

REFUGEE

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND
STRENGTH, AN EVER-PRESENT
HELP IN TROUBLE. PSALM 46:1

2020
SUMMARY OF
MINISTRIES
& 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



PARACLETE
mission group



OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH

Greetings,

In recent years, our Summary of Ministries has reviewed the past year as an example of things to come. That's impossible now, because of dramatic changes we have seen on a global scale. We noticed the theme of God's refuge and haven in 2019 reports that came in early 2020. When most of the world went into lockdown because of the COVID-19 pandemic, refuge became more important than ever.

You'll see photos and read stories here that remind us of a world that disappeared in a time of social distancing. Yet it's not activity that defines Paraclete's come-alongside ministry. God Himself is the refuge that our associates offer. That will not change. He is the refuge, the power and the comfort that makes all the difference.

How Paraclete ministry is delivered in 2020 is quite distinct from what you'll see here. Coming alongside while social distancing takes creativity and courage. And your ministry of giving, praying and encouraging this work is transformed by his Spirit into the very refuge of God that the world so desperately needs in these uncertain times.

Together in the work,

Blessings,

Glen Volkhardt, CEO
Colorado Springs, May 2020



THE BUTTERFLY HUG

Serving Indonesia with Relief and Healing



The Indonesian mountain called Cyclops has been a "fortress of strength" in the backyard of Paraclete Associate Jacinda Basinger's home for much of her life. "Now when I look at it, I feel vulnerable," said Basinger, (pictured left), who grew up in Indonesia and is now a counselor and administrator for the Christian school, Sekolah Papua Harapan (Papuan School of Hope). "That night, all of a sudden, it felt like what I tended to look at as something sure, was really something fragile."

That rainy night—March 16, 2019—the flood and landslide from Cyclops narrowly missed her own home and blasted through homes of neighbors, co-workers, students and friends. Her own family—parents, siblings, their spouses and kids—also live on the edge of the flood zone.

"In the wee hours of the morning I heard a booming sound different than thunderstorm—more eerie and deep," she wrote on Facebook, where she chronicled the natural disaster and its aftermath with photos of ruins, somber selfies in the dark during night watches, and then the SPH school community bringing relief and care. "Our phones flashed with incessant updates," she wrote. " 'My house is flooding.' 'The road outside is a river.' 'Does anyone know how X is doing?' 'We are praying.'"

Helena Tabuni, SPH's physical education teacher, was out walking when the flood overtook the area. She managed to flee to safety, but watched as "many people ran, yelling, and some didn't make it."

The community, including some tied to SPH—a school from preschool through high school with a vision to train the next generation of Papuan leaders—lost over 100 people, with 10,000 more displaced. Those who could sprang into action, helping with medical, housing and food needs.



THE BUTTERFLY HUG

(Continued)

"It was really overwhelming to be in the midst of a disaster zone because these were my neighbors and my friends and my family," Basinger said. "It affected my own family, as well as my own physical needs at home. I also so desperately wanted to help because these are people that I know, and I love."

After initial physical needs were met, Basinger began training her staff and parents in how to address the psychological and spiritual effects from their trauma. "There's a (wrong) belief that if there's a great disaster and you're saved from it, and other people died, other people are sinners, and you're not because you are a righteous person," explained Femi Susanti Boki, another SPH teacher.

Discussing a biblical worldview and using the Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing bilateral stimulation "butterfly hug,"

group trauma healing, and listening to stories, Basinger and her staff, including Boki and Tabuni, helped the children feel heard, safe and capable of healing from the trauma. It helped that the school already had a relational culture, Boki explained, in which teachers care about the students, sit and eat lunch with them and intentionally disciple them. "One of the ways to help with the trauma is to listen to people, to help them speak," Boki said of Basinger's training.

"That's the key to trauma recovery, being able to tell our stories and feel those feelings that seem like they're going to crush us," Basinger said. "But if we can experience them in a safe, controlled environment instead of the wild uncontrolled reality in which we felt them, then we can start to release the trauma that's trapped in our minds and our bodies. As I look back on the year, we're more aware of our fragility. We're more aware that each day is a gift to be used to love and serve others."



Associate Ken Van Kirk not only offers medical treatment but also prays with patients in Mexico.



Paraclete Associates Ken Van Kirk and Miguel Aguirre.

SAFE REFUGE, SHALOM PEACE

Bond Servant Ministry Cultivates Christ's Hope in Mexico

How do a couple of church planters, a teacher, and a doctor create safe places in the world? By building bridges—and lots of them.

Through the Mexican-based ConSiervos (Bond Servant) ministry, Paraclete Associates Miguel and Becky Aguirre and Ken and Ruth Van Kirk mobilize Mexican medical and technical personnel and train them in missions practices. These trained deacon-type missionaries are then better prepared to meet not just practical needs in disadvantaged communities, but also handle the demands of doing it cross-culturally with the Gospel in mind.

"I really see the need for a more complete team, encouraging people to use what God has given them to offer a more holistic community," said Becky Aguirre, trained as a teacher. The two couples help to connect these workers—nurses, future pilots, mechanics, etc.—with traditional mission teams of church planters and Bible translators.

"Mexico still has some unreached people groups, because of the mountains," said Miguel Aguirre, a long-time church planter, originally

from Venezuela. "Church planting teams used to be all foreigners." "Mexicans want to be part of the Great Commission," added Becky Aguirre. "Latin Americans bring value of family, community, passion, hard work and flexibility. But a lot are sent out independently, which brings challenges."

Cross-cultural service—whether in indigenous regions of Mexico or in other parts of the world—can be lonely for these family-centric Latin Americans. Team conflict can add to the isolation. Educating Mexican churches of these continuing personal needs is another important bridge to helping these Bond Servant missionaries feel connected.

"The whole idea of living life in community is that it reflects Jesus, it extends the Gospel, but it also brings that safe haven, shalom peace," said doctor and church planter Ken Van Kirk.

To read more about the specifics of what Latin Americans bring to missions and how Bond Servant ministry is coming alongside them, visit Paraclete's website: www.paraclete.net.

87 ASSOCIATES

2

10,775
TAUGHT



198
CHURCHES SERVED



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19

LANGUAGES
SPOKEN

115

MINISTRY SPECIALTIES



1

9

25



BOARDS
ON WHICH WE SERVED

+

REFUGE FOR TEACHING

“We can praise the Lord that I have had the privilege, as a Paraclete associate, of teaching and equipping all these... students in church planting, missions and evangelism issues since the year 2000.” - Southeast Asia

209
ORGANIZATIONS
SERVED

MOST USED SPECIALTIES

MENTORING - ENCOURAGEMENT
COACHING - MEMBER CARE
PASTOR CARE & COUNSELING



AVG. YEARS
OF MISSION
SERVICE

67

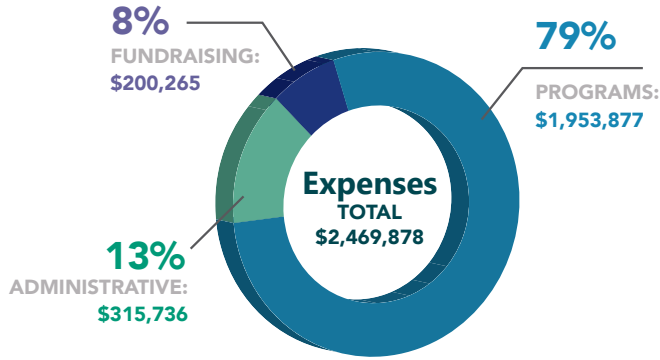


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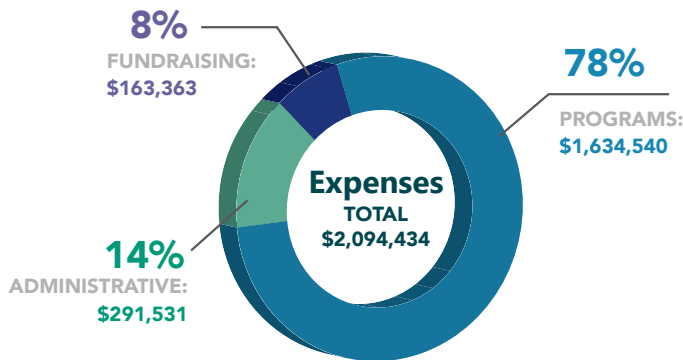
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Financial Highlights

2019
Income
\$2,719,061
99.5% DONATIONS



2018
Income
\$2,209,134
99.6% DONATIONS



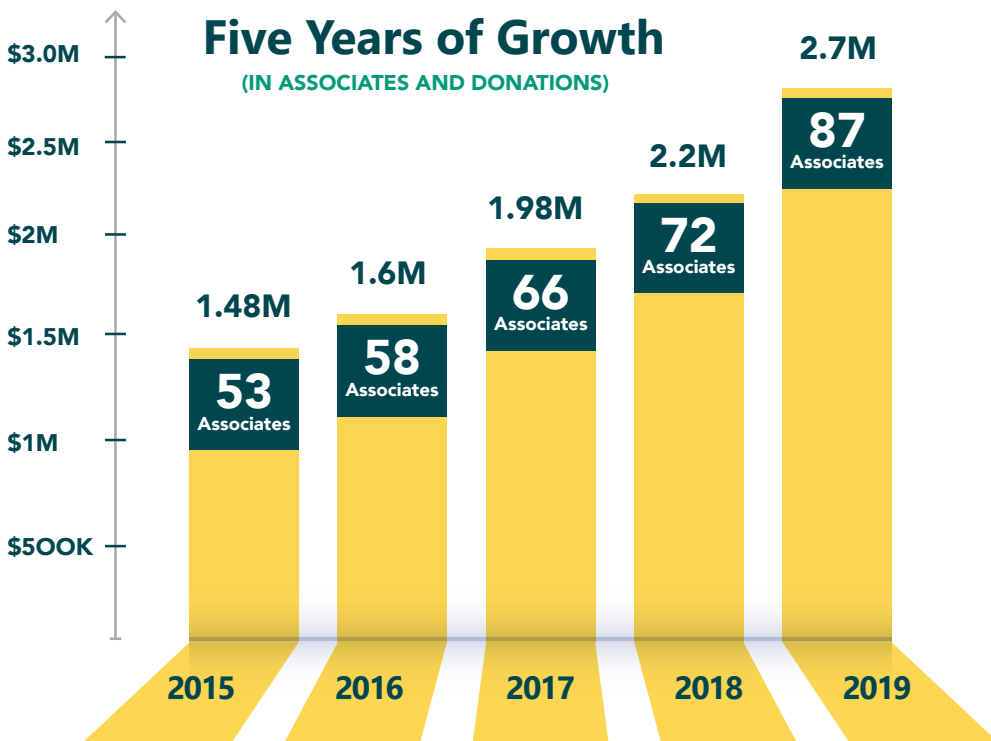
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REFUGE FOR MENTORING

"You are such a caring person that you even make me feel I am your daughter. You are the best colleague that anyone could ask for to work with... I have never known you to judge, instead you always give a second chance at work and in your Christian mentorship. I have a lot to thank God for about you." - Ethiopia

WHOEVER DWELLS IN THE SHELTER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL REST IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY. I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, "HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS, MY GOD, IN WHOM I TRUST." PSALM 91:1-2



OUR MISSION

Paraclete's mission is to come alongside Christian leaders around the world. We give priority to those with limited resources, those who work with unreached peoples, and those who reach people who are often overlooked.

OUR VISION

Paraclete's vision is a flourishing global Church served by faithful, effective leaders.

OUR VALUES

The mission and vision are shaped by Paraclete's values:

SERVANTHOOD
HEART FOR THE NATIONS
ACTION WITH REFLECTION
RESPECT
EXCELLENCE WITH INTEGRITY

REFUGE FOR LEADERSHIP

"IT IS A TRUE BLESSING TO BE IN MINISTRY. THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN ME."



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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**"WHAT A HEART YOU
HAVE FOR OUR GROWTH
AND MATURITY.**

Thank you for the many ways you
have walked with us."

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