



2025

QUARTER 1 IMPACT REPORT

# BRAZIL

The first quarter of 2025 in Brazil was filled with purpose and promise. As our programs reopened after the holiday break, children returned energized and full of anticipation. Our staff welcomed them with joy, setting a tone of learning, encouragement, and care for the months ahead.

From the very start, our focus remained clear: Education, Faith, and Healthy Habits. Each week, children practiced reading aloud, engaged in Bible studies, and learned how to care for themselves and those around them. These moments went beyond academics—they nurtured both spiritual growth and relational connection. Teachers used creative games and songs to help children memorize Scripture and better understand God's Word, while everyday conversations about hygiene and nutrition became meaningful opportunities to demonstrate God's love in practical ways.

We're especially grateful for the volunteers who joined us this quarter—local believers who generously give their time to tutor, mentor, and pray with our children. Their presence strengthens our mission and builds lasting relationships that extend far beyond the classroom.



## Child Spotlight

Nine-year-old Yasmim Victória Rodrigues De Souza joined the Project in October 2024 after her mother, a survivor of domestic violence, reached out for help. Yasmim arrived with her two younger sisters, ages 5 and 7, and now helps care for them and their 3-year-old sibling while their mother works long hours. Despite these heavy responsibilities, Yasmim finds joy and refuge at the Project—especially during devotional time. When we asked Yasmim what she enjoys most about the Project, she said: “What I love the most is the time we talk about God.” Though she takes pride in managing household chores, her favorite place to play is at the Project with her friend Eduarda. When she first joined, Yasmim didn't know the alphabet and struggled in school, but her determination to learn has been met with strong support from social educator Edina. Today, she's making significant progress in reading and writing, and her confidence continues to grow. The Project has become a source of hope, learning, and stability in Yasmim's life.

## Prayer Requests

- For continued growth in literacy and spiritual understanding
- For the health and protection of our teachers, students, and their families
- For ongoing resources to support meals and school materials





# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Momentum and meaningful connection marked the start of 2025 across our VisionTrust programs in the Dominican Republic. With classrooms reopening and teams reuniting, this quarter was shaped by hands-on leadership, teacher development, and a growing sense of confidence among the children we serve.

In January, Country Director Mariluz Heredia visited several of our program sites to meet with local leaders, listen closely, and offer guidance. These visits created space for honest dialogue and practical planning, helping to launch the new school year with clarity, unity, and care.

One standout moment came during a teacher training session in Santo Domingo, where more than 20 educators gathered to strengthen their skills in classroom management and discipleship. Energized and equipped, they returned to their classrooms ready to foster both academic growth and spiritual depth in their students.

Though many families continue to feel the strain of inflation, the children remain remarkably resilient. They stepped into the new year ready to learn, eager to engage with Scripture, and—more than ever—encouraging one another in faith and perseverance.

## Child Spotlight

Daniela Marte is 11 years old and part of the La Victoria program. When she first arrived at VisionTrust, Daniela was quiet and reserved. Over time, with the encouragement of her teachers and the support of her peers, she began to step into leadership roles. This quarter, she volunteered to lead class devotions, praying confidently and reading aloud from Scripture. Her favorite verse is Joshua 1:9: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Daniela says it reminds her that God is always near, even when she feels nervous.

## Prayer Requests

- For provision and stability for families struggling with economic hardship
- For wisdom and encouragement for our teaching teams
- For continued spiritual growth and leadership development among students



# GUATEMALA

Although the academic year in Guatemala officially began in February, the groundwork was laid well before then. January was filled with planning meetings, curriculum reviews, and intentional spiritual preparation as our team prayed over each child who would walk through our doors this year. When the classrooms reopened, we were ready—and so were the children.

There's a special energy that fills our programs at the start of each year. Children arrive with eager smiles, parents walk with them to class, and teachers welcome both with open arms. Students quickly reconnected with friends and settled into daily rhythms that foster stability, safety, and care.

This quarter, we saw strong attendance across all program sites. Teachers placed special focus on early literacy, Bible memorization, and routines that support students' physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Our nutrition program continues to be a lifeline—many children arrive without having eaten, and the meals they receive provide not only nourishment, but also a daily reminder that they are seen, valued, and deeply loved. At the end of March, 76,000 meals arrived at Cruz Blanca Learning Center - thanks to our partnership with Kids Around the World.

Perhaps most encouraging of all is the spiritual growth we're witnessing. Bible lessons have become a highlight of the day, with students not only learning about God's love but also sharing those truths with others—and praying out loud with growing confidence and joy.

## Child Spotlight

In Cruz Blanca, where education—especially for girls—is often cut short so they can care for family, Sefora is breaking barriers. Despite expectations that she would stop studying after 6th grade, she is now a high school senior determined to graduate and attend college. Known for her hard work in school, helping at home, and managing a side job, Sefora has stood out in her community and earned an internship at the local government office starting this July, with the potential for a full-time job after graduation. Recently, she shared her Life Plan in a heartfelt presentation that moved her family to tears, revealing her clear goals and the steps she's taking to achieve them. We are inspired by her determination and honored to support her journey toward a brighter future.

## Prayer Requests

- For families facing financial instability and food insecurity
- For our teachers to remain encouraged and equipped
- For continued spiritual growth among children



# PERU

In Peru, the first quarter of 2025 marked a steady return to structure and routine. While the new school year officially began in March, January and February were dedicated to important preparations—planning lessons, restocking supplies, and reconnecting with families to ensure students were ready for the year ahead.

Our programs in Ayacucho continue to nurture children's educational, spiritual, and developmental needs—each area playing a vital role in supporting their overall growth. Our team works diligently to provide stability, especially for those facing uncertainty at home.

This quarter, the Learning Center placed special emphasis on helping children set academic and personal goals. Teachers guided students in choosing Bible verses to anchor their hopes for the year. Meanwhile, staff at the orphanage ensured that children received not just meals and medical care, but the nurturing attention that comes from consistent, loving relationships.

One of the greatest joys this quarter was watching the children begin to take more ownership of their spiritual lives. In group devotionals, many offered to read aloud or share reflections. The growth is both quiet and profound—and it continues to remind us of God's faithfulness in every detail.

## Child Spotlight

Ana María is 13 years old and lives at the Casa Luz Orphanage in Ayacucho. She came to us with a history of trauma and uncertainty, often withdrawing from others and struggling to focus in class. But over time, Ana has found healing through consistent care and encouragement. This year, she's shown a growing desire to study Scripture and has taken a leadership role in group prayer time. Her favorite verse is Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you." Ana says it gives her hope for the future and reminds her she's not alone.

## Prayer Requests

- For emotional and spiritual healing for children who have experienced trauma
- For continued wisdom and strength for our dedicated staff





# SOUTHEAST ASIA

In Southeast Asia, each new year brings a mix of joy and uncertainty. Political unrest and economic instability remain part of daily life, yet in the midst of it all, our children continue to learn, grow, and shine. The first quarter of 2025 was no exception.

Despite the challenges, our programs opened on time—and with great enthusiasm. Children returned eager to reunite with their teachers and classmates, and our staff stepped into the new year with renewed dedication. They focused not only on reinforcing key academic skills, but also on providing spiritual guidance and emotional support.

A central focus this quarter was helping children process the world around them through the lens of Scripture. Teachers led age-appropriate discussions on courage, hope, and faith—and encouraged students to share how they see God working in their own lives. These conversations have become powerful moments of healing and connection.

Our commitment to nutrition and hygiene also remained strong. Students received meals, vitamins, and daily care instruction—simple yet essential routines that support both their physical well-being and sense of dignity.

## Child Spotlight

Nine-year-old Anna\* lives in a crowded neighborhood with her parents and two younger siblings. She joined the VisionTrust program three years ago and has blossomed into a thoughtful, articulate student. This quarter, she shared her testimony during a Bible class, telling her classmates how prayer helped her stay calm during a recent storm that damaged part of her home. Anna's favorite verse is Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you." Her quiet confidence and steady kindness have made her a role model among her peers.

## Prayer Requests

- For protection and peace amid political and economic uncertainty
- For strength and discernment for teachers guiding children through difficult realities
- For continued spiritual maturity among students like Anna

*\*Name changed for privacy.*



# LIBERIA

In Liberia, the first quarter of 2025 opened with quiet strength. While our classrooms may lack frills, they overflow with dedication, structure, and a clear sense of purpose. Children arrived eager to learn, teachers came prepared, and the school year opened on a hopeful, grounded note.

This quarter, we placed strong emphasis on reinforcing literacy and deepening biblical understanding. Teachers continue to integrate Scripture into their daily lessons, using both memorization and discussion to help students connect God's Word to their everyday lives. The students are not only gaining academic skills but also growing in confidence and spiritual awareness.

Despite ongoing economic challenges, our team has worked diligently to make the most of every available resource. Children received daily meals, basic health support, and consistent encouragement. And while materials and infrastructure may be limited, the commitment and compassion of our local leaders continue to shine brightly.

One especially encouraging sign is the way children are helping one another—reading aloud in small groups, repeating memory verses together, and encouraging their classmates to stay focused during lessons. That sense of unity and mutual care is something we pray continues to grow.

## Child Spotlight

Sando Bannie, a 14-year-old student who has been in our program for three years, stands out with her inquisitive spirit and gentle nature despite coming from a challenging background with unemployed parents. From the start, her bright outlook and love for Bible reading have fueled her curiosity and growth. This quarter, Sando has shown remarkable academic progress, especially in reading, which has improved significantly thanks to her passion for Bible stories—helping her excel in homework and exams. The feeding program's nutritional support has played a key role in keeping her energized and focused. Supported by our donor community and nurturing environment, Sando continues to demonstrate resilience and the transformative power of education.

## Prayer Requests

- For continued financial provision for food and school supplies
- For encouragement and strength for our teachers and staff
- For children to grow in confidence, wisdom, and faith



# MALAWI

As the rainy season came to a close, the new year brought both logistical challenges and fresh opportunities for our VisionTrust programs in Malawi. Flooding in January and February made it difficult for some children to reach our sites, but attendance remained strong—and our staff responded with creativity and care to support every student who arrived.

The first quarter was all about reestablishing rhythm. Our team focused on the basics: providing daily meals, consistent instruction, and space for spiritual growth. Teachers focused on improving reading comprehension, reinforcing hygiene practices, and guiding children in prayer and Scripture memorization.

One particularly meaningful update this quarter from the learning center, where a group of students has begun leading morning devotionals on their own. Their boldness in faith—and their excitement to teach and pray for one another—has inspired the staff and their peers alike. These moments, while simple, reflect the long-term transformation we hope for in every child we serve.

Although economic instability continues to affect many families, the unwavering dedication of our staff and the determination of our students are clear signs of progress—happening one lesson, one meal, and one prayer at a time.

## Child Spotlight

Eleven-year-old Eliza Adam is a bright and eager learner who has been thriving since joining the program in 2021. Born into a family of five, Eliza is the fourth child and currently in Grade 4, with strong potential to be promoted to Grade 5 in July. Known for her respectful attitude toward both her parents and teachers, Eliza also stands out for her kindness toward others—earning her many friendships at school and in the program. Her positive attitude, academic promise, and gentle spirit make her a joy to teach and a strong example to her peers.

## Prayer Requests

- For safe travel and consistent attendance for students
- For continued provision of food, books, and school supplies
- For children to flourish in both faith and academics





# TANZANIA

In Tanzania, the first months of 2025 have been marked by consistency, community, and a deepening of faith among the children in our care. As schools resumed in January, our teams worked diligently to ensure a smooth transition back into routines, while continuing to meet the growing needs of the children and families we serve.

One of the clearest signs of progress this quarter has been in spiritual engagement. Bible classes are thriving, with many children actively participating, asking thoughtful questions, and volunteering to lead devotionals. In some classrooms, students have begun sharing personal reflections during prayer time—a practice that's helping them grow in both faith and confidence.

Teachers have also been intentional about integrating life skills and health awareness into daily lessons. From hygiene practices to conflict resolution, students are learning how to care for themselves and support one another in practical ways. This holistic approach remains a defining strength of the program in Tanzania.

Though economic hardship continues to challenge many families, the VisionTrust program offers more than meals and school supplies—it provides a safe, dependable place for children to grow. Looking ahead, we are encouraged by the resilience we see in the hearts and habits of the children.

## Child Spotlight

Sharleen Emanuel Soka, now a 10-year-old in Grade Six, joined our program in 2019 as a shy first grader who struggled to adapt and often cried when coming to school. Over time, her natural ability and determination shone through as she quickly adapted, excelling academically and consistently ranking among the top three students out of 75 in her class. Beyond academics, Sharleen's spiritual growth has been equally impressive—actively participating in Sunday school and showing kindness, humility, and a positive attitude. Her inspiring transformation from a hesitant beginner to a confident, high-achieving student reflects her perseverance and the supportive environment of our program. We are proud of her accomplishments and look forward to watching her continue to grow in both her academic and spiritual journey.

## Prayer Requests

- For economic stability and food security for families in the community
- For continued spiritual growth and leadership development among students
- For strength and perseverance for teachers serving in under-resourced classrooms



# CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

In the Central African Republic, the start of 2025 brought renewed rhythms of learning and worship in the midst of ongoing political and economic instability. Despite difficult conditions, our children returned to the program eager to reconnect with their teachers, classmates, and the consistent care they receive through VisionTrust.

Our team continues to pour into the children—spiritually, academically, and emotionally. This quarter, teachers emphasized the importance of daily devotions, helping children memorize Bible verses and apply them to their lives. One of the most meaningful developments has been watching students lead one another in prayer and discussion, growing not only their literacy skills but also their leadership and compassion.

Parents and caregivers continue to be engaged and deeply thankful for a safe, nurturing space where their children can learn, grow, and be nourished. Despite transportation challenges and the uncertainty surrounding them, attendance and participation have remained strong.

## Child Spotlight

Nathanael is a young orphan who entered the VisionTrust program at age 10 and quickly became known for his leadership, punctuality, and love for God's Word. Raised by his caring aunt, he thrived in school and his spiritual life until the 10th grade, when he fell into the wrong crowd. Drawn into alcohol and drugs, Nathanael's life began to spiral, and his academic and spiritual growth suffered. But God wasn't finished with him. After changing schools and hearing a message about the dangers of bad company, Nathanael was deeply moved. He repented, left his old lifestyle, and found a new friend who helped him walk in God's ways. Today, Nathanael is free, focused, and filled with purpose. He shares his story to encourage other young people to resist temptation and follow God with all their hearts.

## Prayer Requests

- For peace and protection in areas affected by instability
- For our staff as they serve children in challenging conditions
- For continued spiritual growth among our students



# ZIMBABWE

The start of 2025 in Zimbabwe ushered in a renewed commitment to the children and families we serve. As schools reopened, our programs resumed with energy and focus, despite the ongoing economic challenges that many families continue to face across the region.

This quarter, our primary goals centered on stability and connection. Teachers focused on reinforcing foundational literacy and math skills while also nurturing the spiritual growth of their students. We saw particularly strong engagement in Bible lessons, where children are not only memorizing Scripture but also learning to apply it in their daily lives.

Nutrition remains a central pillar of our program. For many children, the meals provided through VisionTrust are the most reliable source of food they receive each day. Our teams work diligently to stretch resources, offering both nourishment and comfort through simple routines and consistent care.

We're also encouraged by the growing involvement of parents and caregivers, who are attending meetings, asking questions, and expressing heartfelt gratitude for the support their children receive. These strengthened relationships are essential to sustaining lasting change within our communities.

## Child Spotlight

Fifteen-year-old Gerald Duve, now in Form 3 (10th grade) at Chasiyatende Secondary School, has shown remarkable resilience and determination in his education. After losing their mother in a tragic car accident, Gerald and his twin brother James went to live with their grandparents, who struggled to support their schooling. Their circumstances changed in 2017 when VisionTrust Zimbabwe enrolled the boys in its program, providing essential educational support. With access to the resources he needs, Gerald has continued to thrive—this quarter, he earned an outstanding report card with 7 A's and 1 B. Thanks to VisionTrust's support, Gerald is on a path to reaching his full potential.

## Prayer Requests

- For continued provision of food and supplies amid inflation
- For strength and encouragement for caregivers raising children in poverty
- For children to continue growing in confidence and faith







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