

ANNUAL REPORT

IDENTITY MISSION

2021



Message from our Founders

Knowing that all of you are partnering with us is one of the most significant blessings for Jorge and Tara. Your prayers, support, and joint advocacy for this cause is fundamental to all we hope to accomplish for His glory and by His grace! Thank you!



Officially to date, our joint efforts coupled with God's grace and purpose has prevented 114 children from ever entering an orphanage.

Year after year, we are overwhelmed by the Lord's faithfulness to continue to move across the country of Honduras, achieving many improvements in the countries' approach to caring for their orphaned and vulnerable children. We are humbled as well to realize the part He has allowed Identity Mission to play in this transformation of orphan care.

As we enter our 7th year of service as an organization, we want to celebrate the huge impact that Identity Mission partners, staff, board members, and directors have attained through our collaboration, prayers, and sacrifices. Officially to date, our joint efforts coupled with God's grace and purpose has prevented 114 children from entering an orphanage. This is no small thing! God is good!!

FOSTER CARE

In 2021, we reached the end of the governmental foster care pilot. As one of only 4 organizations, Identity Mission was able to influence how Honduras would grow the initiative of foster care across the entire country. This was a massive opportunity and honor to be able to bring our 6 years of experience into a movement now accepted fully by the Honduran government. 26 children and 24 foster families were a part of the foster care program this year; receiving support, case management, advocacy and training from our in-country staff.



FAMILY PRESERVATION

Our family preservation program has seen a steady growth through the years; greatly affected by COVID and last year's hurricanes, at-risk families desperately need the benefits of this program continually. This year we were able to reach 25 children and 7 families with the emergency assistance, mentoring and discipleship, training, and micro-loans that ultimately allowed these families to stay together as a unit. Identifying impoverished families before separation occurs due to poverty is what prevents the unnecessary separation of children from parents.



TRAINING AND AWARENESS

An ongoing goal for Identity Mission is to bring quality training to caregivers in Honduras; whether it is the foster families in our program, training for parents in the family preservation program, caregivers from orphanages, or other professionals seeking to serve children better, we long to extend our reach to care better for children by equipping others across the country. This year 135 individuals assisted one of Identity Mission's trainings! Additionally, we uphold the importance of spreading the word that children grow best in families. Therein, we work to create awareness through events, speaking in churches, and highlighting the message on social media. This year 15 churches and 170 individuals committed to join the cause!



Year Highlights

We have much to celebrate! Here are a few specific victories to review!



Adopted

Two children went to adoption in 2021! We want to celebrate that these children have their permanent family! After 18 months of living with an Identity Mission foster family, Molly was approved to go to adoption. A local, Honduran foster family received her into their family right before Christmas!

Rosa Ulloa

Family Preservation

- Rosa has begun to reinvest the money she is making from her cooking business.
- Her youngest son, who has special needs, was able to begin the extra therapy he needed.
- Making strides to independence.



Reintegration

Two children from our foster care program were reunited with their biological family. When possible and safe, reintegration is the BEST option for a child! Victoria after being cared for in foster care for 9 months, went to live with her aunt. Since then, now two years later, she is still thriving with her aunt and is still in touch with her foster family!

Next Steps

As we take a moment to look back and celebrate all that the Lord has done this past year, we also want to a moment to share our goals and hopes for 2022! Please pray with us as we seek to support more at-risk families and vulnerable children in our programs.



Foster Care

This year, we plan to add 16 new foster kids into the foster care program. With this amount, our current case workers will have a full caseload. To support one child in the foster care program it takes \$25 a month. Would you consider committing that amount to support this growth?

Family Preservation

This year, we are hoping to add new families to the program & train community leaders to assist even more with the vulnerable families in their community. We are calling this expansion of our model, community counselors. It cost an average of \$100 monthly for a year to support an at-risk family.

Sustainability

Two areas we plan to become more sustainable is firstly in growing our Identifiers program and also by beginning to build financial partners here in Honduras; raising up local businesses, churches, and individual advocates that will support the cause of providing family for vulnerable children.

Advocacy

Our advocacy training course is up and running. Those interested can take this course online with one of our staff in order to learn more about family-based care and increase your involvement in advocating for best practices in orphan care!

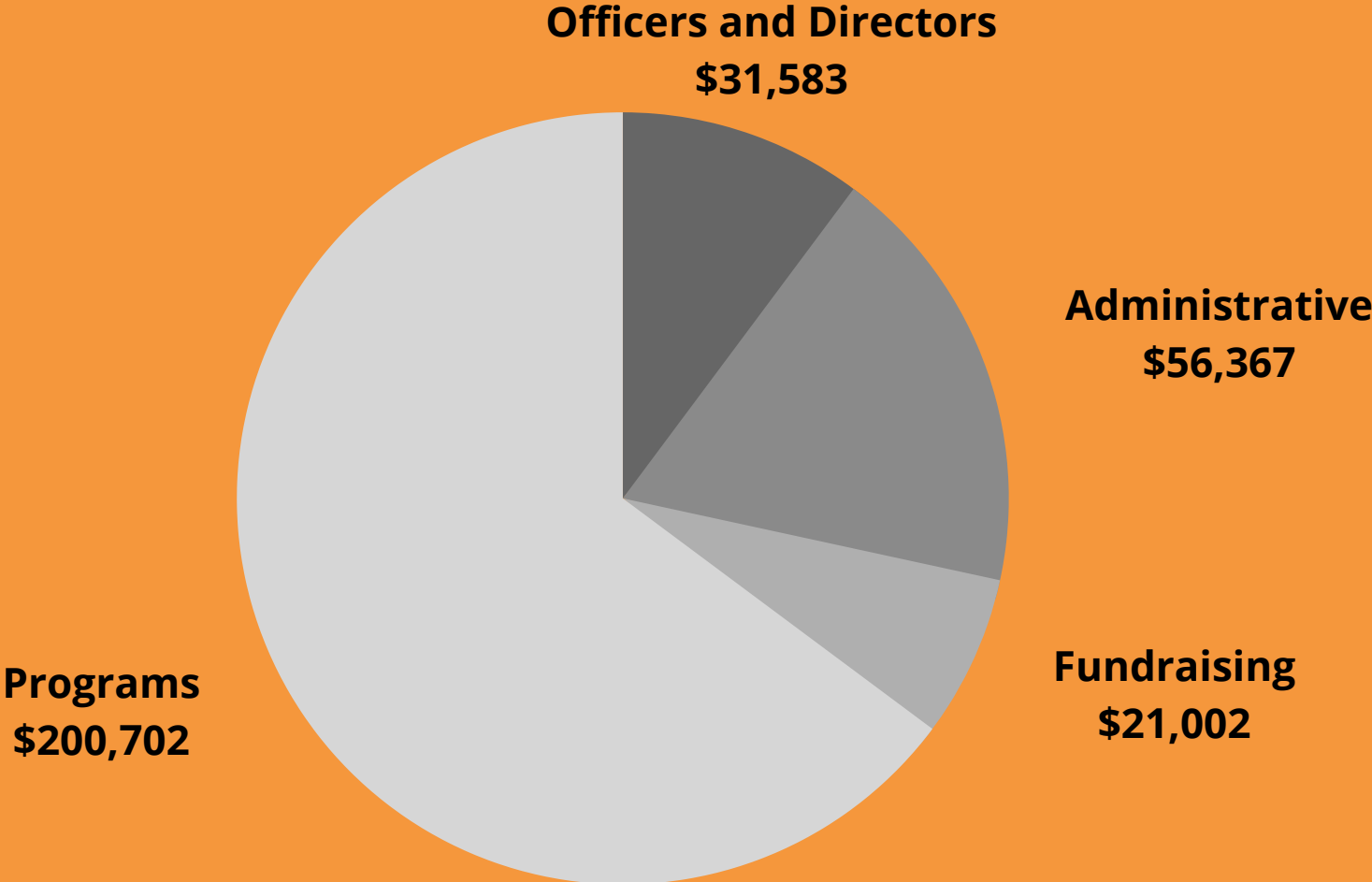
Income

\$263,269

**Total
Contributions**



Expenses



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Acknowledgements

We are extremely grateful for the partner churches, individuals, and our Identity Mission staff that strove all year in the endeavor to keep as many vulnerable children in families as possible.

147 New one-time donors in 2021

23 Joined the Identifiers, monthly partners, in 2021

3 New church partners in the United States in 2021

We thank you for working with us to put **churches** and **families** back into orphan care!

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