



ANNUAL REPORT **2016**
TRASH MOUNTAIN PROJECT

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We care about changing lives through offering hope in Jesus Christ.

We are dedicated to investing in people living in trash dump communities worldwide.

We are committed to living the command to do justice, to love mercy and to walk in humility.



OUR MISSION

To develop Christ-centered environments for children and families living in trash dump communities worldwide.

WHAT IS A TRASH DUMP COMMUNITY?

Landfills throughout the world are not the same as we see in the United States. Sure, the odor, the bacteria, the trash trucks, the vultures...they are all there, but something is different...people are living, working and dying in these trash dumps every day.

Over time, a colony forms with people that scavenge through the trash for recyclables to sell, which results in a meager income. This means the entire economy of such communities is centered on the very thing that is slowly chipping away at their human dignity.





OUR STORY

In the fall of 2008, a team of individuals traveled to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, with the intention of producing a film about the despair found within the city trash dump. While interviewing families living among the garbage, God breathed unspoken passion into their hearts that forever altered and directed the path ahead of them. After significant time spent in prayer, Trash Mountain Project was founded with the mission to develop Christ-centered environments for children and families living in trash dump communities worldwide.

Trash Mountain Project aims to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by addressing their spiritual, physical, emotional and educational needs. In the short time that TMP has existed, God has transformed our simple prayer into a dynamic team of individuals and churches sharing His love with the least, the lost and the forgotten people that we serve.

A photograph of a schoolyard with a blue and yellow swing set. Several children are playing on the swings. In the background, there is a light blue wall and a building with a metal fence. The ground is covered in gravel.

OUR PROGRESS SINCE 2009

DONATED: MORE THAN \$7 MILLION

MEALS SERVED TO CHILDREN WORLDWIDE: 1 MILLION

OVERSEAS LEADERS SUPPORTED BY TMP: 40

DUMP COMMUNITIES WITH TMP-SUPPORTED PROGRAMS: 10

FROM THE FIELD

Offering hopeful alternatives to lives dependent on a mountain of trash



Our vision of compassion demands that we move from relief to development and from being providers to partners in the capacity building of local community leaders.



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RESEARCH:

Unfortunately, there is very little known and published about trash dump communities, so researching and increasing our knowledge on the issue is essential.

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RELATIONSHIPS:

To develop long-term solutions, we must build relationships with local leaders within the communities with the ultimate goal of establishing a partnership.

3

RELIEF:

Urgent, and many times life-threatening, needs arise that must be addressed through short-term relief efforts.

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RESOURCES:

Once the needs and plan are established, we share resources to provide solutions such as leadership mobilization, adequate nutrition, healthcare, education, livelihood projects and spiritual development initiatives.

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RESTORATION:

We believe that faith, hope and love are the key ingredients to breaking the cycle of despair. To experience lasting change, there is simply no substitute for the slow-growing process of maturing spiritually.



A GLOBAL EPIDEMIC

In the last seven years, TMP has observed that disease, injury, violence, and a general lack of hope are everyday problems in trash dump communities worldwide. Our current research indicates that waste colonies exist throughout the world except in highly developed nations. We are committed to the research and development of this subculture that is often unknown and frequently forgotten, as it is a global epidemic that has remained under the radar for far too long.

The work we do in each of our current locations varies because each community has different needs. Our commitment to God, our international partners and our supporters is to stay focused on the people in each of the communities until His mission through TMP is complete. As we visit new communities and conduct research, it is important to note that we will not expand our borders of commitment or scale beyond our capacity.

ALASKA (USA)

CANADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MEXICO

THE BAHAMAS

GUATEMALA

HONDURAS

NICARAGUA

COSTA RICA

PANAMA

ECUADOR

PERU

CHILE

BOLIVIA

ARGENTINA

PARAGUAY

URUGUAY

VENEZUELA

COLOMBIA

GUAYANA

SURINAME

FRANCIA

FRANCIA

FRANCIA

FRANCIA

FRANCIA

BRAZIL

BOLIVIA

KWAH, Santiago, Dominican Republic

Involved since: 2010

Kids with a Hope is an after-school homework help center aimed at providing educational, nutritional and spiritual support for children living near the Rafey landfill.

CURRENT PROGRAMS: Education, Nutrition, Discipleship, Healthcare, Aquaponics, Technical Training

- Kids in programs: 285
- Meals provided in 2015: 89,000
- TMP-supported leaders: 18



AFE, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Involvement since: 2009

Amor, Fe y Esperanza offers holistic care to children and families working in the trash dump outside of Tegucigalpa. AFE offers pre-K through high school education and college assistance for AFE graduates as well as remedial schooling for adults. They also have an on-site medical clinic and a nursery where mothers can safely leave their children while they work on the dump.

CURRENT PROGRAMS: Education, Nutrition, Discipleship, Healthcare, Aquaponics

- Kids in programs: 150
- Average number of patients treated each day at clinic: 40
- TMP-supported leaders: 2





Philippines

Involved since: 2012

TMP leaders have traveled to 26 trash dump communities throughout the island of Luzon and have developed strategic partnerships with leaders in multiple locations. We are working with local leaders to bring the hope of Christ to communities that have varying levels of need. As TMP prepares to scale in size to meet the demands of this global crisis, we have established NGO status [a non-governmental organization] in the Philippines, and our Filipino partnerships are helping us learn and refine our missions approach.

CURRENT PROGRAMS: Clean Water/Sanitation, Discipleship, Education, Early Childhood Development, Livelihood

- Kids in programs: 600+
- TMP-supported leaders: 18



TANZA 1



PAYATAS



SANTIAGO-ISABELA

5 COMMUNITIES
1 VISION



SAN MATEO



BULACAN



A WICKED PROBLEM:

A problem that is difficult or impossible to solve because of incomplete, contradictory and changing requirements that are often difficult to recognize.

As TMP scales in size, it is important that we carefully assess the trash dump communities that are most in need of project partners. We are facing a widely misunderstood and wicked problem in the world, and as such, we are learning as we grow in understanding of what we are up against. It is important that we practice due diligence before making any commitments to expansion through forming global partners and sharing resources. Our capacity is limited, and we have a strong strategic plan concerning the use of the gifts God has given us.

Below are three locations where we are currently building relationships with international partners, but are still seeking God's guidance concerning long-term involvement.

COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA • INVOLVED SINCE 2014

Trash Dump: Tiquipaya

Statistics: The informal trash dump of Tiquipaya is just outside the city of Cochabamba, and there are approximately 30 female trash pickers.

Current Status: We are in partnership with a church that is conducting several outreach activities to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the women of Tiquipaya.

NAIROBI, KENYA • INVOLVED SINCE 2015

Trash Dump: Dandora

Statistics: The surrounding community has a population close to 150,000 people. There are approximately 2,000–3,000 trash pickers in Dandora.

Current Status: We are continuing to build a working relationship with the St. John's Catholic School and Outreach in Dandora. We have committed to one year of financial support for 140 preschool-aged students and their teachers in the program, and will revisit our commitment in 2017.

COMMUNITY #10 • RESEARCH TRIP CONDUCTED IN 2016

Trash Dump: Undisclosed for security purposes

Statistics: This is the largest landfill discovered by TMP research and measures 400+ acres. Every day, there are more than 7,000 trash pickers scavenging through an average of 8,000 tons of waste.

Current Status: We are in the beginning steps of building a relationship with the only Christian outreach ministry that seems to be present within the communities surrounding this dump.

TEAMWORK

Volunteers • Churches • Businesses • Organizations • Donors • Schools

Everything we do is made possible by our dedicated partners, volunteers and supporters. Our partners are made up of churches, businesses, schools, organizations, families and individuals that have committed to join the vision God has given us on the mission field. Our volunteers put in countless hours, both at home and abroad. Social entrepreneurs, such as Blue Jazz Java, have changed their entire business structure to include generous donations to TMP.

Just as our international church partners are uniquely qualified to understand and reach the communities in which we serve, local churches throughout the U.S. have the capacity and call to mobilize in world missions. Churches have invited TMP leaders to come and share the stories of God's movement in the trash dump communities, financially supported our missionaries and overseas projects, and have joined with TMP in sending teams with us to serve on the field. Local church partnership is essential to the mission of Trash Mountain Project.





REACHING SUSTAINABILITY

TMP will always remain committed to working with our international partners to meet the urgent needs of the people we have been called to serve, but what are the long-term solutions that will bring true sustainability to trash dump communities? We believe it starts with the self-sustainability of our ministry partners overseas. As we meet the urgent needs of the people, we are striving to develop a strong exit strategy that will empower the community, and allow us to move into new locations around the world.

We believe that livelihood projects, such as aquaponics, will empower our partners to become self-sufficient by providing sustainable food production, economic opportunities, and evangelism through community outreach. On a larger scale, livelihood projects centered on entrepreneurship concepts in specific sectors such as agriculture, waste energy and recycling, as well as other micro-business opportunities will be a significant first step towards self-sustainability for our international ministry partners and community members.



FINANCIALS



2015 FISCAL OVERVIEW

JUNE 1, 2015 — MAY 31, 2016

\$1,443,343 in Total Donations

Number of Donations: 5,115

Average Donation: \$282

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

WISE STEWARDSHIP

At Trash Mountain Project, our ultimate goal is to glorify Jesus Christ in all that we do. To accomplish this, we must maintain the highest standard of God-honoring ethical practices throughout our organization. We believe that it is of the utmost importance to be wise with what God has entrusted to this ministry. We believe that 100% transparency before God, our donors and the general public is a biblical mandate (2 Cor. 4:1-2, 8:21; Titus 2:7-8; John 3:19-20). We do our best to develop diligent plans for all financial decisions and weigh every related decision with prayer and discernment.



ECFA Accredited

On July 20, 2015, the ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) announced the accreditation of Trash Mountain Project. Our accreditation with the ECFA is just one more step in the process of following God's leading with the resources He has entrusted to this important mission.



Trash Mountain Project is subject to an independent audit every year and has been approved with zero incident.

FINANCIAL MODEL

Since our formation in 2009, God has blessed us with thousands of people that have supported Trash Mountain Project financially. They can give with confidence knowing 100% of their money goes straight to the specific project they choose to support.

How do we “keep the lights on” without charging any administrative fees? We achieve this through Basecamp, which is a dedicated fund supported by individual donors, churches, businesses and foundations who take care of payroll and the majority of other general operational expenses. 100% also means that we are 100% debt-free. If we don’t have it, we won’t spend it.



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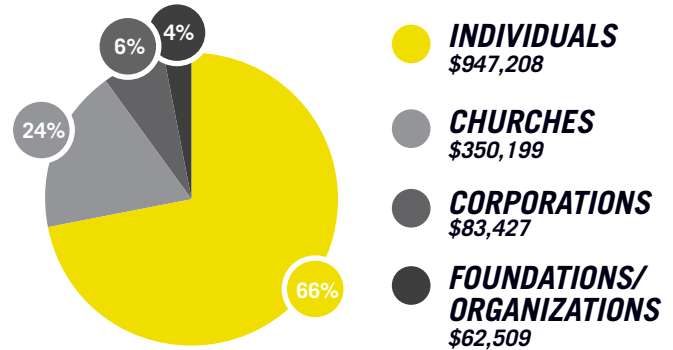
**INDIVIDUALS / BUSINESSES /
CHURCHES / FOUNDATIONS**

100%

**PAYROLL EXPENSES PAID BY
BASECAMP SUPPORTERS**

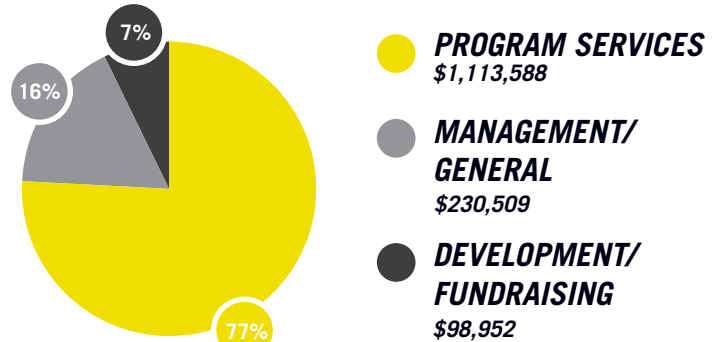
THE SOURCE

TMP giving has remained steady from the previous fiscal year, and we received several large donations from churches, individuals and corporations to help strengthen our infrastructure and fund some urgent projects in each of our field locations. Our financial stability and capacity continue to strengthen due to the generous gifts of our supporters.



THE DISTRIBUTION

In our seventh year, Trash Mountain Project continued building the necessary staff and infrastructure to thrive through the growing pains we have experienced from the beginning. Our staff and board are committed to the highest level of accountability and transparency. The chart to the right illustrates the general breakdown of how funding was used throughout the 2015 fiscal year based on our total expense of \$1,443,049.



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT

Fiscal Year 2015* **Fiscal Year 2014**
06/01/15 - 05/31/16 06/01/14 - 05/31/15

Income		
Ordinary Income		
Stock	-	205,428
Income	1,443,343	1,290,655
Total	1,443,343	1,496,083
Other Income		
Non Cash Contributions	3,927	1,887
Income from Merch Sales	3,977	5,264
Gain/Loss on Assets	(7)	(8,739)
Security Sale Proceeds	261	202,983
Interest Income, Dividends	223	3,791
Total	8,382	205,186
Expense		
Ordinary Expense		
Development/Fundraising	98,952	98,600
Program Services	1,113,588	1,017,647
Management & General	230,509	229,413
Total	1,443,049	1,345,661
Other Expense		
COGS & Sales Tax Remitted	4,156	1,749
Basis in Securities Sold	-	205,428
Total	4,156	207,178
Assets		
Current Assets	249,304	239,180
Fixed Assets	24,154	26,661
Total	273,458	265,841
Liabilities & Equity		
Current Liabilities	32,144	29,046
Total Equity	241,314	236,795
Total	273,458	265,841
Net		
Net Ordinary Income	294	150,423
Net Other Income	4,225	(1,992)
Net Income by Fiscal Year	4,520	148,431
Balance Forward	236,795	88,364
Balance Year End	241,314	236,795

*The numbers provided for Fiscal Year 2015 will be audited Fall 2016.



SHARE THE STORY

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and share TMP updates with your friends and family.



GROUP STUDY CURRICULUM

Use the group curriculum we have designed with the TMP story to help start conversations about what it means to live on mission. For more information, contact us at info@trashmountain.com.

TMP MEDIA

Host a STAY documentary viewing or use other TMP media pieces to share the TMP story with others.

WITNESS

Share *Witness*, a book that chronicles the compelling true story of TMP told from the eyewitness perspective of those who were present throughout the foundation of the organization.



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