



The little boy in the picture above is Angel. He's a Kindergarten student at Bright Hill's school in El Salvador, and he is a ray of light in our Salvadoran community

Let Your Light Shine

This season more than any other feels like it's filled with light. Strings of lights outside of houses and on Christmas trees, Advent candles, and (in those places where it gets cold enough) the warm glow of fireplaces. This year at Bright Hill Collective, we've been thinking about light. Specifically, we've been thinking about how the light of God can shine through us and point our little corner of the world to Him.

Our verse for this year, Matthew 5:16, gave us a lot to reflect on: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Try as we might, we're never a perfect image of God's light, but we each, in our own less-than-perfect ways, try to shine in a world that often seems dark.

However, this time of year reminds us that God's light shines where He chooses for it to shine. As Isaiah 53:2 prophesizes of Jesus, "He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him." There was nothing to attract us to Jesus, but He pointed us to something higher—the source of all beauty, all love, the source of all that is good.

With that in mind, we at Bright Hill continue to work: with our broken Spanish, with our lack of missionary training, with everything that makes us imperfect vessels of God's light. But, we also continue working with God's guidance, with your prayers, and with the belief that God's beautiful light can shine wherever it is needed and even through the least perfect among us.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...”

Colossians 3:16



Shining the Light

The year has been a year of firsts: We changed our name and welcomed a missionary family to El Salvador. Perhaps one of the biggest “firsts” for Bright Hill was hosting a marriage seminar for couples in our neighborhood.

For many of us, a marriage seminar might not sound novel. These happen all the time in our local communities and in our churches. Couples have many resources available to them, and marriage is common where we live.

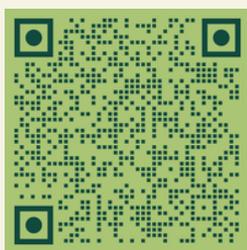
But, in our Salvadoran community, marriage has become less common, and intact families are rare. A lot of factors have led to this—civil war, gang violence, poverty, and lack of available work. A result is that, as people see fewer marriages, they often don’t see healthy, lasting marriages modeled.

Many of our students grow up without the security of a committed, two-parent household.

This marriage seminar was an effort to bring light to this issue and to encourage our neighbors and show them what a blessing a strong, Christ-centered marriage can be. Our seminar facilitators—Dean and Terry Hoelscher, Laura Fernandez, and Yeni and Edwin Escudero—worked with couples, taking them through a workbook, serving them meals, and just having fun with them over the course of two days.

The seminar was a first step toward holding monthly couples meetings. We’re seeing couples grow in their faith and in their understanding of what marriage can be, and we even have a couple who has stepped up to lead in these groups next year, alongside our missionaries.

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online,
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Keep the light shining in El Salvador!

Partner with us to help continue the work that God is doing through Bright Hill Collective. Your gifts make things like couples seminars, Bible studies, and construction work happen and change lives in this Salvadoran community.

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

II Corinthians 9:9





“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”
Hebrews 13:2



Carrying the Light

When people ask about going to El Salvador, they often express worry about how they will communicate there. They'll say, "I took Spanish in high school, but that was thirty years ago." Within their questions lies that nagging doubt asking, "Will my being there do any good? How can God's light shine if my words can't be understood?"

We understand those doubts, but there is something special about just showing up. There's something amazing about seeing the presence of God shine through our own limitations and bring light to someone who needs it. We've seen that truth again and again in the home visits we've begun doing as part of our mission trips.

The home visits are simple: A small group of mission team members and an interpreter

accompany our missionaries to visit the home of a family in need of extra encouragement, prayer, and attention. The group takes a gift for the people they're visiting because it's always good to show up with a gift for your hosts. The gift might be food for the family and something fun for any children living there.

And, when the group gets there, they just spend time with the people they're visiting, ask if they need prayer, and listen to their stories. An interpreter helps with communication, but so often the families are excited to have people around them. One woman we visited had suffered an injury and told the group that she hadn't had any visitors, not even from her church. But with these visitors to her home, she had been visited by her church, by the Body of Christ working in the world.

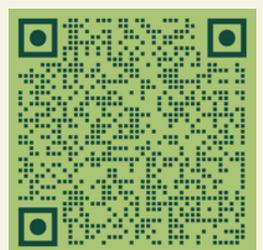


We can't wait to see you in El Salvador!

Our 2026 dates are official. If you've been feeling like your comfort zone is a little small, and you're ready to step out in faith and spend a week serving in El Salvador, we'd love for you to join one of our 2026 mission trips.

february 27-march 6 | march 7-14 | june 13-20 | july 11-17

*to learn more
about trips,
scan below!*





The Numbers

WHAT BRIGHT HILL DOES

Ministry

100%

of students in our school receiving Bible lessons and our scholarship students having access to Bible studies

4

Bible studies per week (men, women, teens, children)

1

Monday night worship service and children's church

1

monthly couple's Bible study/marriage class

Property

45,000

square feet of building space: missions building, long-term housing, lower school, upper school

4

buildings constructed

12

acres of land

Education

16 new students joining our school in January 2026

173

students currently in our scholarship program

10

teachers on staff

5

administrative and support staff

113

in our school

35

in other private Christian schools

25

in university, professional school, & trade school

10

graduates of university, professional school, & trade school

Community

10

safe, affordable rental units

30

people housed

3

duplexes plumbed and ready to build

500'

well drilled to provide clean drinking water to the neighborhood

127'

bridge constructed to ease neighborhood accessibility

1

sewing ministry established to create work for women

1

SHIP Shop resale store, providing business opportunities for community members

Missions

5

2026 trips scheduled

82

mission/work trips since 2004

1,724

mission team members (Some of these are repeat team members.)

1

full-time missionary couple on site

BRIGHT HILL NEEDS

Since 2019, Bright Hill Collective has offered challenging, Christ-centered education to the children in our Salvadoran community for almost no cost to their families. Our school, Colegio La Luz de Jesús, started with 25 students in two grades and has grown to a school of 113 students across eight grade levels. We plan to grow our school by one grade every year so that our students eventually will graduate from high school at Colegio La Luz de Jesús. That means that by 2028 we will be out of room! In looking to the future, we see the following needs:

Construct & Furnish Six New Classrooms	440,000
Repair or Replace Existing Roofs	35,000
Implement Lunch Program	
School Kitchen Upgrade	20,000
Food and Staff (annual expense)	24,000
Expand Faculty (annual expense)	
School Counselor	10,000
Nurse	10,000

Most of our students come from families with a combined income of less than \$300/month. Students often need more than just a safe place to go to school. For that reason, our future plans look to address common needs we've seen:

Food Insecurity

Emotional/Spiritual Needs

Challenging Family Dynamics

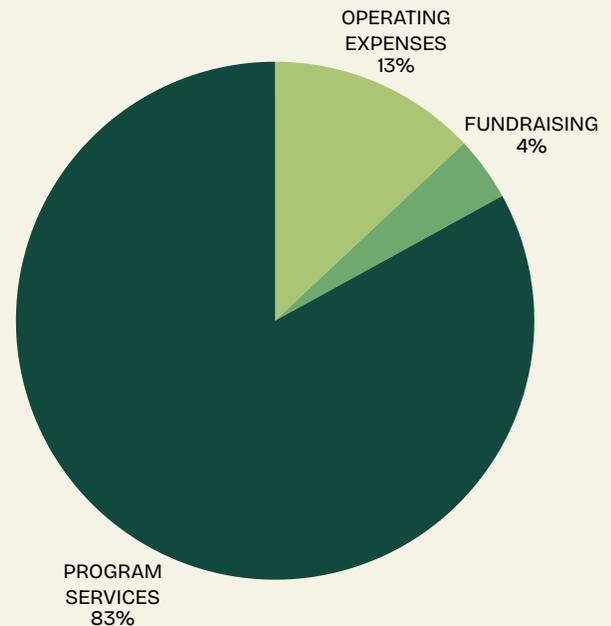
2024 FINANCIALS

REVENUE

Contributions	546,720
Grants	7,277
SHIP Shop Store	109,508
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	\$663,505

EXPENSES

Program Services	606,088
<small>community, outreach, education, evangelism, construction</small>	
Operating Expenses	94,119
Fundraising	28,290
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	\$728,497



NET ASSETS:

Beginning of Year	\$363,000
End of Year	\$316,000

\$0
DEBT

\$1.4 mil
land & building value



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Merry Christmas

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6