



2025

SU REFUGIO MINISTRIES
IMPACT REPORT

From the President

Dear friends and partners,

As I reflect on the past year, my heart is filled with gratitude for the work God has done among orphans and widows in South America. Your faithful prayers and generous support have allowed vulnerable children, women, and families to receive not only compassionate care, but also the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. As we meet urgent physical needs, we are walking alongside individuals who encounter lasting hope, healing, and transformation in Christ.

This year, we have seen God moving in powerful ways—strengthening families, drawing hearts to Himself, and causing His gospel to spread. **Your partnership provided essential care to over 1,000 children and women**, helping ensure access to shelter, education, food, discipleship, and the steady presence of Christian community. We are deeply encouraged by the lives being impacted, and it is my joy to share a few highlights from 2025:

1. **Furthering ministry to orphans in Paraguay:** In 2025, the Lord concentrated our focus on the Children's Home, where the number of children living at our Tobatí campus at any given time reached a record high. The teenage girls have especially grown spiritually and in practical vocational skills.
2. **Answered prayers in Argentina:** Not only did God grant government accreditation to begin first grade at Su Refugio Argentina Christian School, but He has provided for further expansion in coming years. We continue to walk by faith, knowing that He will accomplish His purposes through our ministry in Rafaela.
3. **Pursuing gospel opportunities in Peru:** The staff at the Children's Care Centers are diligently seeking more open doors for gospel witness throughout Peru. They have made connections with local believers, implemented strategies to effectively minister to parents, and promoted deeper involvement in key communities.

None of this would be possible without you—we thank you not only for your giving, but also for your faithful prayers and encouragement. Your partnership is creating safe places for those who need refuge, and it is helping people encounter Jesus in life-changing ways. I am honored to serve alongside you, and I look forward with hope to all God will continue to do in the year ahead. May the Lord bless you abundantly as we work together to make Him known to the lost and suffering.

With gratitude and hope,



Michelle Kvandal
President, Su Refugio Ministries



Over 40 people from throughout the US joined us on the 2025 mission trips to Paraguay, Argentina, and Peru. Additionally, several teams from Christian schools and churches visited Su Refugio's locations to serve the children and staff. Seeing God's work in South America firsthand is a beautiful experience, and we look forward to sharing it with more teams in 2026. Upcoming trips are listed below!

ARGENTINA → June 25 - July 04, 2026

PARAGUAY → July 17 - 25, 2026

PERU → October 08 - 15, 2026



Applications are open and the mission trip interest meeting will take place on February 7 (in person) and February 14 (virtual). Scan the QR code or visit www.surefugio.org/mission-trips to see more details and register for the meeting.



In addition to sending teams to serve in South America, our ministry partners blessed orphans and widows through other acts of practical service. In March, the school supplies prepared by Tri-City Bible Church and Tri-City Christian School (Vista, CA) were delivered to children in need in Peru. In May, Christ Lutheran Church (La Mesa, CA) packed 100,000 meals for hungry families in Peru and Paraguay. Thank you to all who served through giving, volunteering, and praying!



Missions & events

Paraguay

→ 128

Children rescued
from abuse in
Paraguay since 2010

→ 32

Total children cared
for in 2025 at the
Children's Home

→ 12

New children
welcomed in 2025

→ 2

Young women in the
THRIVE young adult
transition program

→ 6

Children placed in
stable homes by the
court system

In 2025, Su Refugio Paraguay focused its ministry efforts on the children and teenagers who have been rescued from abusive environments and placed in our care. The Children's Home provided holistic care to 32 total children over the course of the year, and the young women in the THRIVE program continue to make strides toward independent adulthood. Resources from the Paraguayan government allowed Su Refugio to offer a variety of skills and entrepreneurship classes to the girls in the Children's Home, while the Music School continues to deliver high-quality music education to children both at Su Refugio and in the Tobatí community.



This year, we have seen God at work through saving and maturing several of the girls at Su Refugio Paraguay. One young woman, who is currently participating in the THRIVE young adult transition program, is experiencing the rest and peace that come from deeply knowing that God understands and cares for her. While working with her mentor through her history of abuse, she shared how she has been greatly impacted by realizing that Jesus knew suffering personally and He can have compassion on us in our pain. This truth is becoming precious to her and increasing her love for Christ, who truly understands the pain of abandonment, rejection, and injustice. Praise God for His work in these girls' hearts!

→ 48

Students in the
Music School in 2025

→ 360

Total music classes
held in 2025

Argentina



Over the last year, Su Refugio Argentina cared for children and families from the troubled neighborhoods of Rafaela with gospel hope, practical support, and discipleship. Youth outreach continues to thrive, with many teens also volunteering to serve the young children alongside staff on the weekends. Speaking of the children and teens, Chivi, director of the Children's Care Center, says, "It fills my heart to watch them grow and see them making decisions to follow God, get baptized, or start going to church. There aren't words to thank God for what *He* does because He's the only one that can work in a person's life like that."



→ 77

Children nurtured on a weekly basis at the Children's Care Center, on average

→ 45

Teens disciplined in small groups

→ 73

Students enrolled at Su Refugio Argentina Christian School

→ 4

Grade levels offered: preschool, pre-K, kindergarten, and first grade

Scan to watch recent videos from Argentina:



God's provision in 2025 has been especially evident in His growth of Su Refugio Argentina Christian School. From securing government accreditation to hiring staff and constructing classrooms, every answer to prayer has allowed high quality Christian education to remain available to vulnerable families. We celebrated the successful launch of first grade in March, and construction to accommodate subsequent grades is well underway. One teacher says, "I've been deeply impressed by the gratitude the children feel toward their school. It's heartwarming to see the happiness they feel about the growth of this [school] they call their own. Every day, during prayer, they express their gratitude to the Lord for the school's progress and make requests for its continued growth." We pray that God will continue to use the school as a beacon of His gospel in Rafaela!

Peru

→ 750

Children reached with Bible teaching, academic support, and nutritious meals at the Children's Care Centers.

→ 101,971

Meals served to hungry children at the Children's Care Centers and through local partners.

→ 13

Locations reached throughout Peru.

→ 235

New pairs of shoes provided for children in need.

→ 100+

Women equipped with skills to provide for their families.

Su Refugio Peru ministered to children and families in the Lima area at three central locations: Comas, Carabayllo, and Quebrada Verde. In addition, 10 other communities in the Cusco, Lima, and Amazon regions were reached through satellite Children's Care Centers. The "Phileo" initiative, which launched in 2024 to minister to local mothers with acute needs, brought many opportunities for staff members to share the gospel as they developed relationships with these women. We entrust the results to God as His gospel is shared, whether through feeding hungry children, ministering to mothers, equipping vulnerable women with job skills, or offering a Christ-centered environment for children to learn and grow.



Pierina (middle in lower right photo) lives with her family in the desert community of Comas. She is a senior in high school, with hopes of studying medicine and becoming a neonatologist. Pierina started participating in the Children's Care Center almost ten years ago, and now she is learning practical skills in the women's entrepreneurship program. She is also learning English at Su Refugio. Pierina tells us that her years at the CCC taught her much about the Lord; her faith in Jesus Christ is increasing and she wants to continue learning more about Him. She now attends an evangelical church with her mother and siblings. Pierina asks us to pray for her family's health and finances, and that God would give her more wisdom and understanding in studying His Word.

Looking ahead

- The leadership retreat in November played a significant part in setting the tone for 2026. The ministry's local leaders in Paraguay, Argentina, and Peru are committed to serving orphans and widows with unity, cross-collaboration, and gospel focus. Klaus Hipke has stepped into the newly-created role of Operations Director for South America, and we are confident that his leadership will strengthen Su Refugio in the year ahead.
- God has granted an exciting new opportunity for ministry in Paraguay! The Paraguayan government has asked Su Refugio to establish a therapeutic center for young women who are troubled by severe trauma and various mental health disorders. Keep an eye out for more details and opportunities to support this initiative.
- Construction at Su Refugio Argentina Christian School is progressing quickly, with the second- and third-grade classrooms on track for early completion. We praise God for His provision and we pray that many new families would encounter His love and gospel hope through the school in 2026.



Thank you for every prayer, gift, and act of service that allowed orphans and widows throughout South America to receive loving care and the truth of Christ. May God be glorified to continue working through our partnership in the coming year.

“Caring for orphans and widows in their distress”
for the glory of God (James 1:27).



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