

"Waiting for Our Blessed Hope"

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Vision

We see healthy churches,
actively growing in holistic mission.

Mission

We facilitate opportunities of growth
and collaboration for churches and
para-church organizations in order to
serve them and to strengthen them in
holistic mission for the advancement
of the Kingdom of God,
locally as well as globally.



Words from the Director

Beloved brothers & sisters in Christ,

We began the year 2019 with hope. In spite of adverse predictions, we decided to move forward with our hands on the plow and also to take time to celebrate. The trainings and mentorship programs continued working with more than 90 churches in the cities of León, Chinandega and Managua. During the final part of the year, we celebrated our 20th anniversary.

More than 500 friends participated in the celebration events in Managua and Pella, Iowa. They were very lively events in which we were strengthened through the embrace and presence of pastors and participating leaders of programs, volunteers and collaborators of previous years, and many other actors throughout our 20-year history as we “Waited in the blessed hope.” Many of the participants at the celebrations showed their appreciation through lovingly giving offerings for this ministry.

After the beautiful celebrations, however, as we look forward, the reality is intimidating. The social, economic and political systems, both local and global, generate more and more uncertainty and challenge the efforts of churches to announce and promote the fullness of life that God wants for us all. Even so, we desire to continue.

We have redefined our vision and mission and what we will do to achieve them. We have articulated a new strategic plan with goals and objectives. It is clear that there are no tools or technology available that can help us face a world increasingly more disintegrated and unconnected from Gods’ purposes. In 2020 we take up the journey of placing our faith solely in the powerful truth that God is the one who makes everything new and does this through placing authority on his children.

Thank you for willingly accompanying us during this new year as we stay attuned to the work of God among us, and that we would be filled with the abundance of his Holy Spirit.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

Hultner Estrada
Executive Director



Prepared to Serve

Henry Baldelomar is thirteen years old. He is a youth from the city of León who loves his two cats. He is super dynamic and is one of the best students in his class.

A few months ago, however, he didn't like to help. He thought only about himself, and he liked to be at the center of everything and be the best in everything. But Henry has made great changes. Since he joined the Impact Club at the Ark of Salvation Church, he has been learning to serve others. "I would like to one day be a leader of an Impact Club, and so I have been preparing for the moment they call me to serve."

In December 2019 he made the decision to be baptized, and now he loves to serve God by helping others. "Today I help other classmates when they don't understand something about the class, I also take time for them, I listen to them and share with them... I feel that I am different, I feel a lot of love for people and have a deep feeling to help them in what they need," Henry told us.



Program Impact

1870

people attended to directly through spaces of formation and mentorship.

95

Churches represented in Leon, Chinandega and Managua.

9

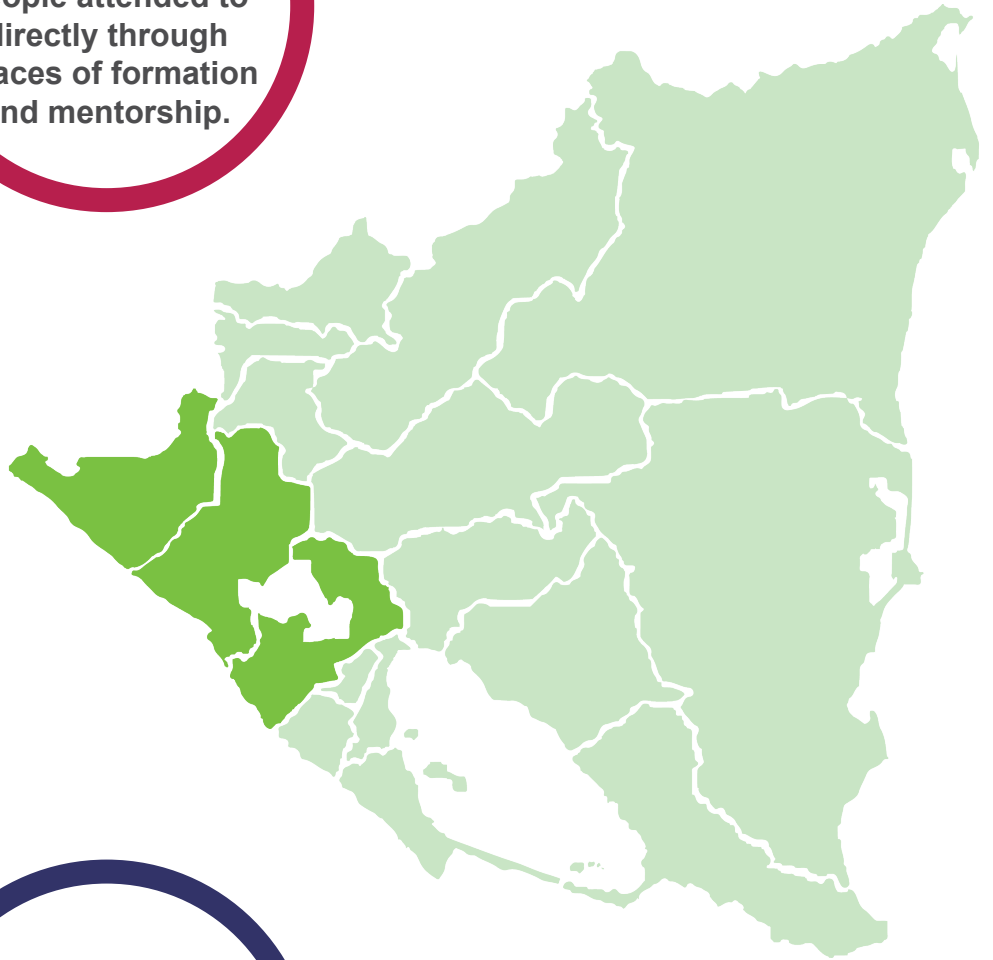
Non-profit Organizations

24

geographic communities.

140+

families benefited from community service projects.





500+
people



*Do you want to
be my friend?*





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Better Stewards

Eliezer Josué Quiroz, has been a pastor for more than eighteen years, he is married, and has two children in university. He says that his family wasted money a lot. They didn't adjust their expenses to cover all of their needs. He also mentioned that his perspective was selfish and his wife did not participate in the decision making. Only he made decisions.

Since he started attending the workshops of the Good Sense Course, things have taken a huge turn."Now I involve my wife, and I make a budget. We have even improved our communication as partners," he testifies. Eliezer says they now manage their budget together, and they have already made progress on some family projects such as replacing the floor to their kitchen.

All this has filled their lives with satisfaction because they are now have better administration of their money.



Program Highlights



45 people participated in "Replenish" retreats.

54 preachers strengthened in effective preaching.



163 people have a better knowledge of personal finances.

130+ people committed to the peaceful fellowship of their surroundings.



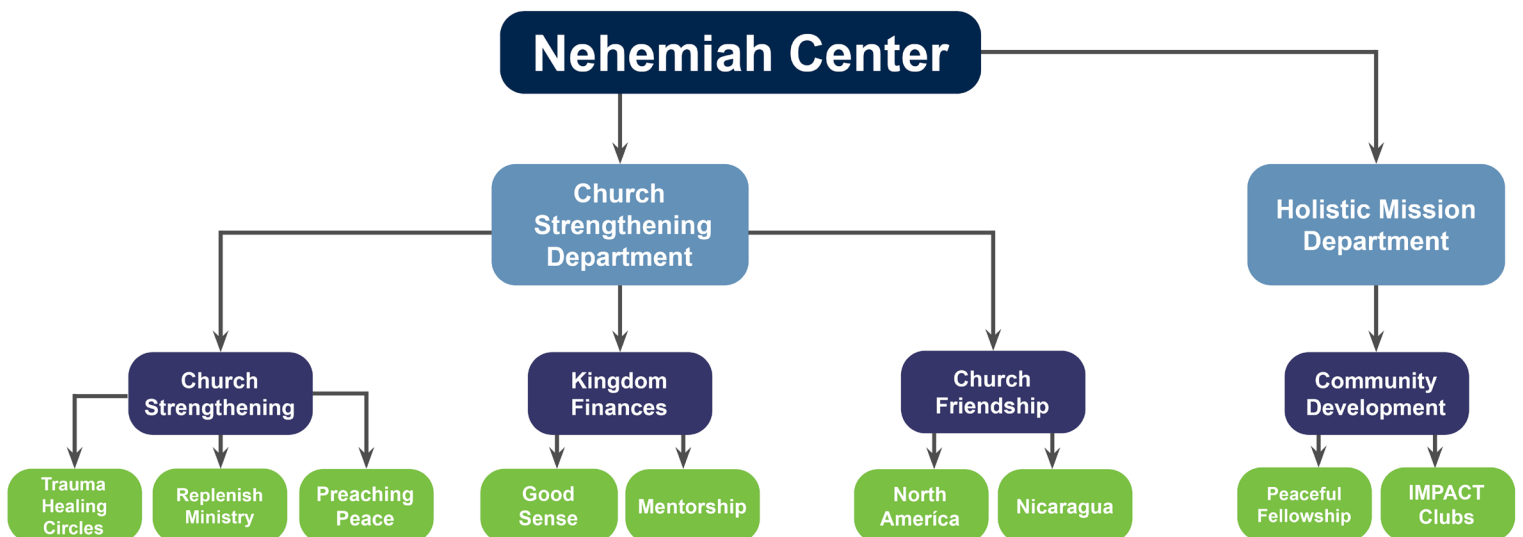
330+ people on the journey to healing the wounds of their heart.
47 facilitators certified in Trauma Healing Circles.

14 North American and Nicaragua churches strengthen their friendships.



13 churches shared their pastoral dreams with the Nehemiah Center.

120 youth in Leon and Chinendega serving their communities through IMPACT Clubs.



Replenish the Soul

“In the presence of my fellow pastors, I apologized to my wife, María Concepción Reyes, for failing her by not hanging out with her and not spending quality time with her.”

With these words Pastor Oscar Moreno of the Tabernacle of Holiness church, sealed a resolution of change in his treatment with his wife. His participation in a retreat called “Replenish,” organized for the circle of Friendship Churches of Acahualinca, had impacted his heart.

The “Replenish” retreats are designed exclusively to refresh the hearts of pastors, so they can continue to lead from a healthy soul. Among other topics, it focuses on rest and taking care of the personal relationship with God and with the family.

Upon returning from this retreat, Pastor Moreno took advantage of a meeting to make this promise: “I intend to be more loving and go out one day a week with my wife, starting with this Friday.” One of his sons recorded his words with his cellphone, and the pastors encouraged him with his decision.

A week later, Pastor Moreno sent photos of himself and his wife spending time together in a mall and eating delicious food.

Oscar added that a fellow pastor advised them: “The church is going to continue (eternally), but you’re not, and so it’s better to take advantage of time with the family, now. Both Oscar and his wife María Concepción are now more committed to caring for their family.



Financial Highlights

Programs

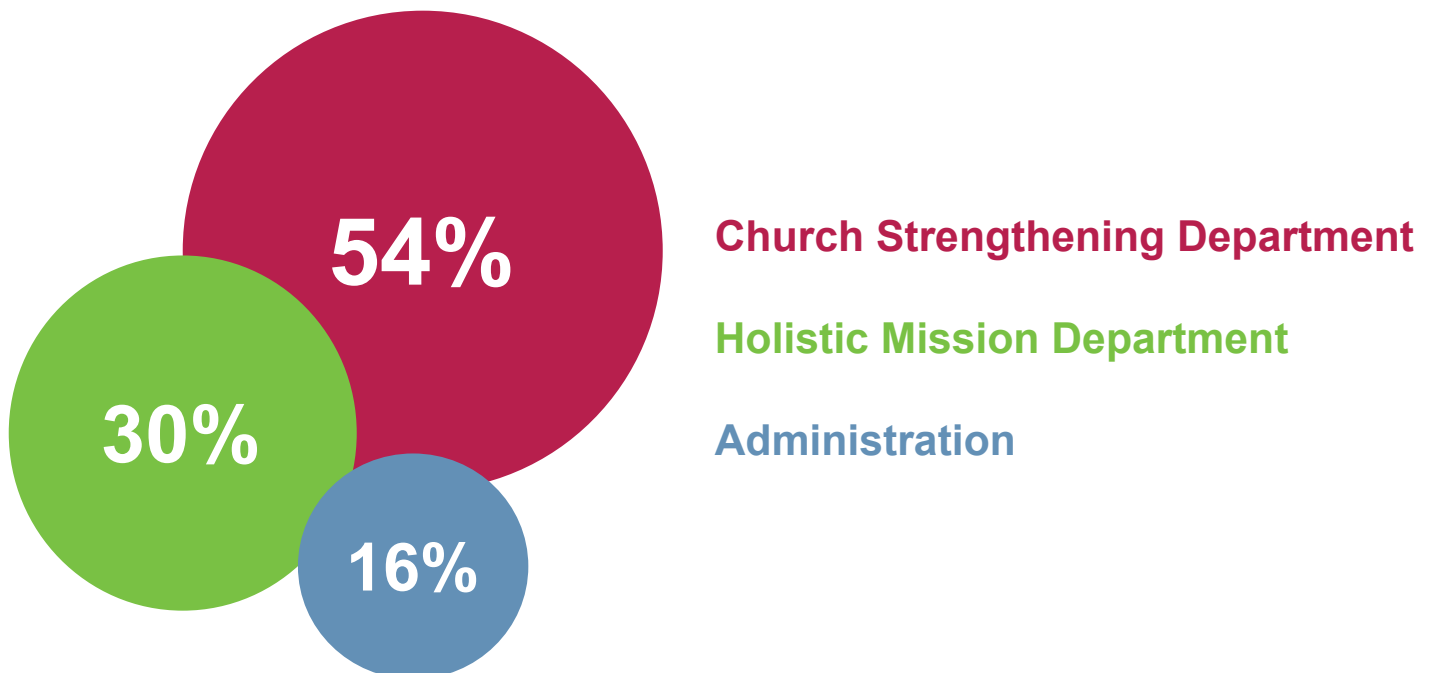
2019 Income

US \$133,058



2019 Expenses

US \$133,058



Finding light in the midst of darkness

María Teresa Calderón is 35 years old, with two children. She is a very cheerful and helpful person. María Teresa has known the Nehemiah Center for about three years and participated in the “Restorative Practices” course. Before starting this course, she was depressed, and it is for this reason that she shares her story with us. “My relationship with God was wrong, I felt discouraged, and stagnant; however, since the first meeting, I have been encouraged, and I realized the responsibilities I was avoiding, both in my spiritual and family life,” Maria Teresa said.

She was in a situation where she did not know what to do, and she felt stuck, and she did not look at the light in the midst of so many difficulties. At just that time the trainings arrived. “I would like to help others, just as they have helped me. The Nehemiah Center is an organization that brings courses on topics that are relevant to the reality we live in. I feel very blessed by their help,” she added.

We thank God for the restoration of Maria Teresa. We ask that the Lord continue to accompany her in the leadership at the Ark of Salvation church in the city of León where Maria Teresa attends church.



Meet the Team 2019



“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Titus 2: 11-14



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