

# ships 2021



*Behold, I am doing a new thing...*

In thinking about SHIP's work in El Salvador, two Bible verses keep coming to mind:

Isaiah 43:19 and Psalm 27:13.

The words from Isaiah say, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." The Psalmist writes, "I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." So many times throughout the seventeen years of SHIP's work in El Salvador and, perhaps most strongly, in the past two years we've experienced the wilderness and the desert. But we've also seen ways open up and rivers flow. We have witnessed the goodness of the Lord.

Our friends in El Salvador have struggles that existed long before the global pandemic. SHIP's Salvadoran neighborhood faces problems of profound poverty, lack of jobs and opportunities for education, as well as gang and domestic violence. And, above all, a need for hope and love that can only be satisfied by Jesus.

Those problems and needs are why we continue to work in El Salvador. As we work, each opened path and each flowing stream show us "the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living."

We see the goodness of the Lord when a father, struggling with alcoholism, learns that his son, a student at SHIP's school, has been praying that his daddy will stop drinking. Through that little child, the father sees a glimpse of his Heavenly Father, who has the power to change, to make a way in that family's wilderness. It's a story we see repeated in other families who have been touched by the message of a Bible study or an evangelistic outreach service or their children's Bible lessons. Families and marriages are healing.

Our young men are finding encouragement in studying God's Word together and creating a brotherhood away from the gangs. They know they're safe when they're at SHIP. We can see it in the picture on the cover of this newsletter--the expressions of pure joy on their faces.

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# WHAT SHIP IS DOING

50

attendance at our first evangelistic services

235

attendance at our most recent evangelistic services

3

Bible studies and prayer groups

100%

of scholarship students receiving Bible classes

147

students in our scholarship program

72

students in SHIP's own school, Colegio La Luz de Jesús



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Our young women are learning Truth and seeing that they are worthy and loved by God. They put down their phones and come together to study and grow in faith. Mothers and fathers of our students at SHIP's school, Colegio La Luz de Jesús study Bible lessons with their children, and families come together to focus on Christ.

Out of the wilderness, out of the desert we see new life, new hope springing forth. It spreads from individuals to families and to the larger community.

**You can be part of the new thing that God is doing in El Salvador.**

As we enter this Christmas season and as you make your end-of-year giving decisions, we ask you to be a part of this new thing that God is doing. A card, along with a picture of an unsponsored child, is enclosed for you to complete and tell us how you'd like to join us in the work that God is doing. You also can donate or sign up online to sponsor a child: [www.shipinternational.org/donate](http://www.shipinternational.org/donate). All gifts are tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.

*How you can help:*

#### **PRAY FOR SHIP**

Sign up to receive our weekly prayer emails, stay up to date on SHIP's praises and prayer needs.

#### **SPONSOR A CHILD**

Give the gift of hope and education, foster a relationship with a child in El Salvador

#### **MAKE A ONE-TIME DONATION**

Designate an area to fund, or ask that funds be used as needed. Help SHIP's evangelistic, education, building work.

#### **BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR**

Commit to giving to SHIP throughout the year and provide funding to support SHIP's work

*Join us*  
four ways  
your gifts share  
the goodness of God

#### **FAITH**

01

sharing the Word of God through Bible studies, evangelistic outreaches, prayer times, and mission trips

#### **EDUCATION**

02

giving students an academically challenging education and instilling in them the love and knowledge of God, His son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

#### **COMMUNITY**

03

equipping men and women with skills to support themselves and their families

#### **LOCAL**

04

partnering with individuals, other nonprofit organizations, and churches to provide clothing and shoes for people in need through SHIP Shop Resale in Bryan, TX



## Following a new path together

Everyone needs to belong, to have a family where they are loved, respected, accepted. For the young men in SHIP's neighborhood, that place of belonging and feeling like family too often means joining a gang. But a new family has sprung forth, like "water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." That family is La Familia de Dios, The Family of God.

Every Thursday afternoon, you'll find Luis brewing coffee and setting out snacks and Bibles. Marlon is getting ready to share some really Good News with the guys.

The guys take turns reading Scripture. They'll study, sing, and pray. And then they head down to the soccer field and spend an hour or two just having fun in SHIP's big, safe backyard.

In December these guys will go on a retreat, led by SHIP staff and volunteers. It'll be a time of stepping away from the cares, concerns, and dangers of their neighborhood. They'll draw closer to each other as brothers in Christ, closer to the Father and go home stronger and more determined to walk in the Light and to bring others into La Familia.

They are brothers. They are La Familia de Dios, and God is using La Familia to change lives. He is showing us His goodness in the land of the living, while making an eternal impact on the lives of these young men.

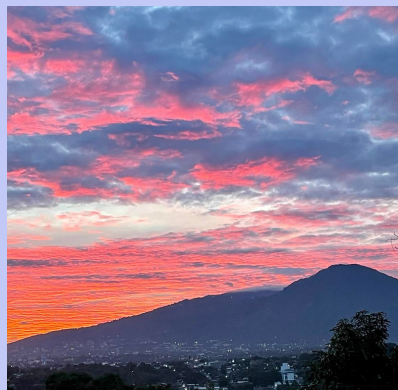
## Experience what God is doing in El Salvador

We're gearing up for our 2022 SHIP Mission Trips, and we'd love for you to be a part of it. Come join us on a SHIP trip where you'll work hard, make loads of friends, and enjoy the prettiest sunsets you'll ever see

Information and applications are available at [shipinternational.org](http://shipinternational.org). If you or your church is interested in adding a trip to our schedule, get in touch with us at: [contact@shipinternational.org](mailto:contact@shipinternational.org).

### UPCOMING TRIPS

March 12-18  
Summer trip dates to be announced later.



12

current university students

5

university and professional school graduates

7

three-story classroom building under construction

3

buildings already constructed

45K

sq. ft. of building space in El Salvador

12

acres of fenced property

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## 2019 FINANCIALS

40

homes painted, built, rebuilt, &/or repaired

4

duplexes built &/or under construction

127'

footbridge built to ease accessibility

500'

well drilled to provide clean drinking water to the community

17

years of serving in El Salvador and looking forward to many more

We know that you can give to a lot of great nonprofits. Why choose SHIP? One good reason is stewardship. At SHIP, we keep our overhead low, so that we can keep our giving high. That means that the money you give SHIP goes to programs that help the people who need it most.



*Seeing the goodness of God*

Our 2019 newsletter featured this little guy's picture on the cover. His name is Daniel, and the day this picture was taken, he and his mother had come to see the school where he would start his education as a Kinder-4 student: Colegio La Luz de Jesús. In January 2019, Daniel and his classmates (along with our Kinder-5 students) became our first group of students.

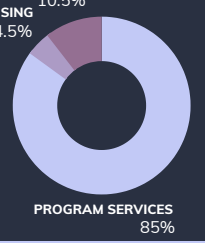
We loved this picture of him. It reminded us of why we started a school—to provide a place where a little child like Daniel could be a child, could grow in knowledge and faith, and could go to school knowing he was safe and loved.



Three years later, we truly can say that this school has shown us "the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." This year, Daniel and the rest of his class completed their three years of kindergarten at our school. (Salvadoran schools require Kinder-4, 5, and 6 before a child moves to first grade.) They donned their robes, caps, and stoles and walked the stage in November.

That little guy in the second picture is Daniel in 2021. He was valedictorian of his kindergarten class and delivered a speech with more poise than many adults we've seen. His smile still lights up a room, and when we see him and his classmates, we're still assured that this school is being used by God to do great things. SHIP is just blessed to be a part of this work.

REVENUE		EXPENSES		OPERATING EXPENSES	
Contributions	501,886	Program Services	449,291	FUNDRAISING	10.5%
Grants	18,530	(community outreach, education, construction, evangelism)			4.5%
SHIP Shop Resale	109,525	Administration	55,698		
		Fundraising	23,579		
	<b>\$629,491</b>		<b>\$528,568</b>		



ADDITIONAL NUMBERS		NET ASSETS	
<b>\$0</b> debt	<b>\$900K</b> land & building value	BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$204,456
		END OF YEAR	\$305,379