

Mission Bolivia Report Apr 2023-24

In the year 23-24 we spent £82,100.

This includes £7,600 in funds rolled over from the previous year, plus regular giving (£44,000) and one-off gifts and fundraising raising (£32,000).

For every £1 we spent...

86% went towards the children mission centre.

13% went towards outreach, vital support work and sustenance.

With your continued support, we look forward to the children's centre completion and opening very soon, keep reading to learn of our progress and aims for 2024-25.



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We have fed an estimated total of 2660 kids and young adults since 2021.

2024: Two days per week are dedicated to mission activities outside the centre. The rest of the week we focus on completing the children's centre, sustainability, paperwork, communications, education, training and more.

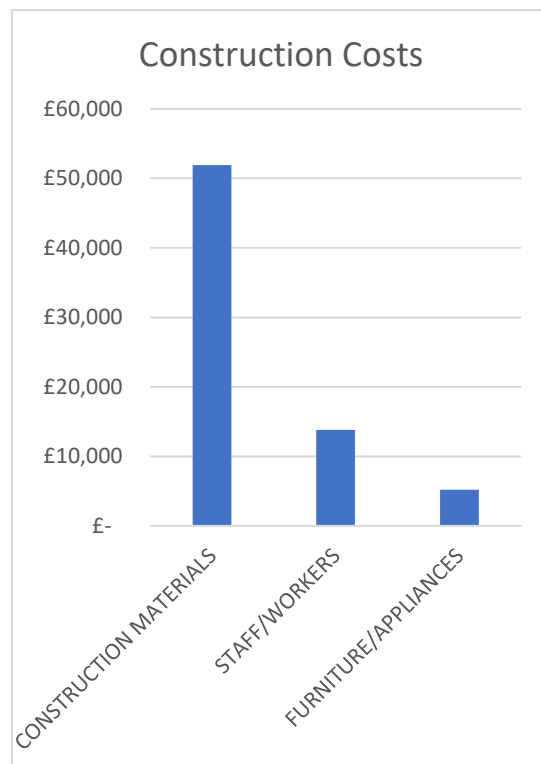
- Wednesday, we prepare food and drinks and go into the city in the afternoon and work late into the evening often finishing after 9pm. We visit many single parents with children selling sweets or washing car windows, some are homeless, all survive hand to mouth on a daily basis and are often in dirty clothes and malnourished due to extreme poverty. We also encounter adults struggling with various addictions. We have a route for referral to help adults via community centres and rehabilitation ministries that also work to see lives changed for good.
- Fridays we prepare aid packs (food, sanitary items, educational resources and often clothing) and go out into rural villages. We visit homes and arrange special mornings to visit schools. When visiting homes, we go out in the afternoon and evening when children are home from school. We come across families living on very low incomes, children often need shoes, clothes and nutrition.



Many are living hand to mouth, often farming, fighting the jungle and climate to produce food and many malnourished. It's common to find families that take care of other people's properties, and don't own anything themselves. There are very little reading resources. In 2024 we started to deliver kids' books, bible activity booklets and later hope to give out kids' bibles. As well as help with nutrition and sanitation and we are also investigating long term sustainability ideas to help each community.

The following tables and graphs show the areas money was spent and we follow up with what we have achieved this year and our projections for 2024/25.

SUMMARY		£
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	£	51,893
STAFF/WORKERS	£	13,808
FURNITURE/APPLIANCES	£	5,212
BUILD COST TOTAL	£	70,912
VEHICLES	£	2,416
TRAVEL	£	373
TRANSPORT TOTAL	£	2,789
MEDICAL	£	174
EDUCATION	£	526
CLOTHING/LINEN	£	249
OFFICE & COMS	£	872
SUSTENANCE	£	4,297
OUTREACH	£	1,361
MISSION TOTAL	£	7,480
SUNDRY	£	555
LEISURE	£	390
TOTAL	£	81,736



PROJECTED ACHIEVEMENTS – CONSTRUCTION OF CENTRE. As expected, construction was the biggest area of expenditure. The children's centre received enough donations to buy the polycarbonate roof panels – a total area of around 600m².

Breakdown: Roofing £21.5k. Water Intake System £15k. Labour/ Staff £13k. Windows & Doors £6.5k. Electrical/Solar £5.6k. Furniture/Appliances £5k. Tiling £4k.



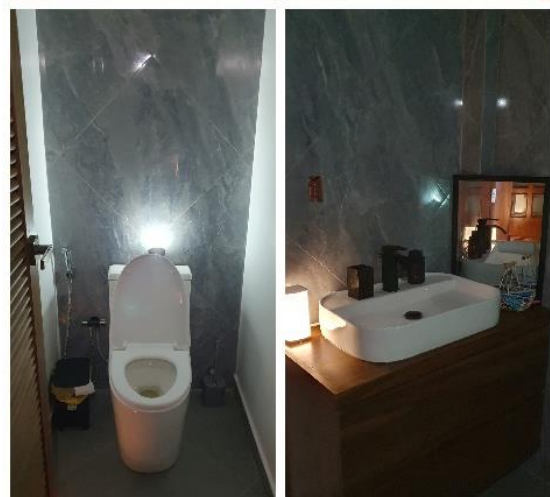
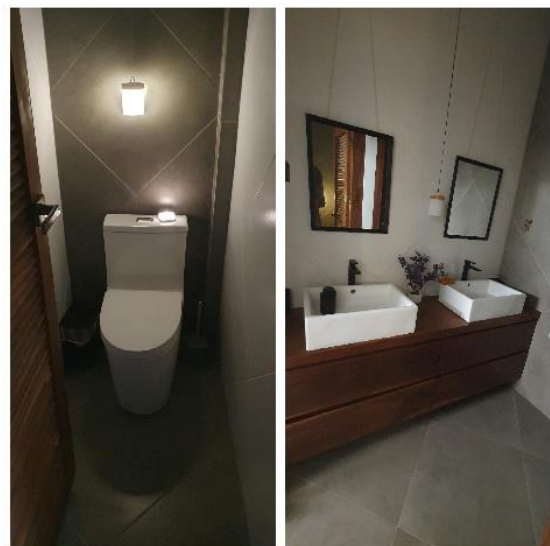
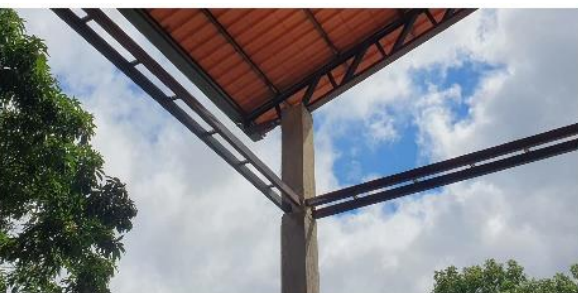


We built the upper-level columns to roof height, the walls also went up part way, we then installed a rainwater drainage system for the roof.

We installed all the ground floor windows, 3 sliding door systems, plus glass and wooden doors for bathrooms, bedrooms, showers, and a storage room. Plus, we got curtains!



We were able to buy some storage furniture which went into various areas including the office, our family area and rooms for other children. We were finally able to unpack all our suitcases and hang clothes! We fitted out three toilets and two shower rooms, all plumbed and tiled. We've finished all the internal paint work and nearly the tiling on the ground floor. We have the tiles for the final area - the living room and kitchen and we will be laying them soon. We also bought a fireproof safe.





On the upper level we rendered the first area and painted with primer. Inside the centre, areas have been rendered and painted. Doors fitted and tiles laid and now several bedrooms are finished and ready for beds and furniture. We have designed a bunkbed which will enable each large room to provide sleeping for 5 persons and the smaller rooms 2 to 3 persons. This gives us a current capacity of <20 persons plus us 4. You can see in the photos on the previous page other internal areas that are developing with dividing walls, rendered and painted. We have also been doing more electrical work and now have several circuits wired into the ground floor fuse box.

EXTRA ACHIEVEMENTS

Several jobs that we had planned to do next year became more urgent and these took priority.

1. The construction of a proper water intake system in the stream where we source our water. This involved moving more than 40 tonnes of material by hand/foot through the jungle about 300m mostly uphill. It was a huge undertaking and took 8 workers and Isaac about 8 weeks to do the main bulk of the work. We also installed water filters and two pre-fill tanks that help to remove sediment and keep our tanks and pipes clean.



2. We needed new solar system batteries. Our batteries were failing rapidly and no longer held charge overnight. We were turning off the fridge and freezer every night and using the generator a lot to get us by. At the right time when we need to buy the batteries funding came in for almost the exact amount needed. We upgraded to lithium batteries and a lithium inverter. We still need 2 more batteries before we can run CCTV and lighting, but what we have is getting us by for the moment. This cost us £5600.
3. We repaired and protected sewage pipework that had been damaged by a heavy truck. We also installed new manhole covers/systems for inspecting and maintaining our water drainage and sewage systems.
4. On the upper level we installed extra steel work between columns, this is required in order for us to take the brickwork to roof level.

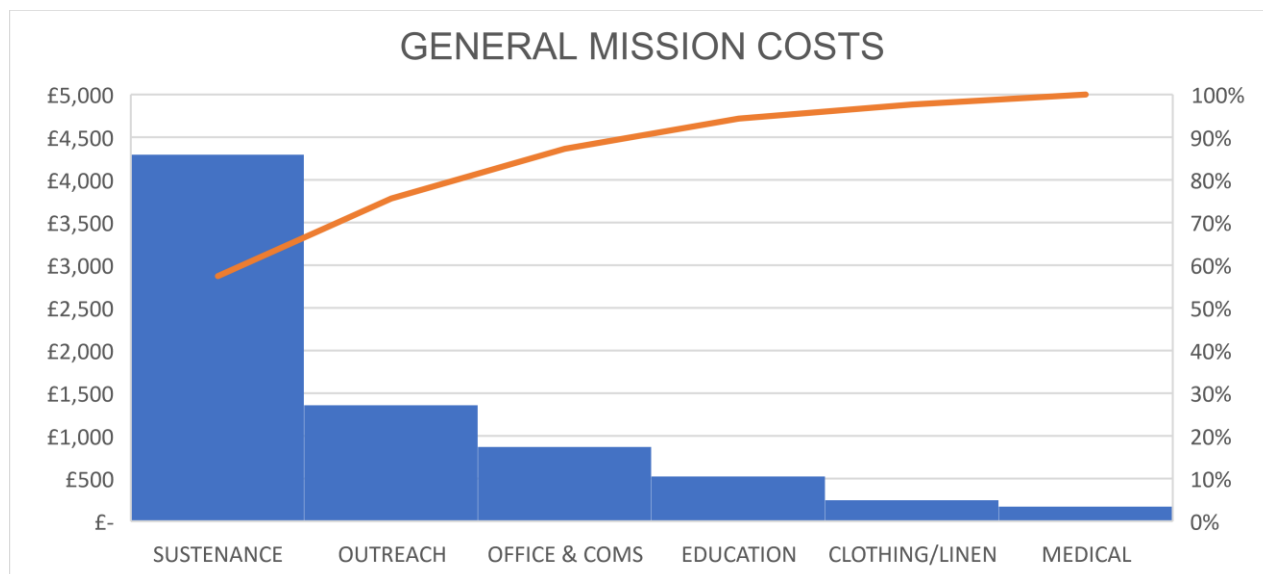


CONSTRUCTION PHASES REQUIRED TO GET US OPEN!

1. Take the walls all the way to the roof, render brickwork, paint, install windows.
2. External covered walkway, steps and disabled access.
3. Entrance gate, road and secure river exit.
4. Finish perimeter fencing, CCTV and lockers for staff.
5. Finish painting centre and start fit out of rooms.
6. Ground floor level electrics – finish circuits, install lighting, data cables.
7. Upper-level electrics, lights, fuse box sockets, solar batteries.
8. New grey water waste system, specifically for kitchen waste.
9. Ground floor stairs – render and install storage system for shoes etc...
10. Storm barrier in river and concrete entrance/ford into river.
11. First aid room/ office for doctor, psychologists etc

We have these costing and more available in a separate document entitled 'Building Phase Work'. Please email us if you would like to read the most up to date version and we will happily send over.

MISSION



We visited the Guarani Indigenous Community we have been establishing relations with. They are about a 5hr drive from the centre, so we visit them every 6 months or so. With a team of helpers from local churches and 2 of our builders we worked hard over a weekend to lay the foundations for what will be a church and community hall. Some of the local kids came to help in between classes.



We donated lots of food, clothes, shoes, children's activity books and packets of colouring pencils. Ladies from the village helped to make food to keep us going. Isaac really connected with the kids and ended up exerting more energy than he expected!



Local mission in rural areas has also been going well with many new relationships made and families reached. Most Fridays we go out with aid packs (food, sanitary items, first aid) and often clothes, activity books for kids and pencils. We normally visit families at home, but we also visit schools. We're starting to hear testimonies from some of the villages we visit regularly and see the time and help we're investing make a difference. We have new ideas we will be exploring over the next year about how we can introduce sustainable business ideas that can be adopted by some of the rural villages we are helping.



In the city we have new team members that are helping us. We go out every Wednesday afternoon/evening finishing about 9pm. We focus on young children but include all those we meet. There are many mothers with young children, plus teenagers that often are struggling with drugs.



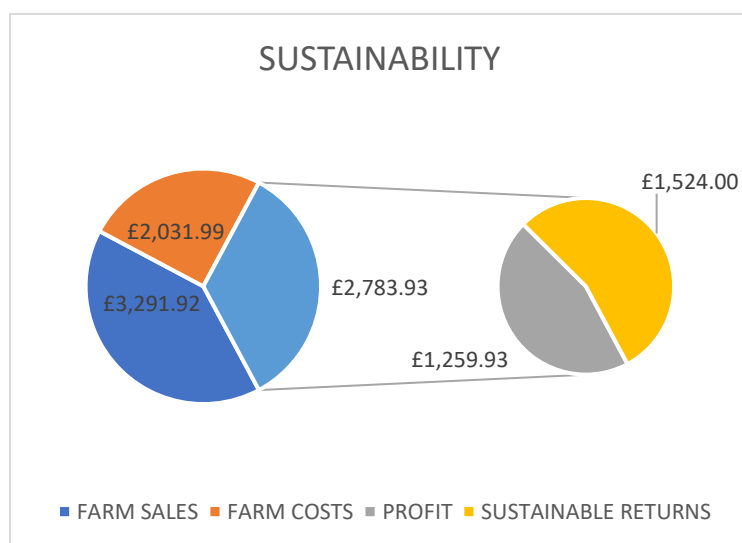
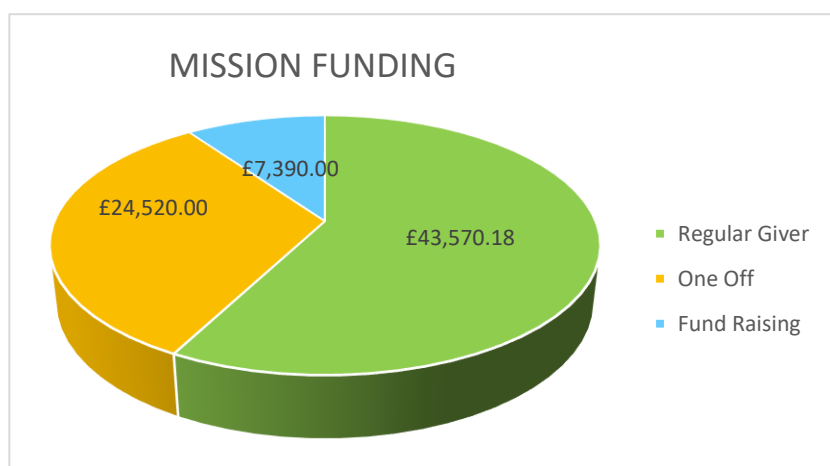
Funding Fundraising & Donations

God provides in amazing ways!

We re-invested money raised by from selling

fruit plus we were able to allocate a specific gift towards coffee plants. So sustainable plans are developing to help us become more sustainable. This year these systems included more taps/hoses, fencing and fertiliser. We also planted more than 30 more mango trees, 20 avocado trees and we have around 800 coffee plants growing next to our stream.

Our sales this year are £3291. We spent £2031 with a net profit of £1259. We also consumed an estimated £1000 of our own produce!



We sold citrus fruit, avocados, mangos, jams and chickens.

We also became about 50% more sustainable than the previous year producing more bananas, papayas, squash, eggs, chickens, fresh herbs, tomatoes, cucumbers, lemons, limes, honey, cassava, mangoes, avocados, passionfruit and more. Plus, we are regularly baking our own bread and making our own jams, teas and juices.

Outlook for April 2024 to April 2025.

We expect our costs to be

- ~£65k on constructions costs
- ~ £15k on mission associated costs.

We expect to make a profit of about £3k on farm sales and sustainable returns. This is less than we hoped for but is due to the severe 2-year drought we have experienced.

We are making contingency plans for future droughts which includes water reserves and a river water pump.

Based on our latest figures we can expect to raise enough money to open the centre late 2025.

Future operating costs

As well as working alongside other missionaries we will need to employ staff both full-time and part-time. We have estimated a cost of £20,000 in the first year which will cover...

- 3 full time staff taking care of the centre, security roles, cleaning and assisting with cooking.
- Psychiatrist one day per week.
- Doctor one day per month
- Dentist one day per month

Has God put South America on your heart?

Do you love working with kids, helping the poor or have a skillset that could help us on mission, building, agriculture, teaching, life skills, entrepreneurship and more?

Please get in touch with us to learn more and help us to raise funds for future development of Mission In Bolivia.



THE MISSION/CHILDREN'S CENTRE



Much love from Bolivia

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