives of the women and children we serve here in Guatemala. They deserve love, dignity, and help.

Thank you again for your continued support,

Bryon and Tiffany Applegate  
Directors  
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## JPLA's Mission

Our mission is to provide orphans and widows the spiritual, physical, emotional, and educational support they need to become solid citizens in the Kingdom of God, ultimately for the glory of God and the advancement of the Kingdom.

## JPLA Board of Directors

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# Shadow of His Wings

**Shadow of His Wings Children's Home** is home to approximately 70 children from a variety of backgrounds that include abandonment and neglect, physical and sexual abuse, human trafficking, and/or the loss of one or both parents. The children we serve live in family units with Guatemalan couples, and their biological children, to reflect a healthy family unit experience. JPLA has one of the few accredited children's homes in Guatemala.

## **In 2018, JPLA:**

- Maintained popular approximately 70 children per month
- Received 61 new children during the year
- Reunited 67 children with their families
- Provided case management, court representation, and holistic care for approximately 180 children throughout the year
- Provided over 120,000 meals to those living at Shadow of His Wings Children's Home
- Launched a foster program for our older transition children







## REDEEMED WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

**Redeemed** helps women, often widows or single mothers, receive coaching in business planning and spiritual guidance so that they can reach their full potential and provide for themselves and their children. This program, which allows women to start a business while caring for their children, has an immediate positive impact on two generations of Guatemalans.

### In 2018, JPLA:

- Provided an accelerated secondary education program and graduated our first Redeemed woman
- Launched 4 micro-enterprises
- Saw several women come to know the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and begin serving and leading in their local churches





## EVANGELICAL FREEDOM SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

**Evangelical Freedom School** provides a government approved education program. Our school provides education from pre-school through high school. We also have a program that allows students, who may have never studied before, to complete two grades per year to catch up with their peers. The school serves both the children residing at Shadow of His Wings and children from the local town.

Our older children are also given the opportunity to receive a university scholarship and study at a post-secondary level. This is an incredible opportunity for the children we serve to succeed at a higher level.

### In 2018, JPLA:

- Graduated 4 JPLA children and 8 town students from Careers (secondary level)
- Graduated two 9<sup>th</sup> grade students from JPLA
- Graduated four 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from JPLA
- Graduated two kindergarten students from JPLA
- Provided education to 150 students throughout the year
- Provided university education for 4 JPLA children, 2 of whom graduated from their programs





# FOCUS ON SELF-SUSTAINABILITY

We are dedicated to becoming self-sustainable. We believe that it is important for the future of the organization to not only save money and reduce expenses, but to grow our own food and produce our own energy. We are pleased to report that in 2018 our efforts in this area have paid off. Through these programs we saved the organization over \$23,000 throughout the year.

What's most exciting is that as we make progress toward self-sustainability the savings will increase over time and we shouldn't have to worry about our children having the food and nutrition they need.

Below is a breakdown of what God provided through our self-sustainability program in 2018:

## AQUAPONICS

- 3 fish harvests = approximately 300 fish. **Saved \$500**
- Produced harvests = 389 heads of lettuce, 131 heads of kale, 304 heads of Swiss chard, 23 bunches of cilantro, 45 bunches of mint leaves, and 19 bunches of basil. **Value of produce to kitchen = \$387**

## AGRICULTURE

- Produced 1 harvest of peppers, 1 harvest of green beans, 56 papayas, 1,200 pounds of black beans, 1,025 limes, 1 harvest of radishes, 250 bunches of bananas, 1,300 pounds of corn, and an undetermined amount of yucca. **Saved \$1,090**

## GOATS

- 4 female goats produced approximately 32 cups of milk/day = 11,680 cups/year. **Saved \$7,786**

## SOLAR

- Saved approximately \$800/month = **Saved \$9,600 for the year**

## BIO-GAS

- Undetermined amount of gas produced and used

## WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM

- Produced 11,440 gallons of purified water. **Saved \$3,050**

## CHICKENS

- Produced approximately 70 eggs/day = 25,550 eggs for the year. Consumed/sold 100 chickens. **Saved \$1,163.47**





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# FINANCIALS

## Quick Facts

- \$316/month - Cost/child (70 children on average) to meet physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual needs
- \$114/month - Additional cost/JPLA child to provide an education at Evangelical Freedom School
- \$430/month - Total cost/month/child to provide holistic care for those living at JPLA
- \$2,000 - Cost to provide education, spiritual guidance, and micro-business (financial independence) to a Redeemed woman

### INCOME

USA Contributions	\$413,680
Canadian Contributions	\$ 44,243
Team Fees and Donations	\$157,381
School Tuition (town kids)	\$ 19,011
Other Contributions	\$ 43,882

### Total Income

**\$678,197**

### EXPENSES

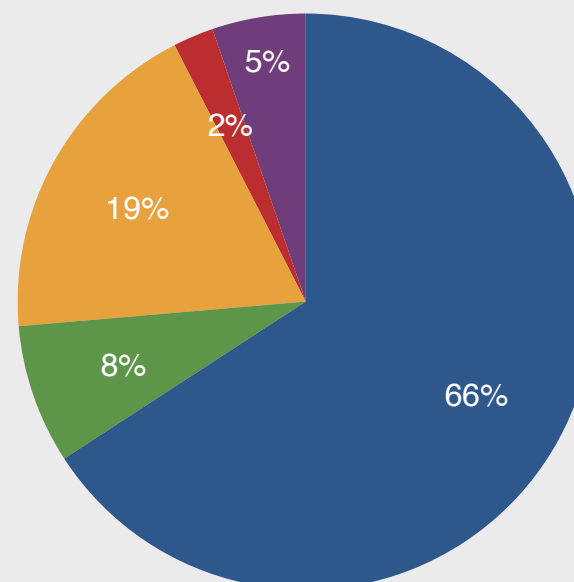
Shadow of His Wings Children's Home	\$265,743
Redeemed Women	\$ 17,312
Evangelical Freedom School	\$114,859
Project and/or Dedicated Funds	\$191,252
Team Expenses	\$ 89,031

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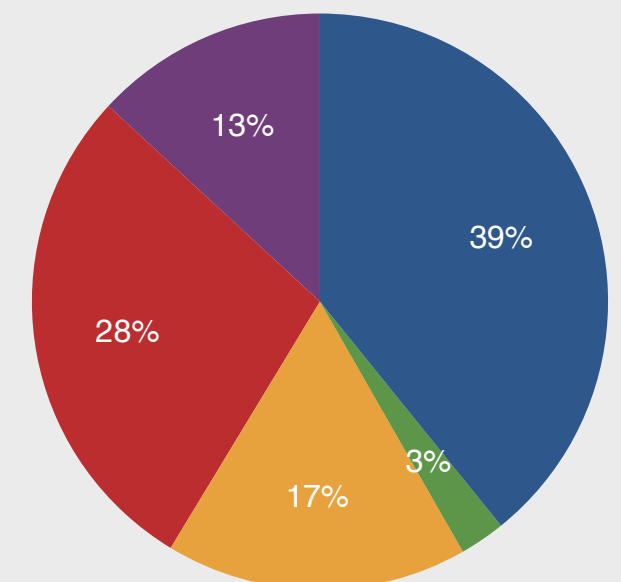
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INCOME



● SOHW ● Redeemed ● EFS ● Dedicated ● Teams

EXPENSES





# 2019 VISION

With God's grace, and within His will, JPLA looks forward to an amazing 2019. We expect many new things this year and pray we have the finances and wisdom to carry them out. If we aren't changing, we aren't making progress.

**Please join us in prayer as we look forward to what God will do 2019!**



## **Visionary Program**

In order to best serve the women and children of Guatemala and fulfill our mission ("caring for widows and orphans"), we need help. We need like minded people in North American to come alongside us as visionaries who will advocate, fundraise, and bring awareness to the ministry of JPLA.

As a part of the Visionary Program, partners will receive a toolkit of resources and information they can use to share with others. Visionaries promise to do all they can to promote the mission and vision of JPLA.

## **Casa Maria**

The number of unwanted pregnancies in Guatemala due to rape and incest is astounding. Guatemala has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in all of Central America, many of them a result of incest. This year, we are looking for 10 strategic partners that are willing to invest \$500/month to open a pregnant teens home.

## **Internships/Short-term Missionary Housing**

Having missionaries is always a need at JPLA. However, finding missionaries that are willing to commit to a long-term stay is difficult. To remedy this problem, we have decided to accept interns and short-term missionaries. This decision creates a housing problem for these short-term helpers.

To furnish a home or apartment for a short-term situation isn't feasible and doesn't make sense. Therefore, we are hoping to construct three apartments on top of our existing team house. Our plans are to build a two-bedroom apartment, a one-bedroom apartment, and a studio apartment. We will furnish each apartment and then rent them to interns and short-term commitments. We estimate the construction to cost \$45,000, and an additional \$5,000-\$7,000 to furnish the three apartments

## **Independence Program**

Our Independence program has been redesigned to reach a broader spectrum of young people and improve results. Starting at age 14, our boys and girls will begin the program. Participants will enter our "work study program" and learn valuable job skills while earning a wage. They will learn to build a resume, complete an application, and perform in an interview. They will also learn to save money, and how to live within their means.

Participants will gain experiences in the real world as they earn opportunities outside the walls of JPLA. Our goal is for them to one day leave the project with enough confidence and experience that they will not be taken advantage of in the workplace or on the street. We pray they will have the wisdom to not take on debt, nor live in fear of the outside world.

## **Staffing Needs**

JPLA believes in providing holistic care to those we serve. This means that our women and children are served by an interdisciplinary team that focuses on the overall care and health of each person. In order to provide the best care possible and achieve our vision of self-sustainability, we are looking for sponsors to invest in meeting these goals. Our staffing needs include house parents, teachers, social workers, and much more. Visit [www.jamesprojectinternational.org/staff-needs](http://www.jamesprojectinternational.org/staff-needs) to learn more.





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