



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER January 2022

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A Video update from Peru!

I recently received this video from Jorge Cotrina, one of our missionaries in Peru. While nothing is normal in this day and age, one constant is the time and energy

that the Equipo De Suenos Team (The Dream Team) put into impacting the lives of their fellow Peruvians.

By the Numbers...

- Isaiah Projects currently supports **5** feeding programs in Peru that feeds over **800** children each week.
- On average **40** prisoners in Cozumel, Mexico attend a weekly bible study run by David, a missionary we support each month.



- We are privileged to support **10** pastors working in Camaguey, Cuba and the surrounding region.
- The Isaiah Projects Board of Directors approved a budget of **\$204,502** to support the missionaries and programs that we currently run in Cuba, Guatemala, Mexico, and Peru. We are confident that God will provide these resources and any others necessary to continue the work that we are called to.

- The cocoa farm we have on our property in Puerto Maldonado, Peru boasts over **5000** cocoa trees. This year we anticipate a large harvest with the initiative turning a profit for the first time. Any funds generated will be turned back into the home.

Introducing our ministry in Cozumel, Mexico



Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Isaiah 58:7

Casa Ben is a multi-faceted ministry initiative launching by Isaiah Projects in 2021 and headed up by Kevin and Faye Kitzman in memory of their son Ben, who died tragically in a car accident in 2020. The primary focus of the initiative is to reach out to neglected, abandoned or under-privileged children on the island of Cozumel, Mexico. In its current form the initiative has three main focuses:

Feeding Program: This, along with all of our ministry activity, is run in conjunction with Waves of Grace Church. On Sunday after service and then twice in the week during youth events, children come together to have fun, share food and fellowship.



Prison Ministry: 40 prisoners come together for bible study, food and fellowship each week. It is a place where these men receive a message of hope. Many of the families of the inmates who are awaiting trial have nothing and it is through Casa Ben that they receive food and care packages.

Food Pantry: In January Casa Ben launched a pantry where those in need can come to receive food and much needed toiletries. Currently about 25 food bags are handed out each week. The bags are provided based on need; when a family finds a way to provide for themselves a new family is taken off the waiting list to start to receive support.



A message from the Executive Director

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Isaiah Projects monthly newsletter, I hope that you find it informative. I have committed this year to produce a monthly update highlighting what is going on in the mission field with our amazing, hard-working, sold out for God, missionary partners. Each month I hope to give you not only a

snapshot of what is going on in general, but also to highlight one area of our ministry in more depth so that you, our faithful donors and supporters can see how we are making a difference in the world. If you have suggestions or comments that you would like to share about this newsletter or any other aspect of our ministry I would love to hear from you at alan@isaiahprojects.com

As we enter 2022 I wanted to take a moment to look back at 2021. It was not an easy year as travel restrictions meant another 12 months without the possibility of teams travelling to work in the field. I am often asked when teams will be able to go back to the countries we love and my response is simply this: "as soon as I can guarantee that I can get a team both to and from a country safely we will send teams again." I have not given up hope that that could happen in 2022 but this is very unlikely until at least the fall. In the meantime we will continue to financially support our ministry partners in Cuba, Cozumel, Guatemala, and various sites in Peru. I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our donors in 2021. As a result of your generosity we were able to fully fund the work of all of our missionaries throughout last year. Also, a special thank you to those who responded to our year end appeal. In December I indicated that I felt the ministry needed to raise \$30,000 to ensure that we went into 2022 on a firm financial footing. It was overwhelming to see a response that saw more than \$53,000 donated in the last three weeks of the year. Because of your generosity our board of directors have confidently approved a budget for 2022 in excess of \$204,500.

I want to make you aware of some changes that we made to our administrative functions in 2021. In September Isaiah Projects migrated to a new database management system that is far more intuitive and automated than our previous one. It also happens to be cheaper than our old system which is an added bonus. The new system has meant that I have been able to sent out 2021 tax receipts via email to all but 15 of our donors for whom we do not have an email address. Their receipt will be mailed out shortly. This automation has saved both time and money, as has our shift in merchant service provider. If you have not yet received your tax receipt or you believe there is an error in its production please let me know and I will follow up with you to correct the situation.

In closing, may I wish you the best in all things for this year and may God continue to bless you as you bless others through Isaiah Projects

Warmly,

Alan

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