

# We are waiting to return!

HEALTH TALENTS  
INTERNATIONAL

# ANNUAL REPORT

2021



## Guatemala is awaiting your return!

# **A Time to Reflect, A Time to Rejoice**

## Celebrating God's Faithfulness

We will allow God to work in us and through us for His good pleasure.

A lot of work goes into making a cup of coffee and very little of the work would be called glamorous or refined. We plant, fertilize, prune and wait for the coffee bush to begin producing fruit. Berries are picked when ripe, dried, roasted then eventually ground and brewed before the aroma fills the air with the world's most familiar fragrance. (Sorry Chanel #5)

Savoring the taste, breathing in the caffeine laced aroma of a freshly brewed cup of coffee requires us to look beyond the process to enjoy the moment. Our 2021 annual report will take a similar approach as we acknowledge the work, the challenges and the process to savor the end result...kingdom growth and the aroma of Christ.

Yes, Covid presented us with challenges, and like the *Hemileia vastatrix* fungus that attacks coffee bushes causing "coffee rust," it diminishes our yield. Yet yield we have!

Yes, the requirements for us to re-license Clinica Ezell as a hospital are burdensome and have caused us tremendous grief, even disappointment.

They also allowed us to make improvements that would have been difficult if fully operational and improve our facilities. We will celebrate the fruits of our labor; a hospital exceeding the standards of many government and private facilities.

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## Core Ministries

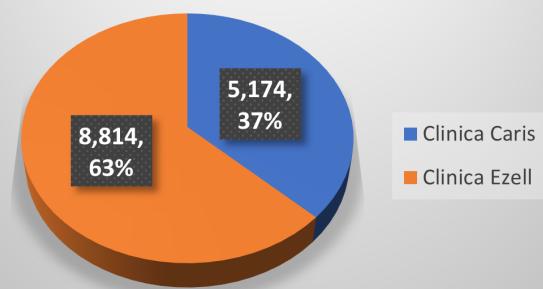
Our core ministry activities are built around our medical and dental clinics, both those in rural locations and our two base clinics, Caris and Ezell.

It is there that we establish and nurture relationships that result in kingdom growth; it is there that we seek to model Jesus by teaching and healing. It is there that we SEE them and SERVE them.

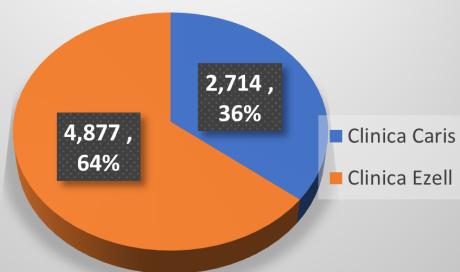
During the first ten weeks of 2020, we cared for an average of eight hundred patients each week and once we began to resume clinics in the late summer, we were able to care for no more than two hundred. (Public transportation was still shut down and government restrictions limited our community access.)

With a couple of weeks remaining in the year, we predict the following clinic numbers, roughly 50% of our 2019 numbers and double 2020.

### 13,988 Medical Patients



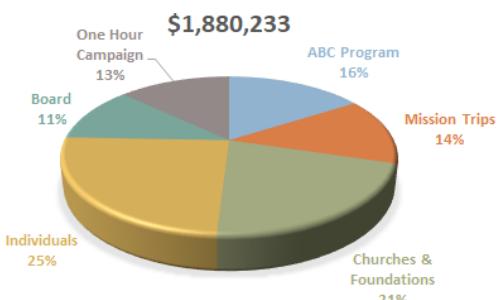
### 7,591 Dental Patients



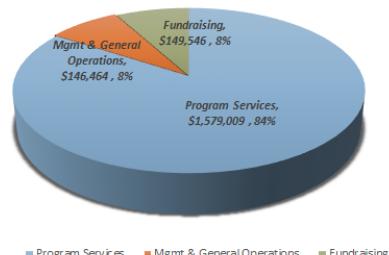
## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The financial numbers taken from our 2020 annual audit reveal a financially sound Health Talents and generous donors within our family of supporters. (We received an additional \$38,481 in investment income.)

### 2020 DONOR GIFT TOTALS



### 2020 Audited Annual Expenses \$1,875,019



Annual expenses continue to reflect good stewardship as almost 85% of our expenses went to program services.

## **THE DISCIPLE MAKER** "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through; my treasures are laid up, somewhere beyond the blue."

So goes the line from the Stamps Baxter hymn arranged by Alfred Brumley "This World Is Not My Home." While the author is unknown, the inspiration comes from Hebrews 13:14. Believing that to be true and wanting as many in this world as possible to join us, Health Talents embraced the concept of medical evangelism. The fruits of that labor of love, kingdom growth, are born out in the stories below.

José Xirum is an evangelist, not in the employee of Health Talents, but one who collaborates with us and is financially supported by two of our Guatemalan brethren. José works part-time with our highland evangelist, Gaspar Chan, spending one or two days each week at Clinica Caris and one or two days traveling with Gaspar.

On any given day, you might find them providing lay counseling to a struggling family or distraught teen. At other times, conducting a leadership or marriage class, or more commonly, with a Bible in hand, studying with a patient. Gaspar and José may love the Guatemala highlands and their earthly home...they also know this world is not their home.

The Paul and Timothy combo of Gaspar and José have successfully led to the planting of a new church in Xatinab V and Los Cerritos. A third church in the area around Chiché had ceased assembling, but with the encouragement of Gaspar and José, begun to worship has resumed. Readers of our e-newsletters may remember the story of Los Cerritos...an excerpt is below.

*The year was 2019, and Tomas, a diabetic, appeared at Clinica Caris to be seen by one of our physicians. Unbeknownst to him, he had a God orchestrated appointment with two strangers, Gaspar Chan and Sebastian Yacon...they would soon become friends, mentors, brothers in Christ and Tomas, a disciple. Good news, gospel news, is hard to keep to yourself and Tomas the diabetic became Tomas the disciple maker.*



*He made the two hour trip from Chiché to Mactzul 4 to worship with the church family there, week in and week out, until he was ready to start a church in his home in Los Cerritos. Tomas the disciple maker has since passed away, but Gaspar established a second home in Los Cerritos so that he might help this young church mature.*

Kingdom growth in a world not our home!

## Scholarship Update

### 2022 Application Class

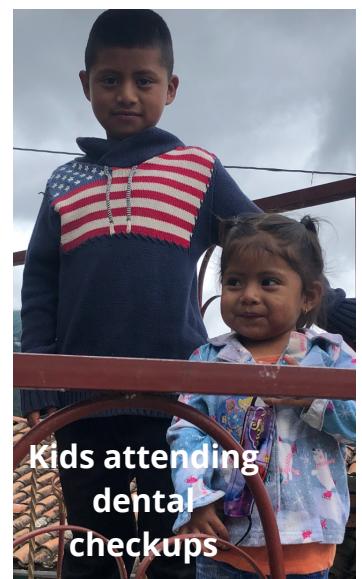
19 New applicants

- 5 Coastal Students
- 14 Highland Students
- 12 Sherman
- 1 Bates (Medical)
- 5 Bennie/McDonnel/Strawther
  - 3 Nursing
  - 1 Physiotherapy
  - 1 Lab Tech

**Please note that as of the date of this publication, these numbers have not been finalized by the committee.**

## ABC Program Update

- 735 Current Sponsorships
- 67 Registered w/ no sponsor
- 277 Sponsored children are attending high school



- 19 Current TSI employees were either an ABC sponsored student and/or scholarship student.

**2022 Goal - To have 850 sponsored children by 2023**

**IF WE MAKE EVERY DAY BETTER THAN THE ONE BEFORE, TODAY WILL BE THE BEST DAY YET, AND THE GREATEST DAYS EVER WILL AWAIT US IN EVERY TOMORROW. – WES FESLER**

# Trip Veterans Awaiting the Reunion

