



On the Move!

Unlocking Opportunities for More Youth in 2022



2021 YEAR-END APPEAL

ON THE MOVE ...

Helping more youth achieve life turnarounds.

Karla grew up in an abusive home environment. At 11 years old, she'd suffered more than she could take and ran away from home. For the next five years, Karla lived on the streets until she was arrested and locked up in a Salvadoran juvenile detention center.

The Orphan Helpers team of Alicia, Esther, and Johana loved and supported Karla during her nine years of incarceration. They counseled her, prayed with her, and encouraged her. Now released, Karla is thankful for the love and guidance that she received then and that she receives now in her transition to adulthood.

"From the moment I left prison, Orphan Helpers staff has been with me, motivating me to do something positive with my life. They are helping me restore broken relationships. They gave me a scholarship and I'm able to attend university, working on a degree in graphic design. They helped me set my goals, and continue with me every step of the way as I work to achieve my goals. Every day I am growing spiritually and I am grateful to Orphan Helpers and to God for the opportunity I have been given," Karla says.



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Diego, 23, is accomplishing what once seemed impossible. He grew up with his mother and four siblings in a one-bedroom shanty made of plywood and sheet metal. His father abandoned the family when Diego was young. His mother cleaned and ironed for other families to earn enough just to survive. As a teenager, Diego hung around a group of rough boys and broke the law. He was arrested, sentenced, and served nearly three years behind bars in juvenile detention.

"Before my arrest, I attended church, but never committed my life to Christ. I only went to church because my cousin wanted me to go with her," Diego recalls. "After my arrest, I knew more deeply that God wanted to change me. At this point, I wanted to let Him in my life. So, I began attending the Orphan Helpers leadership course behind bars, which changed the path of my life. I learned how to get along with other people, and I learned that the Orphan Helpers teachers were always there for me. I really began to open up to them about my life. Through this process, God transformed me."

Now, Diego is back home living with his mom. He's a key leader in his local church where he preaches, participates in prayer groups, and volunteers on weekends. He's also studying at a local university where he's on track to earn his degree in business administration in just another year and a half. After graduation, he plans to start a small business. Diego is grateful to Orphan Helpers' teachers and donors for pointing him to Christ and supporting him in pursuit of his goals!



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ON THE MOVE ...

Working with more youth behind bars.

When teenagers are locked up, they are angry, alone and unsure where to turn. Orphan Helpers' teachers share the hope of Jesus with incarcerated youth and invite them to participate in the Success Academy. The Success Academy is the foundation of our work! Our tailored curriculum includes an in-depth faith study called "New Life in Christ", valuable job-readiness and life skills, practical vocational training, and an entrepreneurship bootcamp.

Accomplishments in 2021

- 43** incarcerated youth were baptized behind bars in front of their peers. That totals 283 youth who have boldly and publicly declared their faith inside the prison walls through baptism since 2016.
- 27** incarcerated youth completed entrepreneurship bootcamp and developed business plans for new ventures such as honey production, poultry farming, and bakery products.
- 119** incarcerated youth graduated from our Success Academy inside nine juvenile detention centers across Honduras and El Salvador. Since the launch of the Success Academy six years ago, *854 incarcerated youth have graduated now.*



All classrooms were equipped with banners describing the Success Academy core values for students to learn and memorize in their daily studies.

Goals in 2022

Increase the number of new business plan presentations from youth completing the entrepreneurship bootcamp.

Create more learning opportunities for incarcerated Academy graduates who desire additional training in faith and leadership development.

Anticipate the 1,000th graduate of the Success Academy will receive his or her certificate.



ON THE MOVE ...

Guiding more youth after release.

When young men and women are released from juvenile detention, Orphan Helpers' coaches mentor them outside the prison walls. The Success Coaches meet youth in the dangerous neighborhoods where many of the youth live. They guide them in decisions about education or entrepreneurial opportunities. They help them develop long-range plans and short-term goals.

Accomplishments in 2021

182 released Academy graduates received regular follow-up services from Success Coaches.

44 youth participated in the first year of "Work for Success", 29 of them working towards goals in education and 15 pursuing entrepreneurship goals.



Orphan Helpers launched the **"Work for Success"** program to assist released Academy graduates in achieving their education and entrepreneurial goals.



Goals in 2022

Double the number of youth supported in their education and entrepreneurship pursuits through "Work for Success".

Assist more youth in earning skilled trades certificates so they are ready to work.

Expand the team of Success Coaches so more youth can receive transitional services after release.



ON THE MOVE ...

Expanding to reach more youth across the Northern Triangle.

People living in the Northern Triangle of Central America – Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala – face significant challenges from crime and violence to high unemployment to lack of education. While Orphan Helpers has served in Honduras and El Salvador for 20 years, challenges arose whenever expansion to Guatemala was considered. In God's timing, doors are opening now to begin work there. It started when a Guatemalan Juvenile Court official heard a presentation in Honduras about Orphan Helpers' mission and advocated for us in her country. After meeting with more Guatemalan government leaders, we received an official invitation to start work in a juvenile detention center for girls.



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& mike**

Accomplishments in 2021

Guatemalan Country Director Juan Colmenares was hired. His deep experience in international project management, church partnerships, and youth ministry will help guide our expansion work. Juan has worked in Guatemala for top faith-based organizations like International Justice Mission (IJM), Compassion International, and Healing Waters International.

A top Central American law firm agreed to work pro bono to get Orphan Helpers officially registered in Guatemala.

A Christian foundation offered to provide office space, administrative help, and other start-up resources as we begin work.

Goals in 2022

Sending the Schuitema family to Central America. Orphan Helpers' Program Director Andrea Schuitema and her husband Mike are answering their heart's calling from God. She will begin working from Guatemala starting in January 2022. Andrea has a passion for and a background in cross-cultural missions, education, Spanish language studies, and helping youth. Her full-time work on the frontlines will position Orphan Helpers more effectively to coordinate curriculum, lead staff development, and implement reentry and aftercare services across all three countries.

Recruit and hire teachers to work with incarcerated and released youth.

Launch work behind bars in Guatemala juvenile detention centers.



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ON THE MOVE ...

Through your support!

As we look back and celebrate what the Lord has done in 2021, we look forward to new opportunities for impacting more young lives in 2022. In a nutshell...

Orphan Helpers is ***on the move!***

To fuel this growth in 2022, Orphan Helpers has set a goal to raise **\$300,000** in year-end giving between Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2021.

Your gift will ...

- **Provide** life skills, Bible studies, and job-readiness training to more youth behind bars
- **Give** education and entrepreneurial opportunities to more released youth seeking a brighter future
- **Expand** the mission to Guatemala to impact more young lives

Ways you can give today ...

Mail a gift to: Orphan Helpers, 727 J Clyde Morris Blvd, Suite D, Newport News, VA 23601

Give online at www.orphanhelpers.org

Donate appreciated stock and never pay capital gains tax on the appreciated value. Contact your financial advisor or call our office at (757) 722-6940.

Contribute directly from your IRA account. For those 70 ½ years and older, contributions up to \$100,000 are tax-free.



Orphan Helpers is deeply committed to operating with integrity and transparency. We take seriously the trust you place in us to make sure your gifts have the greatest impact in the lives of incarcerated and recently released youth.

In 2021, America's largest independent non-profit evaluator Charity Navigator awarded Orphan Helpers with its highest 4-star rating. Charity Navigator recognized Orphan Helpers for strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only 25% of all rated charities exceed industry standards and achieve this 4-star rating. We're pleased to be recognized as one of them!