WORKING TOGETHER To Make a Greater Impact Than Ever Before!

WE CAN DO THIS!

Author Dan Waldschmidt said, “Believing that within you is the ability to change the world is the first step in making a difference.”

We believe that together WE – YOU and I – can do more to make a difference in the world. Here’s to raising more funds and impacting more lives in 2022! What exactly are we raising money for?

- To graduate more Community-Based Organizations, which means those groups are sustainably functioning and sharing their good with others, allowing us to move to other areas of need
- To impact more and more lives each year

How can you help Outreach grow our work this year?

- By being an advocate for the mission
- By being a cheerleader in your community, church, and school

We rely on your support. We’re not asking you to do it all, but I have every confidence that YOU, our Volunteers, can help us meet this challenge – either by yourself, with your friends, or your group.

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YOU and YOUR GROUP can make our goals a reality through Partnerships, an Outreach Shop gift, honorariums, corporate sponsorships, hosting a fundraiser and donating.

Here are some fun goals to show how it all adds up -- even an extra $5!

- If YOU pledge to give $5.00 per week for the next year, that adds up to $260/year!
- If ALL OF OUR 74 active Partnerships gave an additional $260 this year, that adds up to $19,240!
- If 150 people give an additional $260 per year, that is $39,000!!! What a difference THAT could make!

How will YOU or YOUR GROUP respond?

For some perspective, consider the amount someone earns where we work*:

- Bolivia - $8.60/day
- Cambodia - $9.60/day
- DR Congo - $3.54/day
- Haiti - $2.43/day
- India - $4.72/day
- Nepal - $5.58/day
- Nicaragua - $6.22/day
- Malawi - $1.82/day
- Philippines - $9.13/day
- Zambia - $4.69/day

* Information from mywage.org & other sources, reflecting average minimum full-time wages. The occupations of many residents in the communities where we work are seasonal laborers exempt from federal wage laws and tend to be lower.

For more great stories & information to share, sign up for the Volunteer Network Facebook Group!

1. Visit our page!
   Go to: outreach-international.org/volunteer-group

2. Join the group!
   Click the blue “Join Group” button just below the cover photo to join.

3. Relax!
   You’re all set! We’ll approve your membership ASAP, send you a notification, and that’s it - you’re officially in!

QUESTIONS? Contact Marsha Penrose at 816.833.0883 or m.penrose@outreachmail.org
MEET BAYARDO!

Bayardo has been working with Outreach International through Alcance Nicaragua (AN) for 25 years! He shares, “In 1993 I started as a part-time community leader for Outreach in Santa Lucia, Boaco. I also worked in agriculture and sometimes traveled to Costa Rica to work in construction. But due to my development as a community leader leading 100 families, the director of AN at that time thought about a full-time job opportunity for me.

I started as a community leader, then a facilitator, and in July 2005 I was appointed the Alcance Nicaragua Country Coordinator. When I started, my daughter was only a few months old and it was difficult to support my family when they told me of the opportunity to work with them. I cried with joy that day when I knew that it was no longer necessary to abandon my family in search of money to support them. Working with OI has been a wonderful opportunity that God gave me.

My big dream was to have a house of my own to live in with my wife and children, and little by little over time, we saved to build a small house where we live without worries and feel safe.

I am now the father of 3 adult children (2 men and a woman) and have been happily married for 27 years. My whole family attends church and my children are part of the musical ministry there, thanks to God. My free time is spent helping my wife tend the garden, planting fruit plants and watching sports on television, mainly baseball and boxing. I also like to spend time with my family at the river and visit friends.

This work is wonderful, and I feel useful to help people who are in the same condition that I was once in. Seeing smiles of the children and families fills me with satisfaction that I am doing the right thing.”

COUNCIL BLUFFS 30-YEAR FUNDRAISER

The Council Bluffs, IA, Community of Christ is known around town for its delicious peanut brittle, which they have been making and selling in November for the last 30 years, with proceeds going to Outreach.

“We debated whether to do it or not last fall,” shared Carolyn Bothwell, the Outreach Partnership contact. “But we decided to go ahead, as people were already calling us in October, asking if the peanut brittle would be available. We also decided to go even bigger than before, making 1800 pounds of peanut brittle, and we were sold out before Christmas!”

When asked how they had gotten so successful, Carolyn said, “Well, we don’t really advertise other than putting it on our marquee in front of the church. It’s really just word-of-mouth! We’re lucky that it’s been so popular, and that some local businesses sell it. We’ve been doing this for so long now that people have just come to expect it. It’s a collective effort, but we enjoy good fellowship in the process.”
Use these QR codes to follow the links –

Shop - AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. (Outreach!)

Volunteering? – Combine volunteering with fundraising & corporate giving by applying for corporate volunteer grants. See if the organization you work for will match your volunteer hours!

**ALL IT TAKES IS ONE SMALL STEP**

On July 20, 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong placed his foot on the moon and declared, “That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

You, or your congregation or group can create a giant leap toward self-sufficiency for those whose dreams feel as distant as the moon. With your small step of an additional ongoing gift, you can create that life-changing leap out of poverty for more people than ever before!

Will you take that small step to give $5 more per week to create that life-transforming leap for mankind?

Thank you SO MUCH for advocating for Outreach, whether you’ve done it for a short time, or for many years! YOUR ongoing support and enthusiasm for our mission is the reason why we’ve been able to help empower and transform so many lives, even during difficult times!

I look forward to hearing from all of you who accept this challenge!

Together, for the world,

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