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NOVEMBER 16

SERVE DAY

For Our Neighbors

On a crisp morning in November, 1 250 volunteers from The Church at RB showed up in a big way "for our neighbors." In one morning alone, volunteers beautified Kit Carson Park and renovated the Baker Branch Boys and Girls Club. They donated and packaged over 5000lbs of Thanksgiving food, assembled 1500 homeless care kits, and 1500 care packs for Escondido families. At this annual event, the church is able to complete \$84,500 worth of work for the city while also providing fun for all ages. Campus Pastor Nate Alcorn brings his family to the event every year. He considers the Serve Day event to be the perfect example of what The Church at RB hopes to embody. "I am so grateful to be part of a church that gets what it means to serve and get their hands dirty and inspire a city! This church is full of 'good neighbors' who are making their community new."

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY

In the book of Jeremiah, the prophet tells the nation of Israel to “seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” (Jeremiah 29:7) As I reflect over the last year of our church, there is so much I am amazed by. We have seen souls transformed by Jesus, families made stronger, and our building renovated. At the same time, we have helped make our community new. We have “sought the good” not just for our church or our church building, but for the city in which God has placed us. I love Rancho Bernardo. I love seeing the city flourish. The impact report you hold in your hand is a detailed guide of how as a church we have been good neighbors to our community and beyond. Some of our efforts have been service oriented. Service is simply when we recognize that we have been blessed to be a blessing. At the same time, many of our efforts have been justice oriented. Justice is when we lean into the wrongs in our community and try to make them right. Service and justice aren’t just lofty Christian concepts, they are the tangible ways in which we love our neighbors. I hope you enjoy reading the story of how our church has sought the good of the city this year. We can’t fix the world, but we can change it. One North County San Diego at a time. Let’s thank God for all He has done and anticipate expectantly what He’s going to do in 2020!

Only together,
Pastor Jared



BRING UP THERE DOWN HERE.





HUNGRY NO MORE

UNITE NCI

Fighting Childhood Hunger

For two years in a row, 350 select students in the Poway and Escondido school districts have come to school on Monday mornings with full bellies and minds ready to learn thanks to the Backpacks for Kids program funded and implemented by Unite NCI. Unite NCI is a "diverse, non-profit organization that is trying to help break the cycle of poverty for children in our community," according to board member and strategic planning lead, Joe Schreiber, who also attends The Church at RB. With stakeholders from city institutions, churches, schools, and businesses, Unite NCI hopes to leverage its resources and influence to problem-solve the needs of impoverished children in the area. First up was tackling food insecurity during the school year. After their backpack program was in place, Unite NCI members began to dream about expanding the project to become year-round. That's when they partnered with our 1000lb Food Drive to extend their food contributions to these local families. "We said, 'OK, how can we expand this a little bit? Because hunger doesn't end at the end of the school year. These kids are having the same problem over the summer.' So we created a large food drive in the summer, particularly the months of June and July, and took all that food and distributed it to the Poway and Escondido Boys and Girls Club. We were able to do that twice last summer and both times we collected over 8,000 pounds - so both times we delivered over four tons of food to the Boys and Girls Club. They were just thrilled by that. So, now that's going to be an annual event that we do," Schreiber explained. The group has also begun to develop the groundwork for even more programs within the Poway and

18,692LBS
of food donated to the 1000lb food drive

350 students fed every weekend

Escondido school districts that address the basic needs of students and families debilitated by homelessness or poverty. Schreiber worked for 30 years as an executive for Hewlett Packard before retiring so that he could devote more time to causes close to his heart. When he started attending The Church at RB with his family just over a year ago, he jumped right in to find the perfect fit for his talents. That came in the form of Unite NCI. Schreiber is now in charge of strategic planning and deployment of activities for the nonprofit, and he's ready to welcome anyone who's looking for opportunities to serve. "If you have talents in finance, marketing, communications, strategic planning, or anything, we can use it. There are opportunities to donate time, talent, or treasure. No matter where you come from, we can use anything you've got." The Church at RB will continue to lead the way for Unite NCI, an initiative that we spearheaded and launched alongside other organizations and community leaders in 2018.

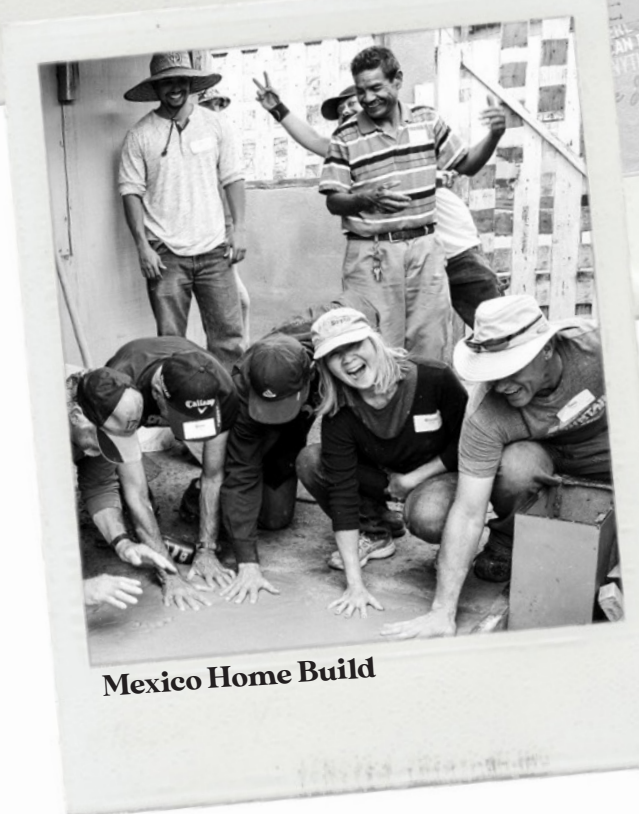
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Ghana



Foster Move-In



Mexico Home Build

WELCOME HOME

FOSTER MOVE-IN

Helping Foster Youth



In California, 1 in 3 youth who exit the foster care system will experience homelessness.* That's a statistic that The Church at RB hopes to change. On August 24, 117 church members showed up to assist 9 San Diego foster youth transition into their first apartments. Over \$27,000 in donations of furniture, gift cards, and household goods were generously provided by church members. One of those recipients is Francheska Del Rey. Growing up in San Diego County, where there are over 2,000 children in foster care at any given moment, Francheska moved around from foster home to foster home and eventually ended up in a group home as an adolescent. Though she lived on her own while attending college in Northern California, this is her first solo apartment here in the city

where she grew up. In September, Francheska gave birth to a daughter, Nori, for whom she hopes this apartment will be a place of security and comfort. She says that when volunteers showed her the items they had collected for her baby, she cried with joy and relief." It was everything that I needed for her first year of life." Now, Francheska spends time in her living room, her favorite room in her home, playing and practicing tummy time with Nori on the rug that was given to her by the church. She is thankful that she's able to focus her efforts on her daughter and her job instead of finding and furnishing a home. "I love my home...This opportunity has allowed me to be stable and to save for our future. It's one less thing that I have to worry about."

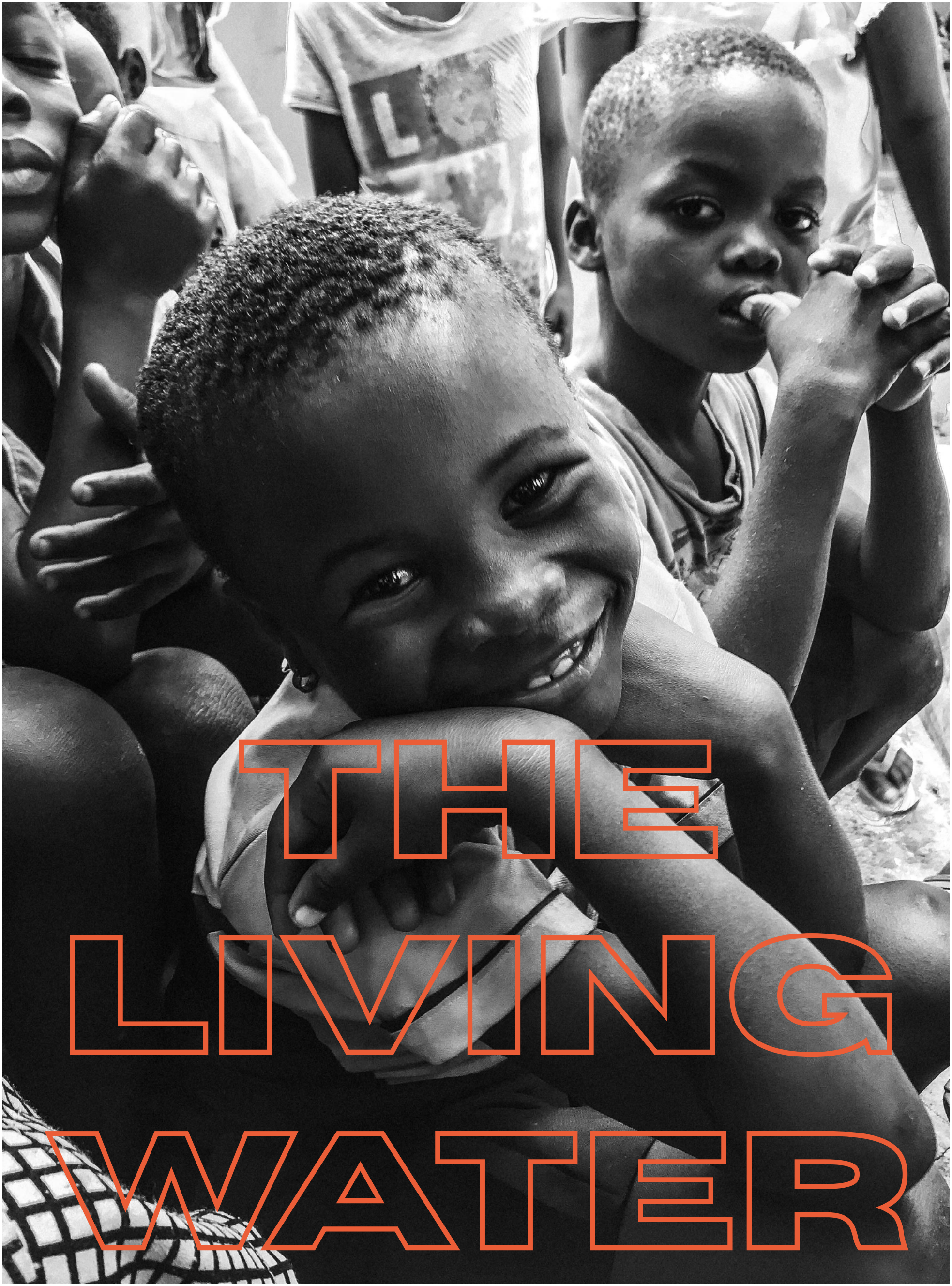
*Statistics reported by San Diego Youth Services

117 volunteers

\$27,000 in donations

9 foster youth given a chance to thrive


Foster Move-In recipient Francheska with her new baby girl.



THE LIVING WATER

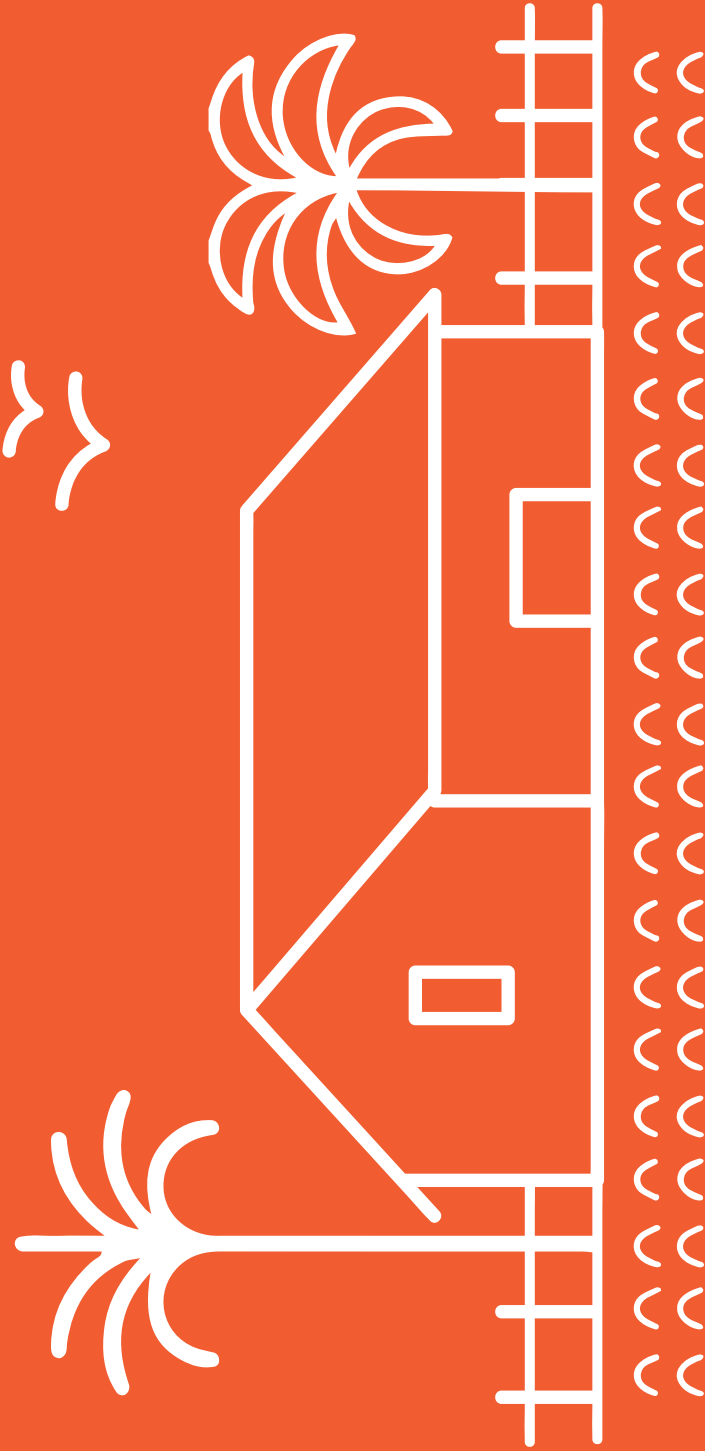
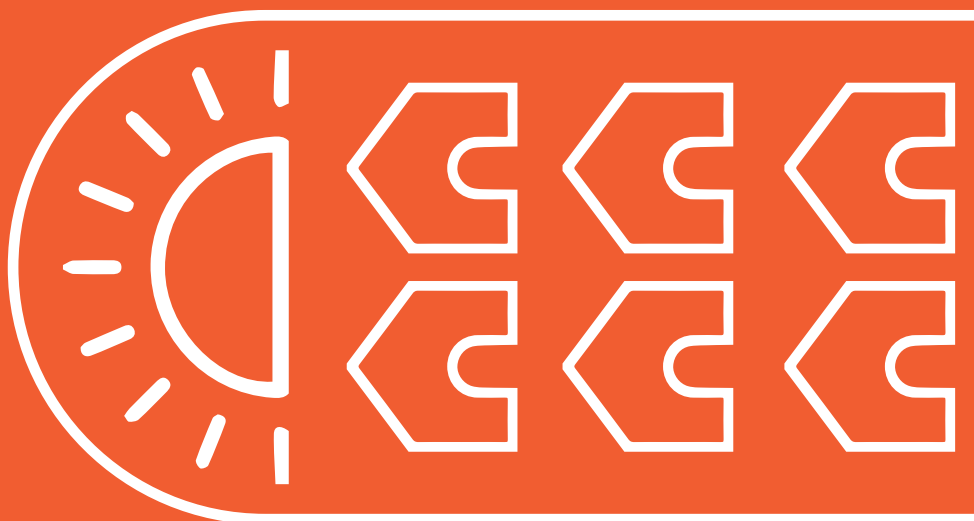
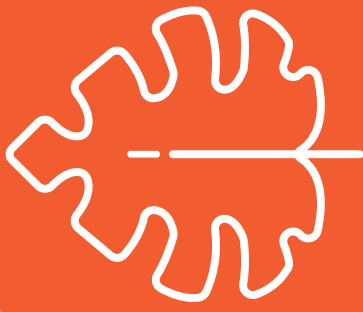
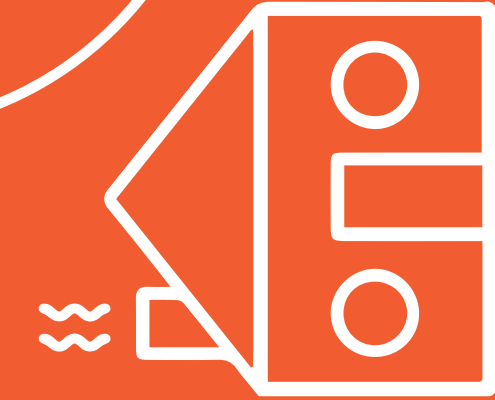
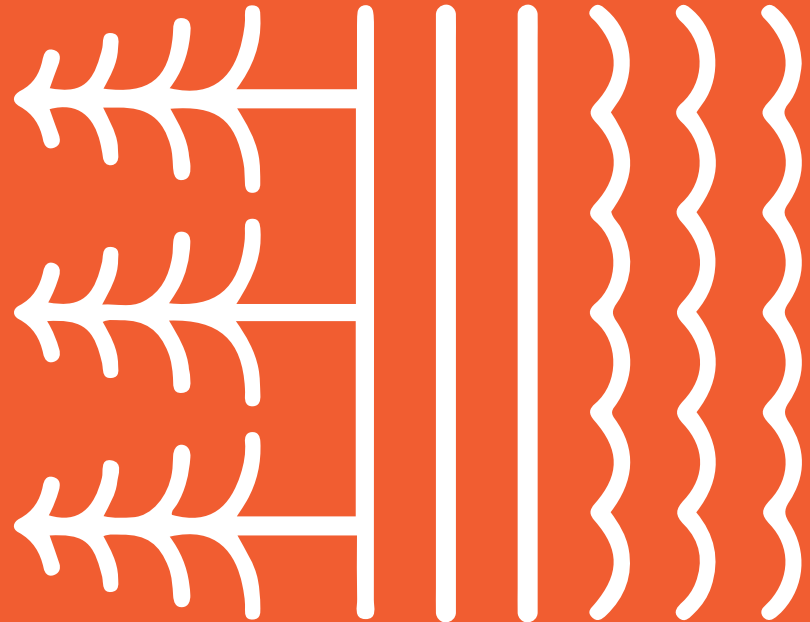
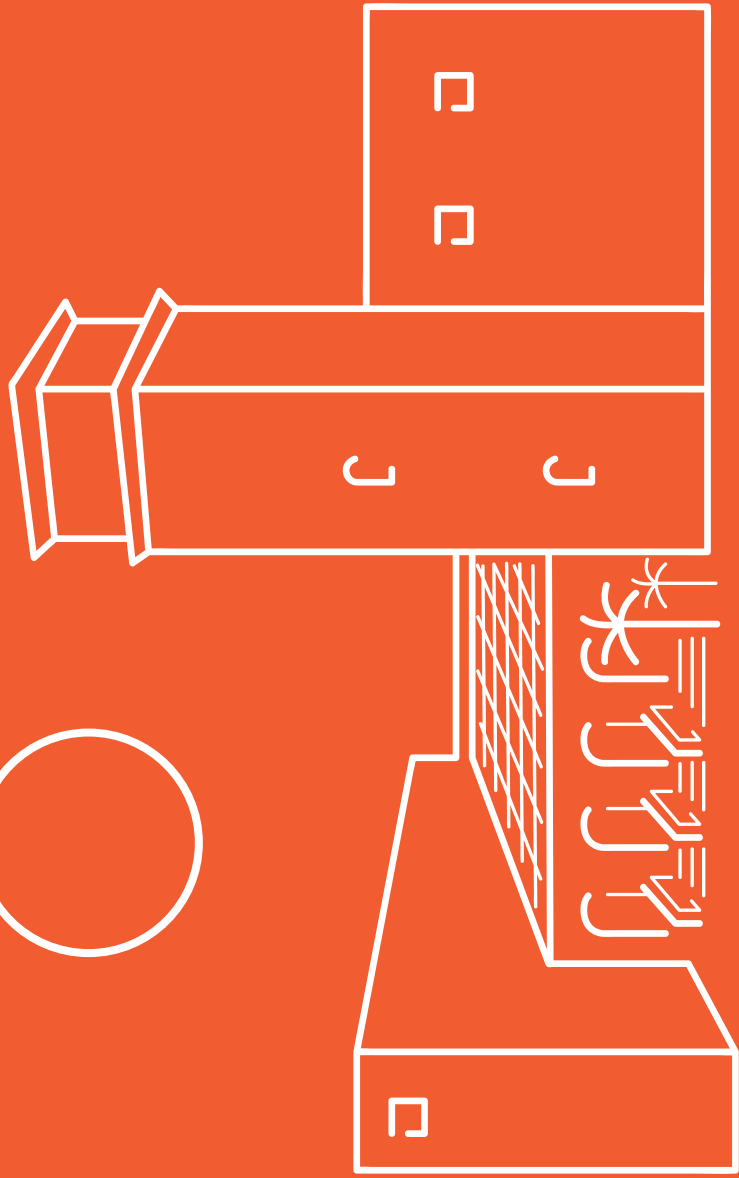
LIVING WATER GHANA

Providing Clean Water

The Church at RB is proud to partner with the stellar team at Meaningful Life International, a Ghanaian non-profit led by the dynamic and brilliant Rev. Godwin Kofi Dodoazi Ahlijah. MLI works tirelessly to provide clean water wells, free medical care, support for church planting, and leadership training for the people of Ghana. In 2018, because of The Church at RB's generous giving, MLI was able to install a water well in the village of Dawadawa, a rural Muslim community in northern Ghana. Now, over 250 people pump water daily from the well that sits in the very center of the town underneath the shade of a mango tree where leaders frequently congregate. Access to clean drinking water is a global crisis. UNICEF estimates that over 785 million people do not have access to water that is safe for consumption and more than 144 million still collect their drinking water from rivers, lakes, or other natural bodies of water. The consequences of this crisis are plentiful. Preventable diseases run rampant in these communities that often lack access to health care. For church member and Impact Coordinator Donna Perez, the widespread battle with illness was difficult to witness. "It breaks your heart to see that they're still dying of things that other countries have control over with just a small dose of medication or vaccination. It's hard to swallow that inequality when you see that." The water from the well that was installed is naturally purified, ensuring access to clean water for the people of Dawadawa. This creates the first step in thwarting many water-borne illnesses that the community has had to battle for so long. In July, a team of volunteers from the church visited Ghana to see the well in action, meet the community, and assist in medical clinics. For Perez, the trip was eye-opening and perspective-changing in a variety of ways, but a moment that stuck out for her was getting to watch Rev. Godwin share about the love of Christ with members of the town in front of the well. "He wanted them to know that we wanted to be the love of Jesus to them, that we believe that Jesus is the living water, and that this gift came with no strings attached. To show them unconditional love on our part."

Every day, over **250** people in Dawadawa pump water from a well The Church RB funded.

COMMUNITY

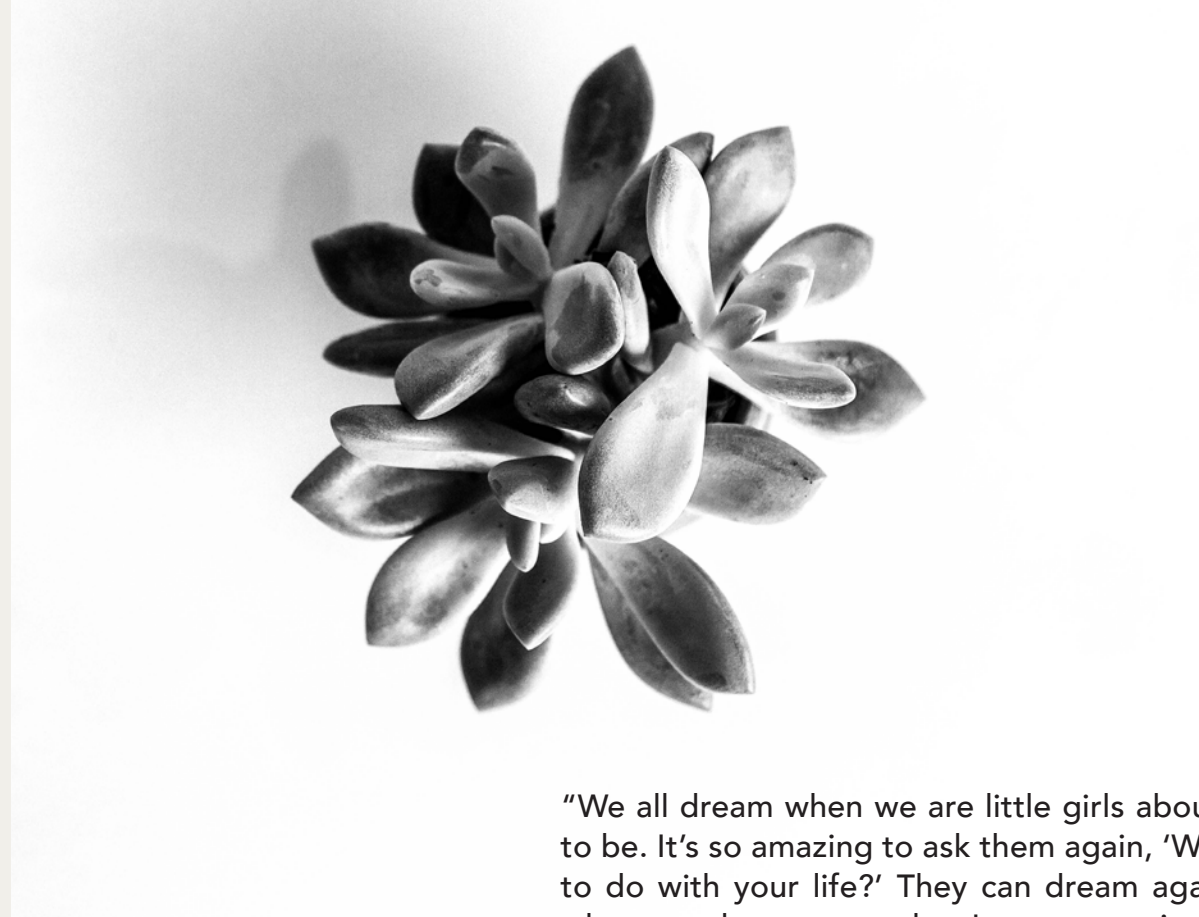


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HOPE IN BLOOM

AJP**Empowering Survivors Of Trafficking**

2019 marks seven years of partnership with the Alabaster Jar Project, (AJP) a local non-profit The Church at RB helped to create that serves survivors of sex trafficking. Because of annual funding from organizations like The Church at RB, Alabaster Jar is able to provide these women with transitional housing, mentorship, rehabilitation, career counseling and more during their two-year program. Since its inception, AJP has served over 280 women who have survived the trafficking here in San Diego, and often at a much lower cost than similar programs run by the state. In fact, a study conducted by Vanderbilt University found that it would cost the public sector six times what it costs AJP to do, saving taxpayers over \$50,000 per month. According to AJP case manager and trafficking survivor Corina, the greatest gift that AJP gives to the women they serve is the freedom to dream again.



"We all dream when we are little girls about what we want to be. It's so amazing to ask them again, 'What do you want to do with your life?' They can dream again. They can be whatever they want to be. I get to see in front of me that spark. It's a beautiful thing." One of AJP's core beliefs is that true empowerment for survivors often means employment, which is why over 70% of AJP staff are survivors. For Corina, this makes her job even more meaningful. "This job has really empowered me. I was able to buy my daughter her prom dress. It's the best feeling to say, 'I paid for that.' Not only am I empowering these women, but this organization is empowering me to not only do what I'm passionate about but to get paid, too."

78%
AJP Success Rate

50%
National Average



SURVIVORS EMPOWERING SURVIVORS

A foundational aspect of Alabaster Jar's mission is to introduce survivors to the healing and restoration that comes from Christ. For Corina, this is what sets AJP apart from other organizations in this field. "I love that I am able to pray for these women and talk about Bible studies. To me, that is freedom because really it is Jesus that does the healing. Christ will restore them with their families and give them favor with people."

Corina, a case manager for AJP, praying with a survivor

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

MEXICO BUILD

Building Homes For Families

3 days**8** families with keys to a new house**138** volunteers

Every year on Memorial Day weekend, families from The Church at RB pack up a few busses and travel to Tijuana, Mexico to help build homes for families there. This year, 138 church members attended the trip and were able to construct eight homes in Tijuana. The Hendrickson family, who have been attending the church for just over a year, decided to jump in together. We had the chance to speak with Nita Hendrickson about her family's experience that weekend and what has stuck with them as they returned home.

WHY DID YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DECIDE TO ATTEND THIS TRIP?

We are very new members to the church so, for us, we were looking for a way to get involved, but a way that would allow the kids to experience something meaningful to them. There's no end of ways to volunteer in the church, but this was one where we could be together, we could do something good and be generous, and they could see and be exposed to things they normally wouldn't be exposed to. We also wanted a way to get to know others in the community of the church.

WHAT WERE YOUR EXPECTATIONS HEADING INTO THE TRIP? WAS REALITY DIFFERENT FROM EXPECTATIONS?

We had no expectations because we hadn't met anyone who was going, and we didn't talk to anyone who had been before, we just went on a leap of faith. The trip was extraordinary. We bonded as a family, we spent time together, and yet the kids were on separate teams from us. What was fascinating about that, as parents, is that they went out and built their own connections during the day and then came back together as a family at night to talk and laugh and have fun with everybody.

WHAT TASKS DID YOU ACTUALLY DO WHILE THERE?

I don't know the right language for it, but I spent a lot of time with chicken wire, that's for sure. We sifted gravel to make sand. We framed, we hammered, and we did a lot of sawing! I also personally played a ton with the kids - both from our church and also the kids who were members of the family we were building the home for. Even though we didn't speak the same language, we still were able to play games like Go Fish together.

WHAT EMOTIONS DID YOU EXPERIENCE ON THE TRIP?

Maybe a little bit of apprehension - we didn't know what to expect. Delight - when we met the family, we absolutely fell in love with the kids and the family as they were right alongside us. Also, we felt grateful and in awe of this family. It was clear they had the same connections and relationships with their children and extended family that we do, even though our circumstances are very different. It was just wonderful to see this common language of love and caring and community and family, regardless of your spoken language.

WHAT DOES THE WORD HOME MEAN TO YOU?**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THIS GIFT TO A FAMILY?**

What seems to have come alive for the kids with this concept is that "home" is where you can be free to express your own purpose, and home is where your family is. It doesn't necessarily have to be a structure or a place, it really is when



you're with the people who care about you. It's where there's generosity and grace, where you can make mistakes and learn from them. Also, it's where there's tons of laughter.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAMILY'S MAIN TAKEAWAY?**HOW HAS YOUR FAMILY REFLECTED ON THE TRIP SINCE YOU'VE BEEN BACK?**

We are more connected to the church now. It's a wonderful thing to walk into the church and know people. Normally we walk in and sit in the back and nobody would really know if we were there or not. But now, the kids are more involved, we know people, and Mark has started to volunteer with the youth program. It has just further drawn us into the community and it feels like we belong. That we're part of a community versus just visiting a place on a Sunday. One of the things we love about The Church at RB is the concept of being a "good neighbor" and being an active part of your community. What we have explored since being back is, "How do we do that in any number of ways?" For us, we also participated in Serve Day, for example. It was just fun. Loads of fun. We can't wait to go back.

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1000lb Food Drive



Foster Move-In



Mexico Home Build



First Responders BBQ

2019 YEARLY STATS

8,251
MEALS PROVIDED THROUGH
UNITÉ

3,260 VOLUNTEERS
HOURS SERVED 16,376

8 HOMES BUILT IN MEXICO

\$37,040 TOTAL DONATED GOODS
18,692 POUNDS OF GROCERIES COLLECTED

2 FOSTER YOUTH
MOVED INTO HOMES 9

57 SURVIVORS OF HUMAN
TRAFFICKING HELPED

\$53,625 MISSIONARY FAMILIES SUPPORTED
4,350 HOME LESS CARED FOR

\$219,492
DONATED TIME AND GOODS



\$695,000
DIRECT FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

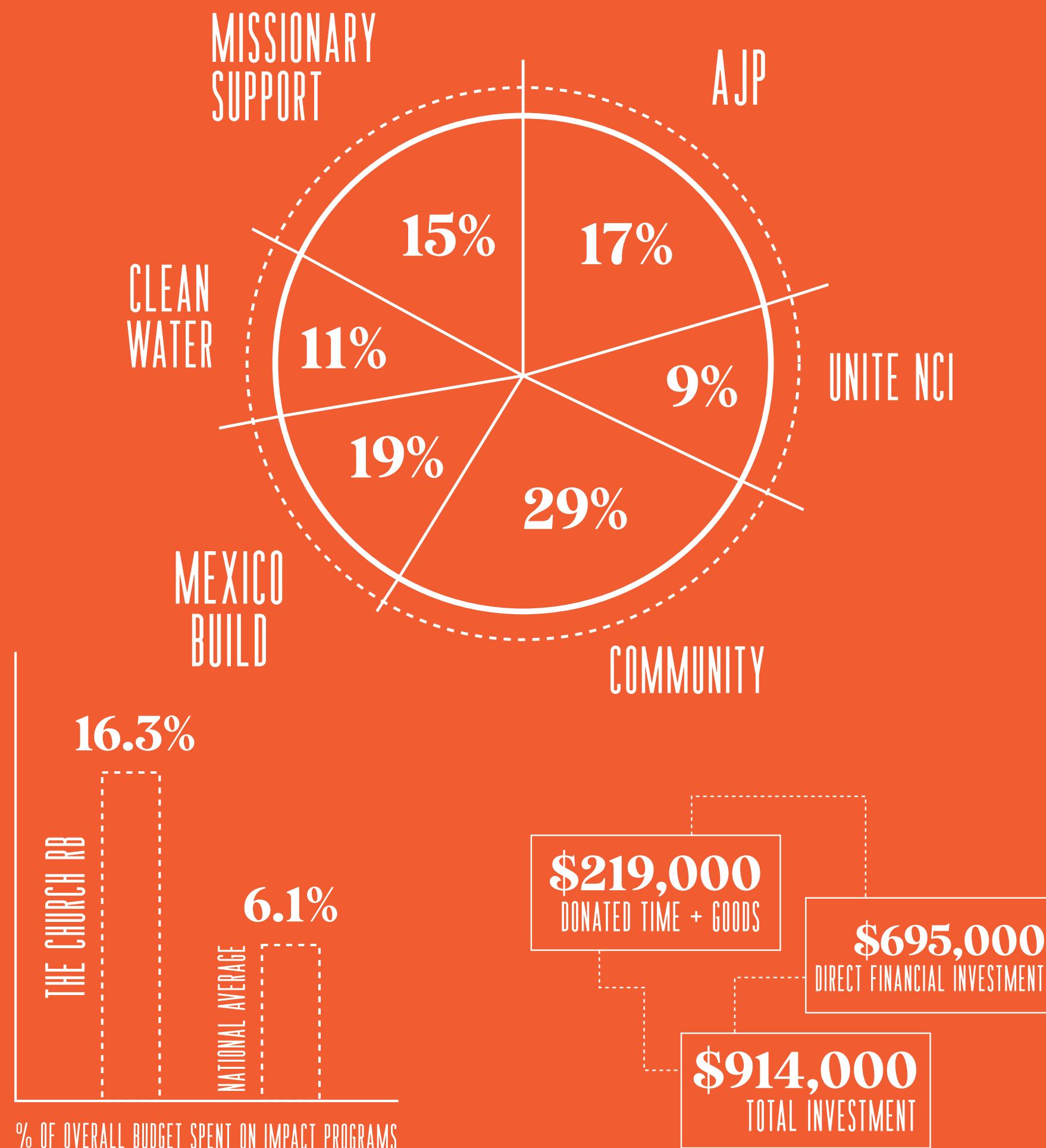
\$914,492
TOTAL INVESTMENT

31,238
TOTAL LIVES IMPACTED

RESOURCING GOOD STORIES

We trust God with our money because it is like a seed. Dollars given are like seeds planted and God uses our resources to change lives. It has been amazing to see the good stories that your gifts have resourced this year. Thank you for your sacrificial generosity. Without it, the stories you've read in this Impact Report would not have been possible.

In 2019, The Church at RB directly invested \$695,000 into people and communities outside the walls of the church. Combined with donated goods and services, our congregation had a total economic impact of \$914,000. We are proud to spend 16.3% of our overall budget on Impact initiatives, more than double the national average.



WAYS TO GIVE

GIVE TO THE IMPACT OFFERING

Support Life Change

Each year, our impact efforts are funded by the December Impact Offering. Every dollar given goes outside the walls of the church to help our neighbors in need. Please prayerfully consider how you and your family can financially contribute to changing lives and making our community new.



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Text "Give \$50" (or any amount) to 858.683.8855



ONLINE GIVING

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IN PERSON

Fill out a check or put cash in one of our impact offering envelopes during the month of December.



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Open your phone camera and point it at this code!

The Impact Offering will be collected until December 31. Along with the stories featured in this report, we are also thrilled to fund our ongoing impact ministries in 2020.



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