



SHARE El Salvador 2012 Annual Report



Dear Friend of SHARE El Salvador,

With your support, we were able to touch the lives of over 2,000 Salvadorans in 2012. Scholarships, disaster relief, micro-loans, emergency preparedness trainings, workshops on women's rights and many other projects contributed to the empowerment of rural communities. SHARE also expanded our work with Salvadorans in the U.S. and international solidarity.

In the beginning of 2012, SHARE led a national effort to call for Permanent Residency for Central Americans living in the U.S. with Temporary Protective Status (TPS). Thanks to this vision and foresight there is now a robust national campaign bringing the issue of the "Tepesianos" (people with TPS) to the National Comprehensive Immigration Reform debate.

SHARE cosponsored a delegation with the LCWR of 60 women religious to El Salvador this December to Honor Women Religious around the world and celebrate the lives of Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, Dorothy Kazel, and Jean Donovan. The delegation traveled the route of the martyrs, was welcomed by Monseñor Ricardo Urioste, and laughed, danced, and cried with the women of El Salvador. SHARE is currently working with Fundación Romero and the Maryknoll Sisters to declare the site where the four churchwomen were found as a National Historical Site.

In 2013, SHARE is joining in El Salvador's National Literacy Program to bring literacy to over 500,000 Salvadorans. SHARE Scholarship Students have led Literacy Circles in their communities for the past four years with support from the National Program. Now, SHARE is deepening our support of literacy in El Salvador by bringing the power of international solidarity through literacy brigades June 29 - July 7, 2013.

With the Salvadoran Presidential Elections around the corner SHARE invites you to join us January 28 - February 4th, 2014 to accompany the democratic process in El Salvador as an international elections observer. Visit our website at www.share-elsalvador.org for more information.

In Solidarity,

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***A partnership between SHARE
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"With this scholarship I will have a better capacity to help the community, more political advocacy experience and technical knowledge. The community gives me strength and drive to continue studying."

Rubia Guardado
SHARE Scholarship Recipient

In Appreciation

The loyal support of individuals, foundations, religious orders, grassroots partners, and many others made these programs in El Salvador possible. Many thanks to everyone who walked in solidarity with SHARE and the people of El Salvador in 2012.

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SHARE micro-loan recipient, Maria Leticia, in front of her 2012 crop.

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Honoring Women Religious

For more than three decades, women religious and lay women have accompanied the people of El Salvador. Women religious responded to the cry for help during and after the war, traveling to El Salvador and working side by side with our communities at highest risk. This past December, over 60 women religious, pastors, and lay people came to El Salvador to commemorate the martyrdom of Ita, Maura, Dorothy, and Jean and honor all women religious who have given so much of themselves to the people of El Salvador.

During the ten day delegation, delegates retraced the route of the martyrs, from their churches to their gravesites, and visited nearby communities in which their memories and work live on.

Delegates shared in the stories of the family members of those who were disappeared during the war, witnessed testimonies from path-breaking Salvadoran women leaders in Nueva Esperanza, and dialogued with international women religious who continue the work of the martyrs in El Salvador.

Delegate Sister Bette Ann Jaster, OP, reflected on these experiences: "Today the people remember and draw strength from the blood of the martyrs. They are organizing for change in their communities. Men and women are working together on village boards, addressing issues together, commemorating the stories of their loved ones and the martyrs through colorful murals, and music and dancing. Theirs is truly a resilient spirit...It was truly a privilege to accompany these amazing people for a week and a lifetime."



"I was eager to touch the solid ground of the men and women of El Salvador...I desired to 'widen my tent'. That has been realized. The colorful environment, the joy and welcoming spirit of all whom I encountered touched me! I have a new mosaic etched in my mind."

– Delegate Sister Claire Morrissey, CSJ

"Tortillas on the Roaster": Climate Change in El Salvador

In recent years, rising food prices, the effects of CAFTA, and extreme weather patterns have dramatically increased food insecurity in El Salvador. Flooding and heavy rains have exacerbated the food security problem by destroying crops, the primary source of food for families and diminishing income earned by selling crops.

In their "Tortillas on the Roaster" report, the International Center for Tropical Agriculture predicts that, due to climate change, El Salvador can expect corn production to decrease by 32% if agricultural practices do not change.



According to this report **El Salvador is the most vulnerable country to climate change in Central America due to deforestation and soil erosion.**

SHARE is at the forefront of preparing communities to adapt to this changing climate. Through our partnership with CONFRAS, a network of agricultural cooperatives, SHARE is advocating for policies at the national level that will allow for more sustainable agricultural practices and direct programs that provide individual farmers and families the skills they need to grow their own food for years to come.

In 2012, SHARE supported the following agricultural projects:

- Financial and technical assistance to CONFRAS to lobby the Salvadoran legislature to pass the "Food Sovereignty Law", that will provide more rights to small farmers and cooperatives that use sustainable agricultural practices.
- Financial assistance and technical training to CONFRAS to plant and care for 5,000 cacao and breadnut trees. These trees provide food for families, extra crops to sell, and prevent soil erosion.
- Financial assistance and training to the CCR to plant 57 organic and environmentally friendly home and community gardens with rural women's committees.

Jasmine's Journey: Refugee Camp to University

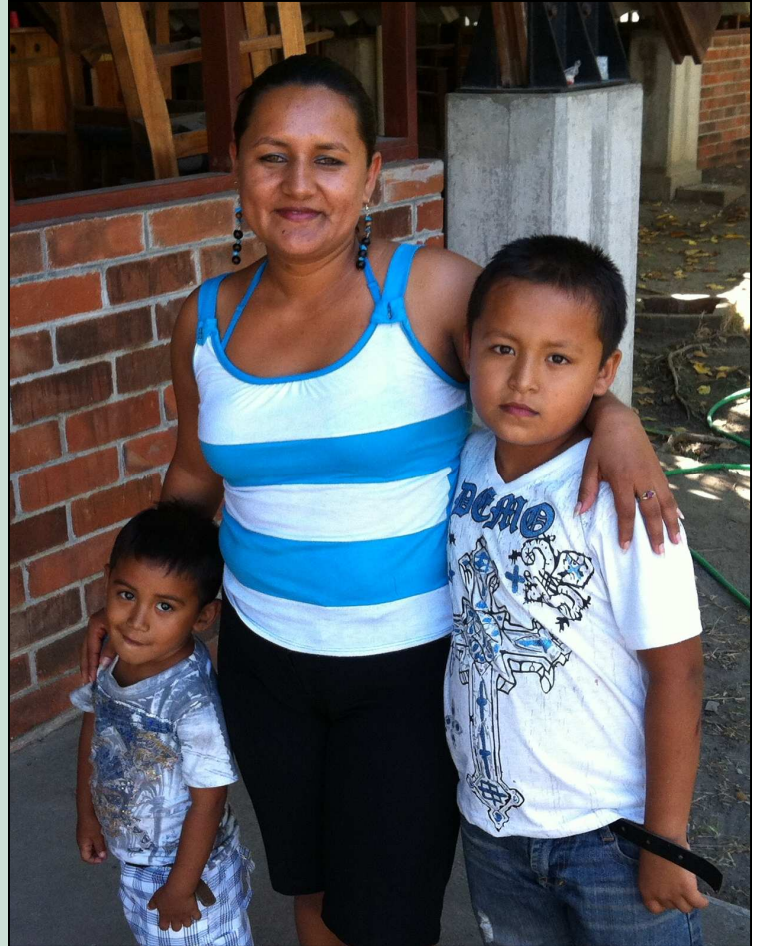
Twenty years ago, Jasmine Moreno took her first step into El Salvador. After her return from the Nicaraguan refugee camp where she was born, Jasmine had few choices and an uncertain future. Now, Jasmine is a leader in her community, taking a stand for women's rights, for knowledge and power, and for her two young children.

As one of 92 SHARE scholarship recipients in 2012, Jasmine was able to break through financial barriers that too often prevent women from accessing education. In her third year studying social work at the Salvadoran Lutheran University, Jasmine reflects on how she has grown since she began her studies.

“When I first got involved I couldn't even speak. Now I identify as a leader in the community. I get to teach women and youth. It has been a long journey though; I had to build skills through trainings and workshops.”

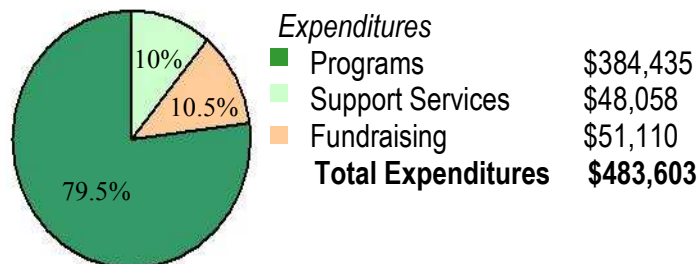
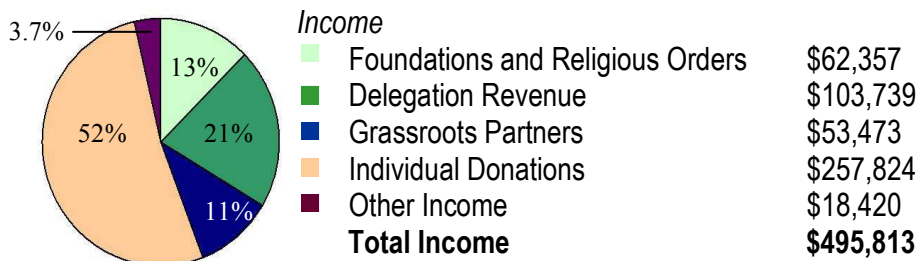
Jasmine now leads women's workshops on preventing violence against women in 17 communities so that “the women know their rights and practice them.” Her work goes beyond the workshops when she supports women targeted by violence by finding them safe places to stay and assisting them as they take their case to court.

“I don't do this because I have to,” Jasmine explained, “I do this because I love this work. I love working with women and I love teaching.”



Stories like Jasmine's would not be possible without supporters like you. Scholarships do not simply buy books. They do not buy skills. They do not buy motivation. They do, however, break the chains guarding access to education. Scholarships uncover the possibilities for future organizers, teachers, and leaders for change in their communities.

SHARE 2012 Income and Expenditures



SHARE's Mission:

SHARE strengthens solidarity with and among the Salvadoran people in El Salvador and the United States in the struggle for economic sustainability, justice, and human and civil rights.

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Leave Your Legacy with SHARE!

The SHARE El Salvador Legacy Fund supports students (like Jasmine and Rubia, pgs 2 & 5) as they gain skills to lead their communities to a more just and prosperous future. The Legacy Fund already has \$400,000 in gifts and pledges of real estate, life insurance, IRAs, and bequests. There are many ways to leave your legacy with SHARE to support students for years to come. For more information contact sarah@share-elsalvador.org.



"I am overwhelmed with what I have witnessed, heard, responded to. My place in this world previously was narrow, so as I now leave I feel like my world has been broadened."

2012 SHARE Grassroots Partner Delegate



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