



**2023**

QUARTER 3 IMPACT REPORT



*They are worth more. A lot more.*

# BRAZIL

During the months of July, August, and September, there were some extremely hot days — up to 104 degrees Fahrenheit — but the toasty temperatures did not slow down the fun for our VisionTrust Brazil children.

Our biggest highlight this quarter was our annual camp held August 10th – 13th. The theme was “Friend, I’m Here” and the students enjoyed biblical reflections on friendship, teamwork, and how we can extend our hands to help others with love.

Our VisionTrust Brazil Director, Humberto, shared:

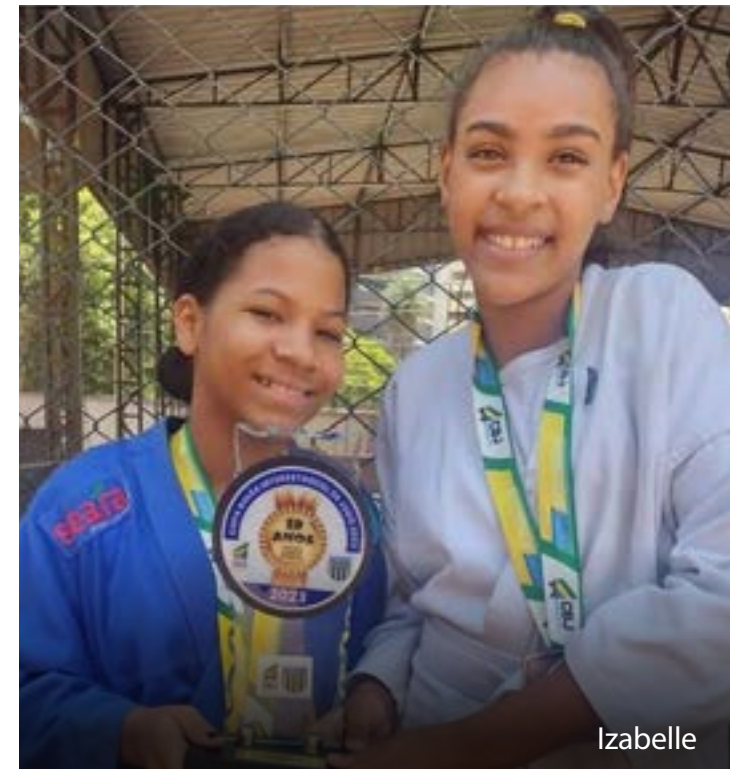
*“It was three days of pure joy, in a welcoming environment full of lightness. Every moment was special, and the children enjoyed five daily meals prepared with love – breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, dinner, and night snack. We had the enthusiastic participation of ninety-six children and a team of about forty-two dedicated volunteers.”*

Most of the camp volunteers were former children from the programs who are now young adults. They loved coming back to help!

In September, our VisionTrust ministry helped host a citywide Judo tournament and ninety of our students attended. Izabelle, one of our preteen students who is deaf, was thrilled to compete. This is what her mother shared after the event:

*“I have never let her participate in many things, but today I am thrilled because my daughter is a normal child like the others, she has a potential that not even I imagined. Today, because of this opportunity, the way I see my daughter has changed, she is human just like the others, it’s all about opportunities.”*

In our programs, our students continue to enjoy soccer, flute lessons, guitar classes, reading groups, and math games. We praise God that four students — Victor, Alejandro, Adrian, and Wendy — all made a first-time commitment to follow Jesus this past quarter. We trust that the Lord has great plans for these young ones who have put their faith in Him.



Izabelle

# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The months of July, August, and September were bursting with special activities across our schools, learning centers, and orphanage in the Dominican Republic. Our students wrapped up their school year in July, and our staff and teachers began preparations for the coming school year in September.

During the school break, many of the students enjoyed memorable moments. At Camino de Libertad, the students loved participating in special summer camps hosted by Faith Bible Church mission teams. There were smiles all around as the children and adolescents enjoyed Bible stories, painting, games, and delicious snacks. Our students in Cotui celebrated Father's Day in July by sharing letters they wrote to express their love and affection – it was a tender and heartwarming gathering.

An outbreak of dengue fever in the Dominican Republic occurred this past quarter. Thankfully, none of our children fell seriously ill and families were grateful to receive information on preventative measures to reduce the risk of getting sick.

Students returned to classes with enthusiasm in early September. During the second half of the month, the children enjoyed celebrating two special holidays – International Peace Day and National Bible Day. The children created murals, participated in parades, memorized Bible verses, and discussed how they can contribute to peace and obey God's word. In several programs, our leaders facilitated special activities to reinforce proper handwashing in anticipation of Global Handwashing Day on October 15th.

Our children and adolescents continue to grow in their faith in the Lord. Jose Miguel, a 14-year-old who has attended our Deaf School since he was 20 months old, was baptized as a public profession of his faith in Jesus. Another student, Andres, also made a first-time decision for Christ.

Lastly, we praise God that the Tia Tatiana school has received more robust support from the government for the feeding program for both breakfast and lunch. The school principal, Yvelise, shared this reflection on the feeding program we can provide:

*“This is a great help for [the children’s] parents who only have to think about one meal a day for their children... God is good, and his promises are true.”*



# GUATEMALA

During the third quarter, a wonderful highlight for our staff and children was two mission team visits in July. Encounter Church and Chillicothe Christian Church blessed our Cruz Blanca children and families by hosting Vacation Bible School, delivering water filtration units to homes, and hosting an evangelistic event where children ages 7-12 could hear the message of Christ's love.

In August, the results of the presidential election triggered a series of events that led to political instability which escalated significantly towards the end of September. Citizens participated in widespread protests and road blockades to raise their concerns, impacting the cost and availability of propane, gasoline, groceries, and other goods. Our VisionTrust Guatemala Director, Rut, shared:

*“These sad actions affected millions of Guatemalans, although the anger was something we all understand. It’s always the people who suffer the consequences [of corruption].”*

Our students continue to work hard in their studies, and our seniors took important national exams in July in preparation for their upcoming graduation in October. Storytime in the library continues to be a beloved activity and students also enjoy “book talks” where they discuss the most significant aspects of the books they have read with a peer. Our students in Cruz Blanca have enjoyed learning English from a missionary that visits the program to give classes as part of her service to the local community.

In the area of health, we praise God that our students in Los Verdes were able to get deworming medication and supplements from the Community Health Center. This year has been particularly bad for dengue fever cases; a few students did contract dengue, but thankfully they are recovering well.

In September, our students in both Learning Centers participated in a variety of special civic activities to celebrate Independence Day. They created artwork, recited poetry, sang songs, and presented research projects about their homeland. In Los Verdes, families were invited to a special ceremony where the children shared performances and presentations. The students were so honored to represent their country with immense pride.

On a final, joyful note, we celebrate that eleven students made a first-time decision to follow Christ this past quarter. We pray that Angel, Darlyn, Ian, Josué, Reyi, Wendy, Luis, Ethan, Valery, Rony, and Norma grow in their love of the Lord as they continue to follow Him.



# PERU

During July, August, and September, our VisionTrust Peru staff saw God work in amazing ways in the lives of the children and families we serve in our ministry programs. The community of Ayacucho continues to face significant challenges. Our VisionTrust Peru Director, Ada, shared this reflection:

*“At an economic level, the rise in prices continues in the same way, things are more expensive every day and the salaries of the population do not improve [...] but even in the midst of everything we have seen the hand of God surprising us.”*

Our leaders continue to provide guidance and instruction that protect our children in important ways. Recently, one of our students, Flor, was approached by a stranger and offered money to go with him – she remembered the sessions our VisionTrust Peru team facilitated on abuse prevention and was able to successfully get help from a nearby trusted adult. Our staff also reinforce other ways for our students to protect and care for their bodies, including coaching on proper handwashing, oral hygiene, and personal hygiene.

During July, our VisionTrust Peru students were thrilled to have Lakepoint Church come facilitate Vacation Bible School activities and a special family night gathering. One of the highlights of their visit was the new reading corner the team created at the Maranatha Learning Center. The children and staff were overjoyed to see shelves full of new books for them to read! Another special moment this past quarter was a celebration held at the Primitiva Learning Center to celebrate the program’s eighth anniversary.

With grateful hearts, we praise God that eight students – Caleb, Bruno, Yamila, Luhana, Cielo, Xiomara, Cristofer, and Areli – made a first-time decision to follow Jesus this past quarter. We cannot wait to see how these young people will use their gifts, talents, and passions to serve the Lord.



# SOUTHEAST ASIA

Surrounded by challenging situations day in and day out, our VisionTrust leaders in Southeast Asia persevere, serving with creativity, diligence, and loving kindness.

This past quarter, our staff were able to make notable improvements at several program sites, installing new toilets in one of our orphanages and a Sawyer water filter in one of our learning centers. Another health win was being able to provide nutritious meals for our children, as well as food baskets for families in need. Our VisionTrust Southeast Asia Director, shared:

*“Some of the children’s parents received the food support and tearfully expressed their gratitude to every donor who helped them when it was difficult to eat.”*

Our students continue to read with enthusiasm, and many enjoyed studying the life of Mother Teresa this past quarter. The students engaged in thoughtful dialogue about what it looks like to share with those in need, even when you feel like you have little to give. As a service project, the children collected donations to share with those struggling in neighboring communities to share the love of Christ. This quarter, we praise God that eighteen children made a first-time decision to follow Jesus.

Our students enjoyed learning about discipleship this quarter, studying various passages about following Christ, such as Matthew 10:24-25, Mark 3:13-16, and John 15:5.

Our leaders also leveraged reading time to share important lessons on healthy habits. One book taught our children how to prevent diseases common in the rainy season, and another book instructed children to never take or give medicine unless it is from a trusted adult. Our older students enjoyed vocational training in nursing, animal husbandry, hairdressing, handicrafts, and sewing.

Last —but certainly not least —we celebrate the accomplishment of one of our former students, Phillip\*, who serves as a cook at the VisionTrust orphanage he grew up in. For some time, Phillip has been studying to enter university. After failing the entrance exam three times, he was ready to give up. But through the support of our VisionTrust Southeast Asia leaders, Phillip tried one more time — and we are thrilled to report that he passed his entrance exam with honors!

\*Name changed for the privacy and protection of this individual.



# SOUTH ASIA

Our children and adolescents are deeply grateful for the care and support they receive at their VisionTrust programs. Here are a few memorable ways in which God has touched the lives of our students this past quarter.

In the area of education, our children continue to dedicate themselves to their studies. Our 10th and 12th grade students receive some of their core coursework online. Despite interruptions due to inconsistent electricity in their community, the students are gaining important knowledge during their study sessions. Sarai\*, one of our 10th graders, displayed immense resilience when she took her quarterly exams right after being hospitalized due to a chronic respiratory problem that suddenly became more acute. Praise God, Sarai performed exceptionally well on her exams – our VisionTrust South Asia Country Director, noted:

*“[Her] journey is an inspiring example of how faith, determination, and the support of medical professionals can lead to remarkable recoveries and academic success, even in the face of significant health challenges.”*

In the area of spiritual development, we continue to see our students grow in their faith in astounding ways. We praise God that three students made a first-time commitment to follow Jesus this past quarter.

Trevor\*, one of our adolescent students, has embraced a relationship with Jesus wholeheartedly. When he started coming to his local VisionTrust program in 2010, he was inspired by the stories his teachers would share about the miracles Jesus performed. Trevor struggled academically but had faith that Jesus would help him overcome his learning barriers. He started to memorize Bible verses to help strengthen his learning and retention skills. Our VisionTrust Country Director shared:

*“Recently, [Trevor] took part in Bible quiz competitions and won prizes. His parents saw his faith in Jesus Christ and are awestruck. He also continuously prays for his parents. Now, they also started to know about and believe in Jesus.”*

We praise God for all the growth we see in the lives of our children in South Asia – physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

\*Names changed for the privacy and protection of these individuals.



# LIBERIA

This past quarter, our VisionTrust Liberia team has celebrated many milestones with the students and families in the three communities where we serve. Elections are on the horizon, which has caused tension throughout the country. Our VisionTrust Liberia Country Director, Stephen, shared:

*“The people of God have been praying for peaceful elections [...] We pray that these elections will bring a new renaissance and rebirth from whatever leader will win and God will come first in all their undertaking.”*

In July, families gathered to celebrate a successful close to the academic year, and during the break from classes, our teachers enjoyed professional development sessions on classroom management, testing, and evaluation. Additionally, the staff reviewed spiritual outcome goals, discussing how they will approach teaching the children about Christ’s love and nurturing their faith during the upcoming academic year. We praise God that five students – Princess K., Korpo, Princess T., Rach, and Nathaniel – all made a first-time decision to follow Jesus during the months of July, August, and September.

In September, the students returned to classes, excited to learn and grow together. Our students particularly have enjoyed starting their day with a special reading time – it is such a joy for our leaders to see the students engaging with books and building their literacy skills!

We celebrate important improvements made to our school facilities to help our students have a safe and positive school experience. At two of our schools, we were able to upgrade our bathrooms, ensuring that boys and girls have separate designated facilities with locks to provide privacy. At the Howein school, we started a long-anticipated construction project to build block walls, and at our schools in Kpondeh and Gbarnga facility improvements —such as plastering and installation of doors —are being completed. Our students, teachers, and families are excited for the renovations at their schools, which are creating better learning environments for all.





# MALAWI

During this past quarter, our VisionTrust program in Malawi has been a great blessing to our students, providing sustaining support in health, education, and spiritual development.

In the area of health, our children continue to grow healthy and strong thanks to the nutritious meals that they can eat at their VisionTrust program. Our leaders have also been successful in developing a good relationship with a local clinic, resulting in collaborative work to support the health of the children. A deworming clinic is currently being scheduled to ensure the children in our ministry program are protected from harmful parasites. In October, our leaders facilitated handwashing training with the children, helping them understand how to best clean their hands and forearms to protect themselves from serious illnesses.

Our students continue to work hard in their studies. Our leaders are working to build a “reading culture” by scheduling specific reading times throughout the week so the children can engage with and enjoy books. One of our star students this quarter is Regina. While many girls tend to abandon or lose focus on their education during adolescence, Regina has been extremely dedicated to her studies. She also shows great faithfulness in her relationship with the Lord, consistently taking time to meet with Him.

In the area of spiritual development, we are encouraged to see children taking meaningful steps in their relationship with God. Pitilos made a first-time commitment to Jesus this past quarter. Noves has demonstrated exciting growth, and her teachers have shared that she is kind to other students, enjoys reading the Bible, and guides her friends to walk with Jesus too.

We praise God for all the ways that our children are growing in character, faith, and love for others and the Lord.



# TANZANIA

God's presence and provision was evident in so many ways during the third quarter of this calendar year in our ministry programs in Tanzania. Firstly, we celebrate that ten students made a first-time commitment to follow Jesus. One of our program leaders, Alex, shared this testimony about one of the students who committed his life to Christ, Bryan:

*“He likes to learn Bible stories and share with his classmates when they are at school, especially during chapel and even at home with his family. He is a Christian who is growing spiritually simply because he is eager to learn the Bible both at school and home.”*

A meaningful highlight this past quarter was the visit of Carolyn Dixon, one of the founding missionaries of the Morogoro Baptist Primary School where VisionTrust serves hundreds of children today. Her presence was a great encouragement to both the staff and children. Our staff also enjoyed a retreat day to a local park in September – it was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen relationships with colleagues and enjoy God's creation.

Our students continue to gain strength physically. As high fuel prices are still impacting the accessibility and affordability of food, the meals we provide at our VisionTrust programs continue to be a vital source of support for the families we serve.

We praise God that our teaching staff have been working to implement strategies to enhance student engagement, such as interactive lessons, group projects, and real-world applications of knowledge. Additionally, they are fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment, promoting open communication between students and teachers to address any challenges they may face. Our students are making great progress, and they continue to enjoy strengthening their skills in important subject areas such as language arts and mathematics.



# CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

During this past quarter, there were many reasons to praise God as our leaders spent time mentoring, guiding, and caring for the children in our ministry.

Lucien, one of our teenage students with a chronic health condition, lost both his parents at an early age. He shared this tender testimony about how VisionTrust came alongside him during a recent hospitalization:

*“On the hospital bed, I saw my poor aunt — my caregiver—starting to cry because she had no resources to deal with the emergency. I no longer had any hope of living. I prepared to go and meet my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. But, God, the Father of the orphans, came through VisionTrust to come and financially support all of my health needs at that time. [The local VisionTrust] staff came to the hospital to pay for all the tests and medications requested [...] Who am I that there should be special attention for me? I understood that it is because of God’s love.”*

Another way God has been moving this past quarter is through the academic successes of our students. This year we saw more than a twenty percent increase in the number of students that passed their exams to continue to the next grade as compared to last year. We are thrilled that six students earned their high school diploma this academic year. Our VisionTrust Centrafrique leaders attribute these advancements to the vital funds provided to purchase school supplies and pay tuition fees for our students.

In the area of spiritual development, our students reflected on the topic of God’s grace this quarter. They learned important lessons about the pitfalls of greed and the importance of honesty by studying the story of Gehazi, Elisha’s servant in II Kings 5:20-27 and enjoyed working together to memorize Matthew 6:33 as a reminder to trust God to provide all we need.



Lucien

# ZIMBABWE

By far, the most exciting highlight from this past quarter was our annual discipleship camp held September 22nd - 24th. More than three hundred children and adolescents participated, and it was a memorable and moving gathering. Our VisionTrust Zimbabwe Country Director, Davison, shared:

*“[Camp was] a huge celebration of music, dance, word of God, counseling, and lots of food. I am sure it was one of the best after a long break caused by COVID-19. We had facilitators including local pastors, VisionTrust Zimbabwe [program] directors, lecturers from the local university [...] Also present were the local government officials who graced our gathering.”*

Another exciting praise is the construction progress in the community of Mavende. Our leaders are building a shelter for the caretaker that will watch over the fenced property where our ministry plans to build a dedicated building for our VisionTrust program gatherings.

In the area of health, there has been a cholera outbreak in the country, and our leaders are working hard to coach the children and families in the communities on how to protect themselves from this disease that is typically spread through contaminated food and/or water. Our local leaders are preparing for the return of the rainy season and working hard to ensure a bountiful crop at harvest time.

This past quarter, our adolescents enjoyed a visit from educators from a local university, who facilitated an activity to help them process and better understand the physical, emotional, and social development changes they are facing. Our students also began to prepare for important examinations that will happen later in the fall.

Ten students – Tafadzwa, Anotida, Ngonidzashe, Boaz, Blessing, Procede, Raviro Makonese, Loreen, Tiri, and Esnedia Chuinda – made a first-time commitment to follow Christ this past quarter.

We trust that the children in our care will continue to grow and flourish as they experience Christian fellowship and loving support at our VisionTrust Zimbabwe programs.





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