



# Turimiquire Foundation

## Annual Report 2020

Our U.S.-based non-profit 501(c)3 Foundation has served the low-income populations of northeastern Venezuela since 1997. Based on more than 40 years of personally living and working in these impoverished regions, we present our **Recipe for a Thriving Community** as a tested blueprint for action in *four steps* that guides both our own work and offers a replicable model for developing rural communities the world over:

### (1) FAMILY PLANNING: *Empowering women and families with the means to control their own fertility.*

- ⇒ In 2020, we offered our services to more than **4,400** additional reproductive-age women and their families, delivering **24,671 Couple Years of Protection (CYPs)**, the metric by which USAID measures family planning achievement, to the low-income populations that we serve.
- ⇒ Calculating an average family of five+, an *additional 20,000 family members* benefited in 2020.
- ⇒ Cumulatively, from May 1997 through December 2020, we have served over **60,000** low-income women with birth control methods for a grand total of over **169,000 Couple Years of Protection**.
- ⇒ Starting in 2003, we have offered a total of **3200 Workshops in Sexual and Reproductive Health** to almost **60,000 participants** as well, primarily students and teenagers. Our goal is to combat Venezuela's teenage pregnancy rate, one of the highest in Latin America.
- ⇒ We are reaching more and younger women with reversible family planning. In the past, women survived significant infant and maternal mortality and morbidity, as well as economic adversity related to supporting large families. The average woman we now serve with reversible contraception is in her mid 20s with two children, taking control of her reproductive health and fertility much earlier in life. These women become outspoken examples for their extended families and neighbors, showcasing the **improved quality of life accessible through controlling the size of their families**.
- ⇒ As the *only* civil organization offering these services in the eastern half of Venezuela, the Foundation has become ground zero for family planning and reproductive health services. In Venezuela's current economic and pandemic crisis, contraceptives are typically not unavailable. Our resources have been stretched to an extreme. And families in social isolation for COVID-19 need family planning more than ever!

### (2) HUMANITARIAN AID: *The current Venezuelan crisis has generated great human need.*

- ⇒ In 2020, we performed 1361 surgical procedures for low-income individuals who can no longer count on Venezuela's public health system. Cumulatively, we have realized a total of **9927 surgeries** since we initiated this program.
- ⇒ We also offer medical consultations and laparoscopic diagnoses and biopsies for patients in need.
- ⇒ We provide emergency assistance to dozens of rural families, helping to alleviate a myriad of problems, including basic nutrition for children, in this time of acute crisis in Venezuela.

### (3) EDUCATION: *Once families gain control of their fertility, they concentrate on giving their children the best possible future through schooling.*

- ⇒ Our **Scholarship Program** for the *Vía Cumanacoa* community enables **50+** rural high school students to continue their studies each year. More than 500 students from semi-literate families have now attended high school and almost 100 have graduated—the first in their families to do so. Previously, most students in this community abandoned their education at or before the sixth grade.
- ⇒ Selected high school graduates continue their studies at the *college level* with ongoing Foundation support, a real precedent.
- ⇒ Our *Rio Brito Education Program* offers staffed library and computer facilities upriver, two hours walking distance from the nearest road, to support students at the remote rural high school. Both rural and urban students study at our *Computer Center* in the city of Cumaná, which offers free Internet, tutoring, snacks and study and social areas during schooldays.

**(4) COMMUNITY: Investing in people first!**

Over the years, we have developed and maintained community infrastructure in the remote roadless valley where we have a farm, focusing on agriculture. We cultivate and disseminate unusual tropical fruits like Durian, Mangosteen, Jackfruit, Rollinia and Canistel. We also constantly help solve a myriad of individual and practical problems that permit the rural community to flourish.

**Small Foundation, BIG Results**

*We simply do more with less:*

- ⇒ In 2020, over 94 cents of every dollar went directly into the field. Over the past 18 years, an average of almost 94% of our budget has gone directly into the field.
- ⇒ Donations, *social marketing*, and sliding scale fees for our medical services all help to cover our operating costs. Our services are offered at highly subsidized prices. *No one is turned away* for not being able to pay. Most everyone can help with *something*, and a few will need and receive extra help from us.
- ⇒ **Fundación ServYr**, our non-profit organization in Venezuela, received in local currency and in USD the equivalent of \$32,167 in patient co-pays and in-country donations in 2020. These funds cover local administrative and operating costs, and were then dedicated to rural education and development.
- ⇒ Our actual budget for rural education was therefore \$2,290 plus ±\$10,000 = \$12,290.
- ⇒ Our actual budget for rural development was therefore \$1,196 plus ±\$10,000 = \$11,196.
- ⇒ We invest *minimally in public outreach*. Women and their families and state and private public health facilities all regularly refer clients to us.
- ⇒ Our USA Officers and Board Members are 100% volunteer. All of our paid staff are Venezuelan.

We confront the same social problems that exist in other less-developed countries: public services that are unable to meet the demands of growing populations with critically unmet needs. The COVID-19 pandemic and the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela have severely aggravated this situation. There are no short cuts, but a little bit can go a long ways. We truly appreciate your help and hope that you continue to support this urgent work!

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**Our Finances in 2020**

Calendar Year Expenses		%	Calendar Year Income	
Non-program overhead:		5.6%	Multiple Donors over \$5,000	\$ 69,704
Adminis- tration and Infrastruc- ture	\$ 15,610	5.2%	Foundation Support	\$266,945
Fund Raising	\$ 1237	0.4%	Donations \$1000-\$5,000	\$ 31,509
<b>Programs:</b>		<b>94.4%</b>	Individual donations up to \$1000	\$ 39,683
Family Planning Services and Reprod Health Education			Interest Income	\$125
<b>\$ 255,295</b>		<b>84.7%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$407,967</b>
Humanitarian Assistance: Surgical, Medical, Nutritional and Family Emergencies			We spend very little on infrastructure and staffing. Instead, we ride "piggy-back" on public and private health infrastructure, adding only specifically what is needed to deliver their/our services effectively.  In 2020, we would like to express a special thanks to the <b>Erik and Edith Bergstrom Foundation</b> for their generous support of our work in family planning.	
\$ 25,901		8.6%		
Rural Education Center and Student Scholarships				
\$ 2,290		0.8%		
Rural Development and Agriculture				
\$ 1,196		0.4%		
<b>TOTAL</b>				
<b>\$301,729</b>		<b>100%</b>		

We entered 2021 with roughly \$60,000 in expenses payable, increasing our de facto yearly costs. Most years our income does not cover our program expenses, but thanks to our donors, this year we do have a margin to expand our work going forward! We plan to expand our programs on all fronts, with a focus on humanitarian aid in a country in deep crisis.

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