



But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1: 12-13

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Living Water World Missions





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CEO STATEMENT:

2023 was a year of change for Living Water World Missions. Some of the changes were anticipated and welcome while others were a surprise. But, throughout the year, and through all the changes that came our way, we found was that God has been ever faithful to continue to do the work that He has started.

The year started out very well for us with the addition of a new Director of Evangelism, Ms. Jhoselyn Barrios, who had previously been trained as a Missionary and had served with the Church of the Nazarene in Mexico and in Guatemala for a number of years. We also brought on a new Director of Education, Ms. Raquel Orellana, who came to us following her participation in an installation at her church in August 2022.

Both of these ladies were hired to assist and replace our Ms. Gaby, who left us at the end of seven years in June, because she and her husband Fito were expecting their first child. Yes, it took two people to replace our Ms. Gaby!

In July we suffered the sudden and unexpected loss of Mark Cunningham, who was called to his eternal home by our Lord, the one whom we all serve. Mark had served as a Board Member and recording Secretary for our organization for many years and had graced us with his presence on numerous installation trips. His faithful witness, wit and humor are greatly missed, but we rejoice with his family that he is now at peace with his Lord.

In November Jim Pitkin, a founding Member of our Board of Directors, and our Director of Education, stepped aside to take an executive position with Gateway Church in Visalia California. Jim will also be missed, but he has promised to remain involved with this ministry and we will hold him to that promise.

This year we have been reminded that change is inevitable and that the time we have to be about our Fathers business grows shorter each day. We are extremely thankful for your support and participation in this ministry, and I hope that you find this report of our activities this last year to be informative and inspiring. We know that we can only do what we do because of your faithfulness. My God bless you richly for your faithfulness.

Mark Vanciel; CEO





2023 INSTALLATIONS:

In January 2023, we installed a system in the Assembly of God church in Havana, Cuba (Fuente de Vida). Two of our Guatemalan staff, Eswin and Cesia participated along with our Cuban staff members, Sergio and Alicia. During the successful installation, approximately 50 children were taught our new education curriculum by Alicia and Cesia.

Our next installation in the month of February was at the Iglesia Ríos de Gloria church in Retalhuleu, Guatemala. We approached that installation week with great anticipation, since we were introducing our new Evangelism Program during the installation week. Knowing that in each place things are different we tried to adapt the program to the people to whom the plan of salvation would be presented. Regarding the installation of the water system, everything proceeded normally but for the first time we had the pleasure of working in an airconditioned system room! Our Team was also able to minister to the local police force who receive bottles of purified water that are donated from this system.

In the month of March, we were at the Don Bosco School in Raxruhá in the Department of Alta Verapaz. We were invited to work to at this Boarding School because of their need for purified water. This is a ministry of the Catholic order of Salesian brothers, that is dedicated to providing education with love to young men all over the world. At this site they serve a total of 1,200 students to whom they provide three meals a day for eleven months of the year. This center has been in existence for more than forty years and has graduated hundreds of young men from their High School many of whom have gone on to college. In addition to traditional education, the students learn trades such as baking, tailoring, electricity, carpentry and welding. We believed that it was a good place to share our Evangelism Program. The majority of students responded well, and it was the perfect opportunity for our Staff to do what they do best. The installation of the water system did not have any problems and was completed without any incident.

Our third installation was carried out at a second Don Bosco School in San Juan Chamelco in Alta Verapaz, during the month of April. Like the other Don Bosco Educational Center in Raxruhá, this is a residential school and trades program where we were able to carry out our Education and Evangelism Programs. Everything that was asked to be prepared for the installation week was complete. The installation of the water system was completed smoothly.

For the month of May we were at the El Shaddai Church in Guazacapán, Santa Rosa. At this site we already had a relationship and had been servicing their water system for almost 10 years. We decided it was time to install a new system since the one they had was obsolete and needed updating. This church has been producing significant quantities of water for distribution in the community, benefiting many people. A few weeks prior to our arrival they had started a program with children sponsored by Compassion International which aims to support the children of the community with educational and spiritual help. They built a new room for the water purification system to meet all the requirements that the Public Health Department requires for bottling water for public distribution. It was a very good experience to be able to share with the brothers and children that week and achieve another successful installation.

In June a small group of volunteers (6) flew to Santiago Cuba to deliver emergency humanitarian assistance to our partners in Cuba. Almost 1000 pounds of non-perishable food and medical supplies were delivered. It was a quick visit as the Team flew in one day, and flew out the next.

In August we had our installation in the Jesucristo es Rey church in Retalhuleu, a very low-income community in need of help. We collaborated with them to install a water system which we are sure will help improve the health of the community, especially the children.

For the month of September, we carried out a double installation consisting of two parallel systems, at the Training Academy of the National Civil Police in Guatemala City. It was a unique experience since we rarely work with government institutions. However, this time we made an exception since we saw an opportunity to be able to provide clean water to more than 240 police sub-stations in Guatemala City, and provide training to the students and staff of the academy. We were able to share the message of Jesus through our Evangelism Program, and saw many cadets accept the Lord as Savior. It was a huge blessing for our team and staff to watch God work.

We had to suspend our installation for the month of October due to the series of political demonstrations that affected transportation in the country. Almost all roads were

shutdown, making travel in the country impossible. We decided to postpone the install planed for October to the month of January 2024.



In December a second small group of volunteers (6) flew to Santiago Cuba to again deliver assistance to our partners in Cuba. On this trip we also delivered almost 500 pounds of Christmas candy for the children of our partner churches in Santiago. Again, it was a quick visit as the Team flew in one day, and flew out the next.

OPERATOR'S TRAININGS BY REGIONS, AND OPERATOR'S TRAININGS DURING THE YEAR:

This year we held 6 regional trainings in Guatemala covering Evangelism and Social Projection, as well as correct operation and maintenance of the Water Purification System.

The areas where the training was carried out were:

- 1.Sololá.
- 2.San Marcos.
- 3.Huehuetenango.
- 4.Sacatepequez, Chimaltenango.
- 5.Totonicapán, Retalhuleu, Quetzaltenango.

6. Jutiapa, Jalapa, Santa Rosa,Chiquimula.

We were happy with the participation of approximately 95 people who were trained in Evangelism.

Additionally, during the year, 133 follow-up visits were made, and 61 persons received training as new operators.

A total of 166 people were trained during these visits and installations for a total of 261 people trained during the year 2023.



This year the Living Water World Missions Purification systems Produced a total of 4,125,460 gallons of purified water.





EDUCATION PROGRAM:

During this year we as Guatemalan staff got to participate in various installations in which the education program was taught to different churches in Guatemala. As you who have been on a trip with us know, Education covers 1. Germs Are Everywhere...with fun exercises showing germs spreading with lotion and glitter, and making germs out of Playdough; 2. Wash Your Hands...where we practice correct hand washing and each student receives a small bar of soap; 3. When to Use Clean Water... only four uses (drinking, cooking, brushing teeth and caring for babies). For all other purposes tap water can be used. Then there is a special lesson with three tall beakers showing how Jesus was sinless, took our sin and paid the price for us all.

We taught in a couple of schools and education centers. In March we presented the educational program to 600 students between the ages of 10- 18 of the Don Bosco School at Raxruha Alta Verapaz. In April we taught 280 students in between the ages of 10-18 at the San Juan Chamelco Don Bosco School. In May we instructed 13 teachers from the Church El Shaddai in Guazacapan Santa Rosa. They taught the program to a Compassion program they had at their church, with 100 children reached. In June we had a survey and follow up trip. In July we went to San Cristobal Verapaz for an installation and we taught 13 teachers, who taught 100 kids from around the community. In August we visited the church Jesucristo Es El Rey in Retalhuleu, we taught 8 teachers and 50 highschoolers from a school in the neighborhood. In September we completed the education programs with the installation in the Police Academy. We reached and taught part of our education program to 1300 cadets.

Overall, we taught 34 teachers and 2,398 students from high school, middle school and young adults.



2023 EVANGELISM PROGRAM:

During the year we intentionally worked to train our partners with the real concept of evangelism, and how to reach individuals where they live. To build a relationship, develop trust and invite them into the Family of God. We provided them with theoretical and practical tools so that they had models and clear ideas of how to work in their local churches and communities. Some of our Evangelism Training is conducted during the installation weeks. And our dedicated evangelism team travels during the month to conduct training in other churches around the country, usually visiting two or three churches in a given area on subsequent days. Jhoselyn, our Director of Evangelism, is gifted in teaching and says we don't have to be Bible scholars, or have the right words. She recommends first praying and seeking God's direction. Asking Him to point out to us the person He would like us to approach. Then we love them. She described taking an apple to a woman who had suffered loss, and befriending her. With another, she went to her house and offered to wash her dishes. This was real love to a woman with many children who was overwhelmed by life. After loving these women, she told them God loves them and invited them to church. It's awesome. Come on a trip and watch, you'll be inspired.

January:

While some of our folks were in Cuba doing an installation in Havana, our Guatemala Evangelism team traveled north into the Peten to present training in Evangelism to our church partners in that district. The training program was very well received. The training was held at Iglesia Monte Sión, Santa Elena, Petén. *The training was attended by 22 leaders, including 5 pastors.* A hands-on activity was held with children in the afternoon, **with 25 children attending to hear the good news.**



February:

On the 7th we had Evangelism training in the area of Huehuetenango, at the Church Centro Americana, Faro de Luz. *With the assistance of 20 leaders*, in the afternoon we held a special activity for children, **with an attendance of 75 children who heard the good news.**



On the 8th we had Evangelism training, in the area of Totonicapán, at the Cristiana Bethania church in Momostenango. *With the assistance of 13 leaders*, in the afternoon we held a special activity for children, **with 35 children in attendance who heard the good news.**



During the installation week in Retalhuleu, we met with 44 students between the ages of 12 and 17, at Colegio Nuestro Mundo, in Retalhuleu, Guatemala. We played games with an evangelistic focus and talked about how God is interested in your life and your future. We presented the message of salvation using a colored ball. At the conclusion we prayed with the students and **12 teenagers received Jesus as Savior and Lord.**



On the 20th we had a special activity with women at the Rios de Gloria church, where **two people received Jesus**. On the afternoon of the 21st, we visited homes in the community, where **3 young ladies were reconciled with Jesus**. On the 22nd we visited the DAR school, where we worked with **90 children sharing the message of Christ through songs, games and Bible lessons**.



March:

On the 7th we had Evangelism training, in the area of Suchitepéquez, at the Jesus Saves church with **11 leaders attending**. In the afternoon we held a special activity for children, with **50 children in attendance who heard the good news**.



On the 8th we had Evangelism training, in the area of San Marcos, at the Cristo es Rey church, **23 leaders** attended. In the afternoon we held a special activity for women, **35 heard the good news, 5 of them received Jesus in their hearts**.



On the 22nd we worked at the Don Bosco College, Raxruhá. **523 students heard the message of salvation through sports and recreation. At least 300 students received Christ into their hearts.**



April:

On the 11th, we had Evangelism training, in the area of Sololá, at the Bethel Church, of San Lucas Tolimán. *We had the assistance of 11 leaders.* In the afternoon we held a special activity for men who are in rehabilitation for addictions, **with an attendance of 27 men who heard the good news, 4 of them received Jesus in their hearts, 8 reconciled with God.**



In the afternoon during our installation week, we held a sports rally with the 388 students of the Don Bosco School in Chamelco. They had fun, and also listened to the message of salvation. At least 250 students received Jesus as Savior that week.



May:

On the 9th, we had Evangelism training at Monte Sianí church in Jutiapa. *19 leaders attended.* In the afternoon we held a special activity for women, **with an attendance of 25 who heard the good news, 1 of them prayed to receive Jesus.**



On the 22nd, we held an Evangelism training with 14 leaders of the Jesus is Lord Church in Guazacapán. In the afternoon, we served 29 women who received God's message. We prayed for their lives and they were ministered to by the Spirit of God.



July:

On the 19th, an Evangelism training was held virtually, attended by *8 brothers from the area of Ixcán and Sololá.*

On the 26th, we held an Evangelism training with *11 women leaders* from the Full Gospel Church in San Cristóbal Verapaz. In the afternoon, we held a special activity **with 60 women, who were ministered to in groups.**



August:

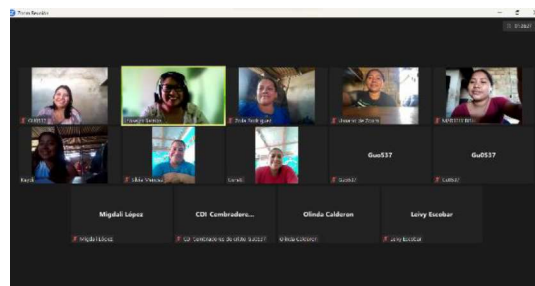
On the afternoon of the 21st, we held an Evangelism training with 8 women leaders of the Evangelical Pentecostal Iglesia Cristo es Rey in Retalhuleu.

On the 22nd and 23rd, we received children and teenagers, an average of 50 children, 12 of whom received Jesus as their personal Savior.



November

On the 15th, a virtual Evangelism training was held with **13 women leaders** of the Church: "La Hermosa", Aldea Nicá, Malacatán, Guatemala. The time was also used to finilize the organization for our joint activity on November 22nd.



On the 22nd we held a special activity for the mothers of the children who attend the student center, we met with 150 **women who did not have a relationship with Christ**. During the activity, they laughed, listened to how God transforms lives, and were ministered to by the Lord.





FOLLOW-UP VISITS:

In June we decided to carry out follow-up visits in the eastern part of Guatemala, on this occasion we visited the water systems that we have installed in past years in Jocotán Chiquimula, Estanzuela Zacapa, Horconez Santa Catarina Mita Jutiapa, El Jícaro Yupiltepeque Jutiapa, Colegio Vida Nueva in Jutiapa and finally the Jalapa water system in order to encourage our site partners to continue working with the distribution of water, answer their questions and implement new ways to help them. We also took the opportunity to take the Board Members to the Village of San Estéban and El Morral Chiquimula. These two places are projects where we will be working this next year.

TEAMS:

In 2023 we had a total of 44 Team members joining our Installation Trips. Team Members Travelled from: California, Arizona, Iowa, Alaska, Washington, Texas, Indiana, North Carolina, Columbia and Honduras.



SYSTEM SPONSORS:

Sponsors: Gateway Church of Visalia, Metzger Family, Max & Barbara Ellis, Nathan & Carol Lichti, Bob Kuhlo, Cliff & Diane Dunbar, First Presbyterian Church of Kennewick, Vic & Julie Epperly, Mark & Jan Franey, Westminster Presbyterian Church



FUNDRAISERS:

Spring World Water Day Gift Match (March): brought in \$39,000

A Scramble for Clean Water Golf Tournament sponsored by Willitts Pump, benefiting Living Water World Missions was held on September 19th. The event brought in \$45,000.

Our 10th Annual Banquet with the theme, "Children Are A Gift", was held on November 10th. The event brought in \$79,000



VIDEO PROJECT:

In 2023 we created 3 professional videos. The first video was made to showcase the before and after of a system upgrade at the Church Rios de Gloria in Retalhuleu. Our main goal was to highlight the positive changes and improvements made and share about the places and institutions supported by the church through donations of purified water.

The second video's goal was to introduce new staff members. We start the video with warm and friendly personal introductions from Raquel, Jhoselyn and Hector. Every staff member briefly shared their background, interests and what motivated them to join the Living Water World Missions Team. We captured some footage of the staff members actively working in their respective roles. In interview segments each staff member discussed their specific job positions, responsibilities and the impact they hope to make.

On our third and last video we documented the installation process of the water system at the Police Academy in Guatemala City, showing the motives behind it and the positive impact on the community. We provided context on why this particular installation is significant for the community and the Police Academy itself.

We also highlighted the educational aspect by featuring footage of the education team conducting a modified health and hygiene curriculum that ended with an evangelistic focus.

Some testimonials from members of the Police Academy, instructors, community members, US Volunteers and our International and National director were included and they shared about the impact the water system will have on their daily lives, the police academy and the effectiveness of the educational initiatives with the cadettes. We shared footage of the evangelistic focus and its role in the community. We made sure to show the key stages from the beginning to the completion of the water system installation.

Links:

Installation in Retalhuleu, Guatemala – 2023

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_ksQjhOuxg

Staff Update - November 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gilcr1XEc0>

Guatemala Police Academy Installation - September 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zaFmgU9DX4>

NEW VEHICLE:

Unfortunately, our previous vehicle, a Toyota pickup, suffered an unexpected engine malfunction resulting in complete failure, so it had to be replaced. This is our new ministry vehicle:



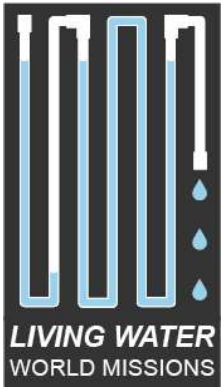
STAFF:

This year some things also happened with our organization, starting with the hiring of a new Staff Member Jhoselyn Barrios, who took the Director of Evangelism Program position. We saw the departure of the Staff Member Gaby Villatoro, who for seven years was in charge of the Education Program. Raquel Orellana joined our team, and is now responsible for the Education Program, always with the support of all the Staff.



Raquel Orellana

Jhoselyn Barrios



10th ANNUAL CONFERENCE & GALA DINNER
Wednesday, December 6th 2023



On Wednesday December 6th we had our 10th Annual Conference at Barceló Hotel in Guatemala City. There were a total of **145** people attending.

We had people attending the Conference as follows:

- 119 from sites
 - 4 Board Members
 - Pastor Lance Ainsworth
 - Pastor Mark Young
 - Sean Willford
 - 16 Staff & families
 - 2 Photographers
 - Cécica Xaminez
- Total: 145**





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LIVING WATER WORLD MISSIONS, CUBA

2023 has been another year of continuity of problems for the Cuban nation. The economic crisis persisted, and continues to cause disproportionate inflation that incessantly increases the prices of food, goods and services, and subtracts purchasing power from the meager salaries of workers.

Although it is true that during this year the so-called “MSMEs” (small private businesses) multiplied, the only thing they have achieved is that you can now see food and products everywhere, but at such exorbitant prices that it puts them out of reach of the majority of the people; which, in practice, is the same as if the shortage continued. Giving an example to understand the current circumstances: The monthly remuneration of a retired person ranges between 1,500 to 2,000 pesos per month, and a one-kilogram package of powdered milk costs 2,400 pesos. A Cuban doctor with 100% of his monthly salary could buy just two kilograms of milk! How do you survive? Out of pure mercy, relatives send remittances, brothers in faith come and support, but many people literally suffer from hunger.

The lack of medicines and medical supplies continues, so that in Florida there are agencies specialized in selling complete packages for various surgeries, which family members buy and send to the island. And given the high prices, many people import medicines to sell them secretly.

The everlasting energy crisis continues, which translates into daily electricity blackouts and shortages of domestic and vehicle fuel; And paradoxically, at the end of the year, a disproportionate increase is announced precisely in the rates of electricity, fuel and public transportation. Also announcing the sale of fuel for cars with cards backed in foreign currencies (Visa, Mastercard), and creating a new card (“Classic”) within Cuba, rechargeable from abroad for the same purpose. The persistence of the social crisis was reflected in the increase in crimes of robbery and violent assaults, which create a feeling of insecurity in a country that prided itself on the opposite; Meanwhile, the migration of Cubans, legal or illegal,



continues to be a constant, mostly to the United States, but increasingly open to residing in any other country.

However, despite the sorrows, the bad omens for the new year and the challenges, by the Grace of the Lord: The Cuban church is still standing! If something works in Cuba it is the church!!!! And it survives thanks to missionaries and ministries who love us and care for us in these difficult times; leading the way Living Water World Missions. Thanks a lot!

Giving a brief summary of LW's operations over the past year, as early as January, the LW team arrived in the Cuban capital, Havana, for the installation of a new (on demand) purification system in the church of the Assemblies of God on Infanta Street in Centro Habana, as well as bringing spare parts for filters and equipment. This installation was a success and a blessing to the local congregation and neighborhood.

Later in June, LW's mission team made a grueling 24-hour journey to bring humanitarian aid, basically durable food, powdered milk, tuna, other canned food, pasta, and medicine.

In November, the installation of another "on demand" system was carried out in the Full Gospel Church of God in the town of Dos Caminos de San Luis; For the first time, a new ozonator equipment with more potential was used here. The occasion was also used to bring some food and hospital supplies, which were delivered to health professionals from the church.

Once the installation was successfully completed and in record time, the water purification systems previously installed in four churches in the city of Santiago de Cuba were visited. A meeting was also held to inventory tools and supplies, evaluate the work done, and consider the addition of another member to the LW team in Cuba, she being sister Alicia Morales; as well as, plan operational activities, but also evangelistic activities in all the churches blessed by the ministry in the new year.

During these visitations, the idea arose to plan another trip in December, aimed at bringing humanitarian aid as had been done in 2022. And if in that year, the aid included Christmas gifts for the children of the Valle de Blessing church, now on that fourth trip in December, all the children between 5 and 12 years old from

the four churches were blessed, plus the children present in the oncology ward of the city's children's hospital! What a bless! Here we also thank the Gateway Church of Visalia who took an active part in these tasks! Thank you! An offering was also given to the El Calvario Assemblies of God church in Santiago de Cuba to support a project that when executed will improve water storage in that place. So, although in 2023 we fight battles: Eben ezer! Tetelestai! Maranatha! The three words with which we say goodbye to the year: The Lord has helped us up to this point! The price has been paid in full! The Lord is coming!

God continues to work powerfully on our behalf; and Living Water also continues to lovingly work on our behalf! Eternally grateful for everything, there are no words left.

LW USA and LW Guatemala: LW Cuba loves you intensely!

May God bless you richly and abundantly in everything you undertake in 2024!

Without further ado, your servant in Jesus Christ,

Daniel Morales Rodríguez
LWWM Coordinator in Cuba

