

2023

SU REFUGIO MINISTRIES
IMPACT REPORT



*“Caring for orphans & widows in their distress”
for the glory of God. (James 1:27)*



WELCOME, 2024!

As we reflect on the remarkable journey of 2023, I am compelled to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and sacrificial giving. Your generous donations are vital to this gospel-centered mission. They have caused lives to be touched and allowed the ministry's impact to reach new heights. In 2023, your donations...

1. **Provided more refuge:** Your giving made it possible for Su Refugio Ministries to be a sanctuary for more rescued children and widows in need.
2. **Extended compassion:** Your generosity allowed the abused, vulnerable, and distressed to be reached with comfort and care in the name of Jesus Christ.
3. **Spread the gospel:** Your partnership empowered us to share the message of salvation, bringing hope and light to those in darkness.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are excited about the continued impact we can make together. Thank you for being faithful stewards of God's blessings and partners in this gospel-centered journey. May your generosity continue to be a beacon of Christ's light, illuminating the path for the orphan and widow.

In His service,

Michelle Kvandal

President, Su Refugio Ministries

MISSION TRIPS

Forty-seven participants served across Paraguay, Peru, and Argentina this year by sharing the gospel and practically loving and serving widows and orphans. The teams included husbands and wives, parents and children, and even a grandfather and grandson. Mission trips are a special opportunity to serve alongside fellow believers of all ages. Visit our website for details on the upcoming mission trip interest meeting!

PARAGUAY

June 28 - July 6, 2024



PERU

August 1 - 10, 2024



ARGENTINA

October 3 - 12, 2024



CHILDREN'S HOME

Paraguay



The cornerstone of Su Refugio Ministries is to bring love, holistic care, and gospel hope to children who have suffered abuse, neglect, and abandonment in Paraguay. God has allowed the program to experience significant growth, and we are incredibly thankful for how He has used your partnership to minister to these children.



105

total children rescued since 2010

24

vulnerable children cared for in 2023

14

new children welcomed in 2023

2x

growth in the number of children in the RESCUE program

Learning & thriving

The children enjoy a variety of extracurriculars, including Royal Rangers, Youth With A Purpose, English classes, music lessons, and skills training for the older girls. All school-age children are integrated in local schools, with some receiving extra support in our academic catch-up program.

Navigating the age-out transition

Sisters Adelia (21) and Andrea (19) are spreading their wings with the support of their Su Refugio family. They are maturing into faithful young women and exploring career and post-secondary education opportunities. We are eager to see the Lord continue to work in their lives!

CHILDREN'S HOME

Paraguay



“More than a job...”

This year, the Medinas and Mezas joined the team to serve as foster families. Yemima Medina (pictured left with husband Jose) says, “It is much more than a job for us; it is also a ministry, a way of serving the Lord by working in the lives of these children.” We are so thankful for the dedication of these families and their faithfulness to show Christ’s love to vulnerable children.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING \$85,000

The 2023 year-end campaign raised all the necessary funds to build and furnish a third single-family house on our Paraguay campus! This house will allow six more children to be restored and protected in a loving home.



SIX children were placed in homes this year. We pray that the Lord would continue to watch over them and impress upon their hearts the truths about Him that they learned during their time in the Children’s Home. May they grow up to be lights for Him in their families and communities.

CHILDREN'S CARE CENTER

Paraguay



260

children
reached
in 2023

30

teens in
Youth With
A Purpose

2

barrios
received
meals &
Bible
teaching
at biweekly
community
lunches

The FEED program nourishes the bodies, minds, and souls of vulnerable children in order to spread the hope of the gospel. Children's Care Centers (CCCs) facilitate FEED program activities in Paraguay, Peru, and Argentina.



This year, the CCC in Tobatí, Paraguay kicked off the Royal Rangers program, where children enjoy fun activities and instruction in godly character. In addition to being discipled, the teens in Youth With A Purpose served through community evangelism and leadership among the younger children. Another highlight was the community lunches, where children and families are fed and the Word of God is taught on a regular basis (photo above).



CHILDREN'S CARE CENTERS

Peru



Hundreds of children received nutritious food, academic support, and lessons from God's Word at 15 Children's Care Centers, located in Peru's mountain, jungle, and desert regions. 2023 also saw the beginning of expansion into Colombia!

190,000
meals served



575
children attended CCCs
on average per month

950+
children received
academic support

5,866
packages of essential
household goods provided
to families in need

6,700

children reached with the
gospel during the Christmas
evangelism campaign



CHILDREN'S CARE CENTER Argentina



60

children fed
in body,
mind, and
soul weekly

35

teens
disciplined
in small
groups



The CCC in Argentina brings gospel truth, academic support, and extracurriculars to the children of Rafaela's barrios. This year the CCC also launched the "Su Refu Workshop," a program that ministers to children with disabilities and helps them enjoy activities alongside their peers.

SU REFUGIO ARGENTINA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

This year saw the final approval and launch of the kindergarten class! Our preschoolers and kindergartners are receiving high quality Christian education, which has opened more opportunities to minister to families in the barrios of Rafaela.

30

kindergartners

18

preschoolers



357,300+ meals packed in 2023

Our gratitude goes out to everyone who packed and sponsored meals this year. In Peru and Paraguay, these meals will provide nutrition for children's bodies and open opportunities for us to bring gospel hope to families.



Christ Lutheran Church
La Mesa, CA



Shadow Mountain Community Church
El Cajon, CA



Shepherd's Grove Presbyterian Church
Irvine, CA



Tri-City Bible Church
Vista, CA

FOOD PACKS

EQUIPPING WOMEN

Paraguay & Peru



35

women certified monthly in Paraguay on average

The EQUIP program brings practical skills, business aptitude, and discipleship to women across Peru and Paraguay. They are enabled to provide for their families and lead their children in the ways of the Lord.

135

women trained monthly in Peru on average



165+

women attended parenting workshops in Peru

In Paraguay, we were blessed to see Moms In Prayer groups thrive in the barrios of Tobatí (one group pictured below, left). Through joys and trials, these women exhibit Christ's love for one another in their prayers and encouragement. At the Children's Care Centers in Peru, women gathered each month to learn about the application of biblical principles in their own families.



MUSIC SCHOOL

Paraguay



The Music School program brings music education to children in the community and the public schools surrounding the Tobatí campus. These lessons provide a creative outlet, training in discipline and practice, and opportunities to continue spreading the gospel throughout Tobatí. This year, the children had the opportunity to perform in several towns—at churches and a hospital—for their year-end project. What a wonderful way to demonstrate how music can be a means of serving others!

263

students
in 2023

200

children
reached
with music
lessons and
gospel truth
in public
schools





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