

# Annual Report 2019

## Los Medranos: Moving Forward

Thank you for taking a few minutes to journey with us as we look back through 2019. We thank God that lives continue to be changed as the country continues to recover from the political strife of 2018!

As Mauricio Manzanarez, Operations Manager of the Skylark Retreat Centre, writes regarding the past year: *“[the political crisis of 2018] is showing up in different faces. Unemployment, exile, heavier taxes, more restrictions on free speech, interaction between Government offices and NGOs, etc. But God has certainly shown His Glory in the middle of all of this. We pray that He may continue restoring the relationships, the economic situation of the country, and that He can touch the hearts of those who make decisions.”*

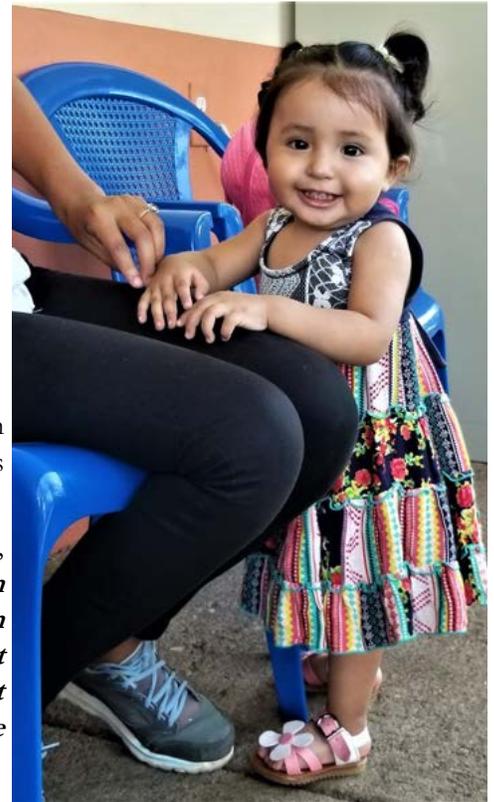


Photo: D Moquin

2019 was somewhat of a rebuilding year during which:

- **Over 30 employees and volunteers of the Jinotepe, Masatepe and Diramba fire departments were trained**, in May, by 12 professional and in-training Canadian Paramedics
- **72 participants took part in training for Christian Leaders**, led by the October Pastoral team
- The fall **Construction team** of 11, alongside staff, tackled a number of Nicaragua Ministry of Labour-designated projects
- **328 community members were served** in November by 4 medical professionals and additional volunteers
- **16 patients with chronic conditions** received bi-monthly assessment, treatment and medication during the pilot phase of the on-site medical clinic
- **7 women completed classes** over 9 months learning new art and baking skills
- **37 children** (and parents of the youngest) attended educational and socializing classes, all with a Christ-based focus, specifically geared to their age group
- **3016 individuals** attended Christian-based events hosted by **46 local Nicaraguan-based groups**
- **26 local staff received employment income** in a still-recovering environment
- **20 participants on 2 teams rode** in support of Threefold Ministries' programs in the annual Ride for Refuge
- **Necessary capital improvements** were completed

**Responsibility:** We work diligently to see that approximately 80% of donated funds are directed into projects and programs in Nicaragua, with the remainder retained for essential operations in Canada.



## Wayne's Word

## "Thank You"



We hear it from the children who come to our pre-school; we hear it from their parents. We hear it from the patients with chronic illness who attend our clinic each month and we hear it from the hundreds who attend programs at Skylark. We hear it constantly and we hear it, mostly in Spanish but sometimes in broken English too. Muchas gracias! Thank You.

I want to say how much your support makes a difference in the lives of our staff, the community of Los Medranos and the wider community in Nicaragua. I add my own thank you. I appreciate supporters like you who care about those in Nicaragua, who we come along side to support and encourage, who we reach out to with God's love. Know that you are making a difference. Thank you and may God bless you.

For the whole Threefold team,  
Wayne Hancock,  
Managing Director



Medical clinic



Participants at fall Christian leaders' training; Photo: S. Bourque



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Thanks to those who responded to our call, including our donation-matching partners, the well-worn roof thatching and the well pump were replaced in 2019. In addition, due to the fantastic generosity of a "virtual" mission team who has been unable to participate in-person on medical mission, as well as wonderful supporters of our annual "Ride for Refuge", the on-site medical clinic serving those with chronic conditions is off to a fantastic start. The future is life-giving and health-filled!

## VELA Ministries

Threefold Ministries continues to partner with VELA Ministries. The focus remains on the training of Pastors and Church leaders throughout Mexico and broader Latin America, many of whom shepherd in extremely dangerous and challenging neighbourhoods. Many seeds are being planted, and change is occurring in the lives of individuals. Find out more at [velaministries.org](http://velaministries.org).

## Why we do what we do

Approximately **67% of families** living in the Los Medranos area **subsist on less than \$9 per day**. Government-provided **health care services are limited**. **93% do not have permanent access to clean water**. Children make up 1/3 of the population. **Christian leaders** in this context **desire training and support**.

The need is great. It's through your generosity that we are able to provide assistance. We envision communities that are healthy and sustainable, reflecting God's love and care. Thank you for the support that you have provided through 2019 as we collectively **Build, Empower and Follow!**

