



# **Empowering Christian Leaders**

CONNECTING ECUADOR & GUATEMALA THROUGH EDUCATION, SERVICE, AND FAITH



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# Something special is happening between Impact Ecuador & Impact Guatemala.

In 2016, I travelled to Ecuador as part of my Forge Internship with iTeams Canada. While there I assisted the local leaders, Fabian and Grace, in building the start of a post-secondary scholarship fund for youth in Carmen Bajo.

At that time, I dreamed that these students - and the ones to follow - would gain valuable education, find employment and gain experience in order to serve others in Ecuador and around the world.

### **Ecuador Students in Guatemala**

Through the help of Forge Interns in 2022 - iTeams Canada's internship program that is focused on empowering Christian Leaders here in Canada - a program was built to send Ecuadorians to Guatemala to help with the programming of our partner there. In 2023, this dream became a reality as 5 Ecuadorian post-secondary scholarship recipients boarded a plane for the first time and arrived in Guatemala.

The five students, led Vacation Bible Schools, assisted with vocational training, helped build a home in the community and built relationships and bridges between our partners in Ecuador and Guatemala.

They excelled in all their tasks over the 4 weeks thanks to their education, Spanish language, and experience volunteering and working with vulnerable populations in Ecuador.

I am thrilled for each one of these young adults and know firsthand the deep impact that this exchange and travel will have on each of them.

From all of us at iTeams Canada we are so thankful for everyone who helped make this new exchange program a reality. "God has blessed us greatly this week from the moment we got on the plane we have enjoyed the love of God and we can share that each day has been a unique experience."

- Fcuadorian Student



### **Legacy Giving**

A legacy gift through your Will has the power to provide hope and transformation to countless children and families around the world. We are truly grateful when our supporters choose iTeams Canada to extend their legacy of hope and kindness.

Have questions or just want to learn a bit more? Our Donor Engagement Specialist, Jacob Gaudaur, would love to connect with you one-on-one.

Call Jacob: 519-669-8844 Ext.1 Email Jacob: donor.care@iteams.ca

#### PREPARING FOR DROUGHTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

# **An Update From Uganda**

Last summer, we asked kind, supportive people like you to help provide clean and safe drinking water filters for families in Uganda.

A gift of \$150 was able to provide an entire family with a water filter that provides them clean water for life. With your support, we were able to provide over 50 families with water filters to help keep them hydrated and healthy. Isn't that amazing!?

Adam was in Uganda in February and wanted to share

the difference your donation made! Scan the QR code to see an update directly from Uganda.

And if you want to see more updates of your gifts in action - follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see updates from our partners all over the world.



#### **YOUR IMPACT IN 2023**

## Real Change Because of You.

#### 5.035

Students receiving education at all levels. **19.545** 

Men, women & children receiving relief (food, medicine or water).

#### 458,486

# of meals or food relief packages served to children and community members.

#### **51%**

Of all program participants are women and girls. **851** 

Girls and boys rescued from violence, exploitation or child labour.

### PARTNERS RECEIVING CONSISTENT SUPPORT IN 2023



None of this is solely done through iTeams Canada and along with your generosity, we're grateful for local people who also help make this change possible.

### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES - JAN-DECEMBER 2023

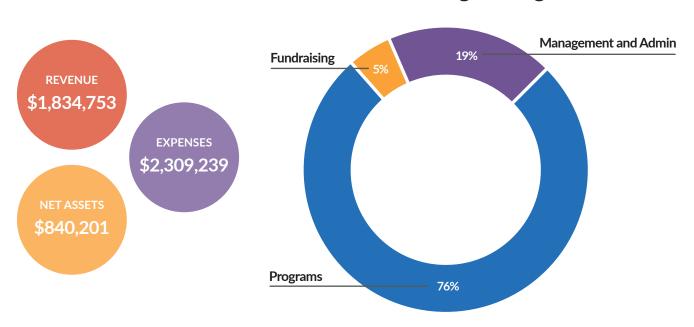


"Thank you so much for the love you have shown during the past years. I pray the Lord keeps encouraging you and gives you the strength to keep going until the last day."

- Hilmar, Guatemalan leader

## **Stewarding Your Generosity**

### 5 Year Rolling Average



Thank you for your continued support. As we look ahead to 2024, iTeams Canada is ready, with your support, to continue to support the needs of communities across the world.

During the Haiti crisis last spring, your support helped us meet the needs of Haitians in crisis through our local partner FOKA-DAI, which is led by Enel. As we hear troubling reports and news about continued and escalating kidnappings, gang violence and sexual violence within the country we are working on a plan with our partners on ways to help.

We are not okay, until we are all okay.

Thousands of Haitians are fleeing their homes with nowhere to go and with nothing to eat. Clean drinking water is hard to find. But despite all of that, I believe there is reason for hope. Through local interventions emergency relief that leads to long-term development is possible.

Thank you for partnering with us and trusting us with your donations.

On behalf of iTeams Canada's Board

Stuart Thomson, Board Chair