



STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2024 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MISSION

Casa Bernabé is a Christ-centered ministry, committed to the restoration of vulnerable children and families, breaking cycles of abuse, poverty and neglect to transform lives and transcend generations.

VISION

We seek to transform the lives of vulnerable children and families through a dignified standard of living, rooted in Biblical principals that foster the holistic development of productive individuals and stable families that will bless their communities and impact their nation.

Our strategic initiatives are aimed at optimizing our available resources and strengthening our existing departments and their programs.





According to statistics, as well as international opinion, Guatemala is considered the worst country in the world for a child to live.

6th highest child murder rate in the world

46.5% of children suffer from chronic hunger

78% of children are living below the poverty line

1 out of 4 people over the age of 15 are unable to read.

33% of children living in institutions are there because of poverty.

THE GOOD NEWS

Since it began in 1984, our children's home has been a place of safety and refuge for the children placed in our care. Within each of our 9 family units, children have the security of three daily meals, a warm, safe bed at night and the continuing care of loving adults. They get to experience, often for the very first time, what it means to live in a family. They are given the gift of an education, a vocation, and ultimately, the love of Christ and hope of a life beyond the walls of our children's home. The ministry has grown to include a school, medical clinic, vocational training, and post-placement care and support for the children.



Lives are being transformed as the ties of generation poverty and abuse are broken through family modeling and education.

CURRENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Children Living on Campus: 103

School Enrollment:

87 Casa Bernabe Students

205 Community Students

Young Adults In The Transitional Living Program: 8

Biological Families Served Through Families United:

85 Families

STRATEGIC PROJECTS

In an effort to create the optimum family and community environment for the children and families served by Casa Bernabé we have taken into consideration the necessary infrastructure for the different functions and programs that are part of the ministry. Having the proper infrastructure will allow for more effective cross-functionality between our ministries and programs.

Objectives

- 1.) To gradually obtain the necessary physical infrastructure that will allow us to properly function in regard to a ministry's needs (new construction, expansions, and improvements)
- 2.) To create and develop specific construction projects that will address the individual issues that have previously been detected within the ministry. We seek to become more self-sustaining as these completed projects aim to generate work opportunities for our young people that are coming out of Casa Bernabé and/or surrounding communities.

2019 - CURRENT PROJECTS

Remodeling of main building including roof and lobby area (2019) *TOTAL COST \$26,135*
STILL NEEDED \$26,135

Expansion and modification of the school building and educational administrative building, including soccer field with artificial grass (2019) *TOTAL COST \$326,470*
STILL NEEDED \$118,970

Casa Bernabe Christian school provides a quality education to the children and youth of our children's home as well as the surrounding community. In many cases, children from these families would not have the chance to receive any kind of formal education. Through education we have an opportunity to disrupt the poverty cycle. Our school, more than any other ministry, is having the greatest impact on our community.



architectural renderings of administrative buildings and classrooms

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Remodeling of the medical clinic building and play area (2020) \$12,694
- Solar panels to generate enough energy to power 100% of the exiting electrical needs of Casa Bernabe (2020) \$294,118
- Construction of a formal security checkpoint at Casa Bernabe's entrance (2021) \$23,735
- Bus stop for medical clinic (2021) \$22,084
- Construction of a greenhouse (2021) \$13,109
- Paving of road to the storage areas and housing using cobble (2022) \$27,983
- Construction of church/conference center for up to 1000 people (2023-2024) \$588,235

FUNDED PROJECTS

- Completion of cover for the main entrance (2018) FUNDED \$21,357
- Conceptual and architectural drawings for church/conference center for up to 1000 people (2018) FUNDED \$7,392
- Conceptual and architectural drawings for new classroom and administrative buildings (2018) FUNDED \$6,208
- Recreation/sensory therapy center for psychology department (2018) FUNDED \$18,400

Our desire is to shift the narrative; to help keep struggling families together, and break the cycle of abuse and poverty that we are seeing all too often.

As we seek to expand our existing infrastructure and strengthen our ministry, we recognize the need to properly support the on-going success of these programs. The increase in infrastructure will need to be matched by an increase in our general operating budget. In total, over the course of the next five years we have estimated a need to increase our general operating budget by 7.5% annually.

We are seeking long term partners who will commit to joining us in seeing the work completed and supported.

As we look to the future we see an expanded ministry that shines an ever increasing light into the surrounding community. Through continuing to develop the medical clinic, enlarging the school, and enriching our Families United and community programs we hope to provide some economic initiatives and training opportunities for children and their families.



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