

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



PARADISE BOUND
MINISTRIES

Adelso Cochojay

My name is Adelso Cochojay, and I am a living testimony that God is able to rescue, restore, and redeem a life that seems completely lost. For many years, my life was marked by pain, abandonment, and addiction. I never knew my biological parents and was raised in a home filled with abuse. I never experienced affection, encouragement, or the security of being loved. As a child, I was also introduced to alcohol, which later became a destructive stronghold in my life.

In 1996, I fell deeply into alcoholism. Over time, addiction consumed everything. For years I lived on the streets; sleeping under bridges, walking barefoot, searching through trash for food, and begging only to feed my addiction. I was deeply ashamed, but more than anything, I felt invisible and unloved. Many days, I no longer wanted to live. I believed the streets were my refuge, but they only led me deeper into despair. I had lost all hope and believed it was too late for my life to change.

But when everything seemed about to end, Jesus Christ met me.

In the year 2000, a Christian woman approached me on the street. She spoke to me about Jesus; not only with words, but with compassion and love in her eyes. For the first time, I felt seen and valued. I felt God's love reaching me through her. That day, I surrendered my life to Christ. In that moment, everything changed.

Jesus began filling the empty places in my soul. All of the loneliness, abandonment, and despair I had carried for years began to lose their power. I discovered that my life mattered; that I was deeply loved by God. He gave me new life and eternal hope.

God did not stop there. He began a process of restoration that continues to this day. At age 29, the Lord blessed me with my wife, and together we now have seven beautiful children. Today, by God's grace, I serve as a preacher of His Word and have the privilege of sharing the Gospel in communities and villages throughout Guatemala through Paradise Bound.

I share my testimony because I am living proof that evangelistic and missionary work among the homeless is worth every sacrifice. I am the fruit of one woman who obeyed God and dared to approach a broken man on the street. God sent her to the exact place, on the exact day, when my life was hanging by a thread.

Through Paradise Bound, we have seen God do the same in the lives of others; men and women who once felt hopeless now surrendering their lives to Christ. We have witnessed tears of repentance, restored dignity, new employment, clean clothes,



renewed joy, and hearts filled with peace that only Jesus can give. These transformations do not happen overnight, but they are real, lasting, and deeply rooted in the power of the Gospel.

Reaching the homeless requires patience, persistence, and love. Not everyone responds the first time. I did not. But planting the seed is never a waste. God works in His time, and the Holy Spirit brings growth. All the suffering I endured prepared me to understand the pain of those still trapped in addiction and despair. Now, when I stand before them and share the hope of Christ, I know that God allowed my past so that He could be glorified through my life, and so others could find freedom too.

I am deeply grateful for what the Lord has done and for this ministry that continues to bring His light to the darkest places. May God bless you for partnering in this work. Eternity will reveal the full impact of every life touched.

With gratitude and hope,

Adelso Cochojay
Pastor, Paradise Bound Ministries

Our Mission

“The mission of Paradise Bound is to continue the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. We accomplish this through His primary example of ministering to physical needs first, building relationships that earn trust and respect to those we serve, and, ultimately, the opportunity to present the Gospel.”



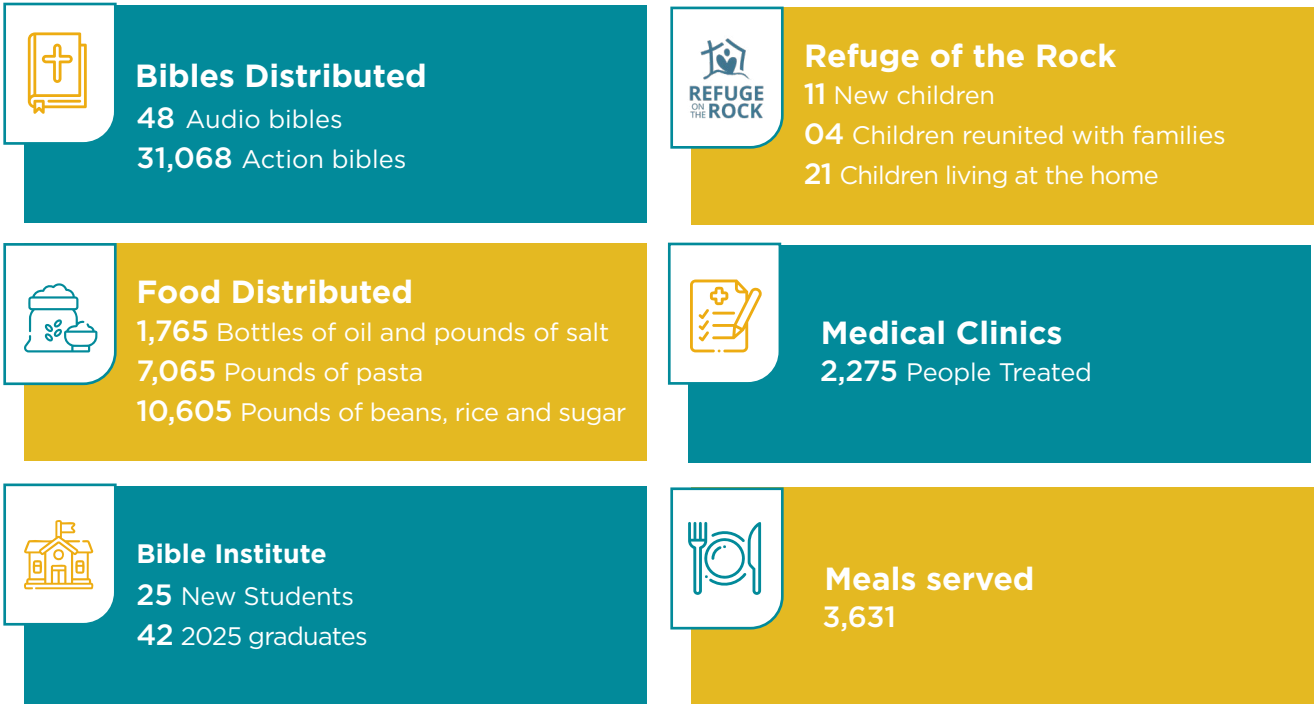
2025 Mission Teams



Villages built in:

El Desengaño, Santa Isabel, Bola de Oro, Cerro
Alto, Labor de Falla, La Reina, Santa Otilia, Parramos, Huehuetenango.

2025 Year-in-Review



HOPE in the Streets of Chimaltenango

For decades, Paradise Bound has faithfully traveled to some of the hardest-to-reach villages, meeting physical needs and sharing the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. God has blessed this work abundantly, but over the past year, He has been gently and clearly expanding our vision. In 2024, the Lord began revealing His heart for those much closer to home, our very neighbors in Chimaltenango who are living without shelter. Individuals we had driven past countless times became impossible to overlook as God stirred a deep desire within our team to respond with compassion and obedience.

This calling was deeply personal for many on the Paradise Bound staff. Several team members carry their own stories of hardship, brokenness, and redemption, testimonies of how Jesus met them in desperate places and transformed their lives.

Those stories, combined with the love of Christ,

compelled our team to step toward the unhoused population in our neighborhood. In January 2025, that calling turned into action. With the help of Team Green Lake Calvary, we set up a ministry tent near the busy marketplace, offering hot meals, clean clothing, worship, testimonies, and the Gospel. The response was powerful, and the impact far exceeded our expectations as God moved mightily among those who came. That day confirmed what we sensed the Lord was doing; He was inviting us to continue ministering in this neighborhood. Since then, our staff has faithfully organized ongoing outreach days, providing food, clothing, haircuts, and, most importantly, dignity, compassion, and hope in Jesus Christ. These moments of service have opened doors to meaningful relationships and have been reminders that every person is seen, valued, and deeply loved by their Heavenly Father.

“One major theme that’s really been hitting me in the time that I have been here, has been the idea that the whole world is the Lord’s. In Psalm 24 it says, ‘The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.’ We sang this song, Build Your Kingdom Here, and so many times I have sung that song in the States, and thought about what does that look like for the Lord’s Kingdom to come and change what the United States looks like. But it was really powerful to be singing that song again, that same prayer, the same message, but to realize that I am singing that for Guatemala, ‘Lord, would You bring Your Kingdom here.’ And that looks different, but in the same sense, it’s unified, it’s the same Kingdom coming.”

Jonathan, Team Triad Christian Fellowship





“As people of God... if we have received God’s love and His love has treated us well, then we can give that very same love to those who need it.”

Pablo, Administrator, Guatemala

January 2026

An offer of prayer and a simple meal opened the door for Team Hudsonville Reformed to share the Gospel on the streets of Chimaltenango this past January. The large white tents, now a familiar and hope-filled presence at the livestock market, welcomed many to gather for worship, fellowship, and a hot meal shared among friends.

As the team sang the final song of worship, the words rang out across the city: “Hope has a name, and His name is Jesus.” Team Hudsonville carried the light of Christ into the streets, offering not only physical nourishment but the enduring hope found in Him alone.

We continue to seek new and meaningful ways to serve the unhoused population in our neighborhood, and we are deeply grateful for the mission teams who have partnered with us in these outreaches over the past year. Together, we are witnessing lives touched and hearts transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.

God is moving, and His global Church is alive.

Just as we are witnessing renewal and revival across the United States, we are seeing the same movement of the Holy Spirit in Guatemala. People are coming into relationship with Jesus in remarkable ways, and it is humbling to witness how God continues to draw hearts to Himself.





The work that God is doing through Paradise Bound is not a collection of isolated stories, but a single story of redemption. It is the story of a God who meets people where they are, transforms lives through the Gospel, and invites His Church to participate in His work.

Serving in Guatemala has given me a deeper understanding of what it means to belong to God's global Church. Jesus did not ask one person to reach all nations; He entrusted that mission to His Church together. Guatemala is only a small part of the world, but it is where God has sent us: to love the people He loves, to walk with them, and to faithfully share the Good News.

One of the greatest gifts of this work is witnessing the Church expressed in ways that stretch and refine us. Our assumptions about worship, ministry, and evangelism often feel small when we encounter believers who cry out to the Lord with sincere hearts, who worship with abandon, and who cling to Jesus with deep faith. In those moments, it becomes impossible to deny the work of the Holy Spirit.

My prayer is that you would see not only the impact of ministry, but the heart of God behind it all; a God who is redeeming, restoring, and building His Church across cultures and communities. Thank you for being part of this mission, and for joining us in what God is doing in Guatemala and beyond.

With gratitude,

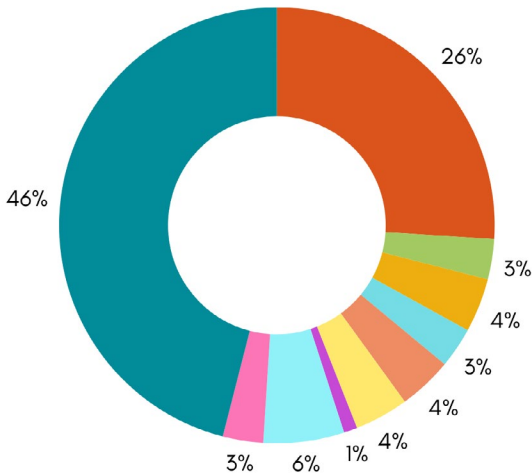
Tessa Langeland
Director of Spiritual Formation

Donations for Fiscal Year 2025

Paradise Bound Thrift Shoppe	\$ 224,990.00
Business Support	\$ 394,194.00
Church Partners	\$ 470,402.00
Individual Donors	\$ 1,348,155.00
TOTAL	\$2,437,741.00

Program Spending Summary

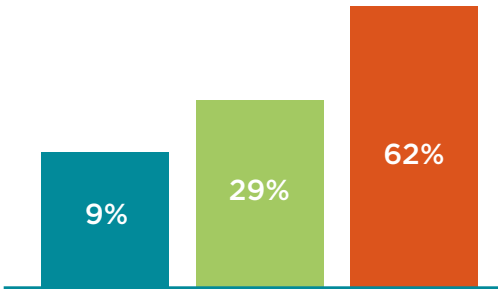
- Staff Salaries 26%
- Payroll Taxes 3%
- Building and Grounds 4%
- Utilities 0%
- Travel 3%
- Automobile 4%
- Professional Services 4%
- Administrative 1%
- Marketing 6%
- Depreciation 3%
- Direct Porgram Services 46%



Total \$1,893, 000.00

Fundraising, Management, & General

- 62% Management & General
- 29% Program Services
- 9% Fundraising



Total \$427,000.00

	2023	2024	2025
Revenue	\$ 2,454,874.00	\$2,809,964.00	\$2,437,741.00
Expenses	\$ 2,107,076.00	\$2,345,641.00	\$2,320,578.00
Excess	\$347,798.00	\$464,323.00	\$117,163.00
Total Assets	\$3,115,733.00	\$3,573,610.00	\$3,750,553.00
Total Liabilities	\$45,072.00	\$38,626.00	\$28,834.50
Net Assets	\$3,070,661.00	\$3,534,984.00	\$3,721,718.50

2025 financial data is from the end-of-year financial statement prior to audit.

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