



BLUEPRINTS

UPH Annual Report 2018

FOUNDER'S MESSAGE



When you travel the Pan-American highway from San Pedro Sula to Copán, it's difficult to miss dozens of half-finished houses dotting the landscape, cinder blocks with rebar protruding in all directions, and big piles of sand that will eventually be used to make cement. For me it's easy to imagine the dreams that are inherently nestled into the very depths of these unfinished heaps of stone. I assume that it all began with a vision, and that in the beginning, someone decided to place the first cinder block. Then someone placed another, and another, and so on, until the blueprint is finished. Maybe the original vision was great—but will these scattered houses ever truly be finished?

Ten years ago I took a leap of faith and placed a first cinder block—our first UPH AfterSchool Program. One cinder block became two, thirty kids became three hundred, and so on. Before I knew it, blocks started looking like a house, and that house started playing host to an exceptionally vibrant and life-giving kind of Christian community. I saw firsthand what happens when children are provided the love and support they were created to receive. They thrive. The gradual expansion of that one cinder block impacted not only Honduras but also Latin America. Some might pass through and wonder—Are we really making a difference? Will we ever be truly finished with this blueprint?

We are definitely not finished. Maybe we're just beginning. But it is beautiful. And now, on year ten, I have never been more convinced that we are making a lasting impact. This blueprint remains the same as UPH and UPLAT prepare to explode into our next decade of ministry. Here we go!

Blair

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Planning is perhaps the first step of faith that we take every year at UPH. We all sit down and plan how we will distribute the money that we don't have, recruit teenagers we haven't met, and impact the communities that we might not even be in yet. While 2018 was a year in which we were able to successfully maintain our existing programs, we also took significant steps of faith as we developed the blueprints for a whole new level of UPH, and the landmark event for 2019: our ten-year anniversary!

Laying the groundwork for 2019 has been a continued effort to dig deeper to find new bedrocks—new truths—to help us provide the highest quality programming we can to truly impact and change lives. This has taken various forms, from a paid internship program for recent Honduran high school graduates, to a big investment in training our Wellness Program Director so that we can offer unparalleled care and support to the participants in all our programs.

I really hope you enjoy the stories and successes included in this report, and I'd like to thank you for your support in 2018 which has allowed us to dramatically increase our impact and start to become leaders in after-school and youth care.
God bless!

Hugh

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

CAMP ALABANZA (PRAISE)

CAMP VIDA (LIFE)

TANIA GUERRA, CAMP VIDA DIRECTOR

“Due to renovations at the Camp Hope site, we moved camp to a nearby neighborhood and started the first year of Camp Vida. My favorite part of this change was meeting and working with new kids, especially a boy named Elmer, who at first would get angry and throw rocks when he was disciplined at camp, but who, with God's grace, started understanding the purpose of the discipline system and by the end of the year was smiling more and lovingly hugging his leaders before leaving camp each day.”

In July, we launched a pilot program for Camp Alabanza, which would become our third AfterSchool Program in 2019.



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Agape

59



Vida

56

Alabanza
(pilot)

28



VACATION CAMPS ENROLLMENT

Alabanza 59

Agape 64

Gracia 82

Hope 61

Joy (bilingual camp) 72





YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

DIONY HERNÁNDEZ, YOUTH PROGRAM CO-DIRECTOR

“In 2018 we focused on helping the youth understand what it means to have a relationship with God; because a lot of times we know about God but it's only information, and we don't grow in our faith. Throughout the year lots of youth testified about the transformation they experienced in their ways of thinking, acting, and seeing people. God had worked in different areas of their lives, and they were no longer the same. In the end-of-year evaluations, many noted as a highlight of their time in UPH that they had grown closer to God.”

YOUTH EMPLOYED
IN AFTERSCHOOL
PROGRAM **35**

YOUTH EMPLOYED IN
VACATION CAMPS **36**

LEADERS-IN-TRAINING
IN AFTERSCHOOL
PROGRAM **13**

LEADERS-IN-TRAINING
IN VACATION CAMPS **15**

SCHOLARSHIPS
PROVIDED **19**

URBANTREKKERS

OUTDOOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



LUIS ORTIZ, URBANTREKKERS DIRECTOR

9
youth

Service Trip
to La Ceiba

Trip to Mt.
Celaque

10
youth

15
youth

End-of-year
Youth Retreat

Rites of
Passage Trip

6
youth

“In 2018, we included a new Rites of Passage trip, a special camping trip where recent high school graduates spend intentional time in silence and solitude. It was incredible to see the youth impacted by the time they spent alone with the Lord, evaluating themselves and setting goals for the future. One youth even said the retreat, just a few weeks after her three-year-old sister had passed away, helped her find peace in the midst of tragedy. These are youth who have spent a lot of time with Trekkers over the last few years, and we were honored to invest in their lives in such a meaningful way as they begin to navigate toward adulthood.”

URBAN DREAMERS

ARTS-BASED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

2018 was the second official year of the UrbanDreamers program. The program saw significant growth—doubling its attendance rate in the second half of the year—experimented with new schedules, and formed a 3-year plan to work toward greater sustainability.



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YOUTH
LEARNING:

color theory

observational
drawing

composition

ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

crochet workshop

visit from guest
author

service hike

art contests in
camps

WELLNESS PROGRAM



In 2018, Marcia (former director of Camp Agape) took a step of faith, leaving camp and following the call to develop a Wellness Program. Throughout the year she was trained to follow up on complicated cases and provide emotional and psychological support to our children and youth.

URBANPROMISE **LATIN AMERICA**

September 2018 was a historic time for UPH, as we welcomed the first ever cohort of UrbanPromise Latin America fellows, who would serve at our site for a full year, experiencing our programs and learning about nonprofit management with the goal of launching new affiliate organizations throughout Latin America.



ADMINISTRATION HIGHLIGHTS

Director of Operations

Londin Velásquez started his career at UPH as Camp Hope Director in 2014, and soon after was promoted to Supervisor of Children and Youth Programs. In 2018, Londin was empowered even further as he became the first Director of Operations, a position with a wider focus on the day-to-day activities of the organization, as well as developing relationships with local churches and ministries.

Welcome Silvia Alvares

Silvia joined UPH in February as our new office administrator and has proven to be a dedicated worker as well as a calm presence in the office. Silvia enjoys getting involved in the community, reading, and spending time with her young daughter, Amaia.



INTERNS + SERVICE LEARNING GROUPS

Carmen + Erlin

worked with us for six weeks each last year as part of their high school professional internship requirements.

Hilton Head Island, SC
St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Fresno, CA
Grace Place Church

Waco, TX
DaySpring Baptist Church



Pedro was our first ever professional youth intern. He served for a full year as assistant to UrbanDreamers + UrbanTrekks. We started this program to train, empower, and support recent high school graduates in Copán.

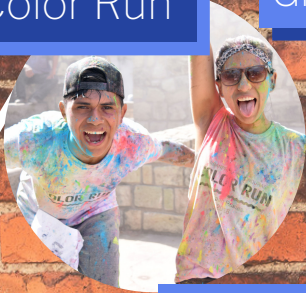


Hannah, an intern from Northern Ireland, joined us for the second time in 2018, serving in our AfterSchool Program from March until August.

Landon, Kyla, and Carlos, from BC, Canada, volunteered with our Afterschool Program in June.

CAMPAIGNS + NUMBERS

Color Run



Giving Tuesday

\$42,306 raised in 24 hours!

Mother's Day Campaign

Fundraising campaign in honor of moms everywhere!

"Send a Child to Camp" Local Sponsorship Dinner

103 individuals + businesses supporting vacation camps



Bilingual Camp Sponsorships

\$400,000

\$300,000

\$200,000

\$100,000

\$0

\$301,204

Total Expenses

\$311,536

Total Revenue

Administrative Expenses
17%

Fundraising Expenses
5%

Program Expenses
78%



THANK YOU!



We want to thank each and every one of our donors, volunteers, and supporters for seeing the promise in Honduras and for joining us in laying a solid foundation over the last ten years. We are just getting started, and we can't wait to see all that we are able to build together in the years to come!





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