

2016 Year in Review

Serving the vulnerable people of the Americas



Relief

humanitarian aid,
response to crisis
events, disaster
preparedness,
capacity building



Advocacy

human rights,
promotion of
freedom of religion,
expression, and
assembly



Development

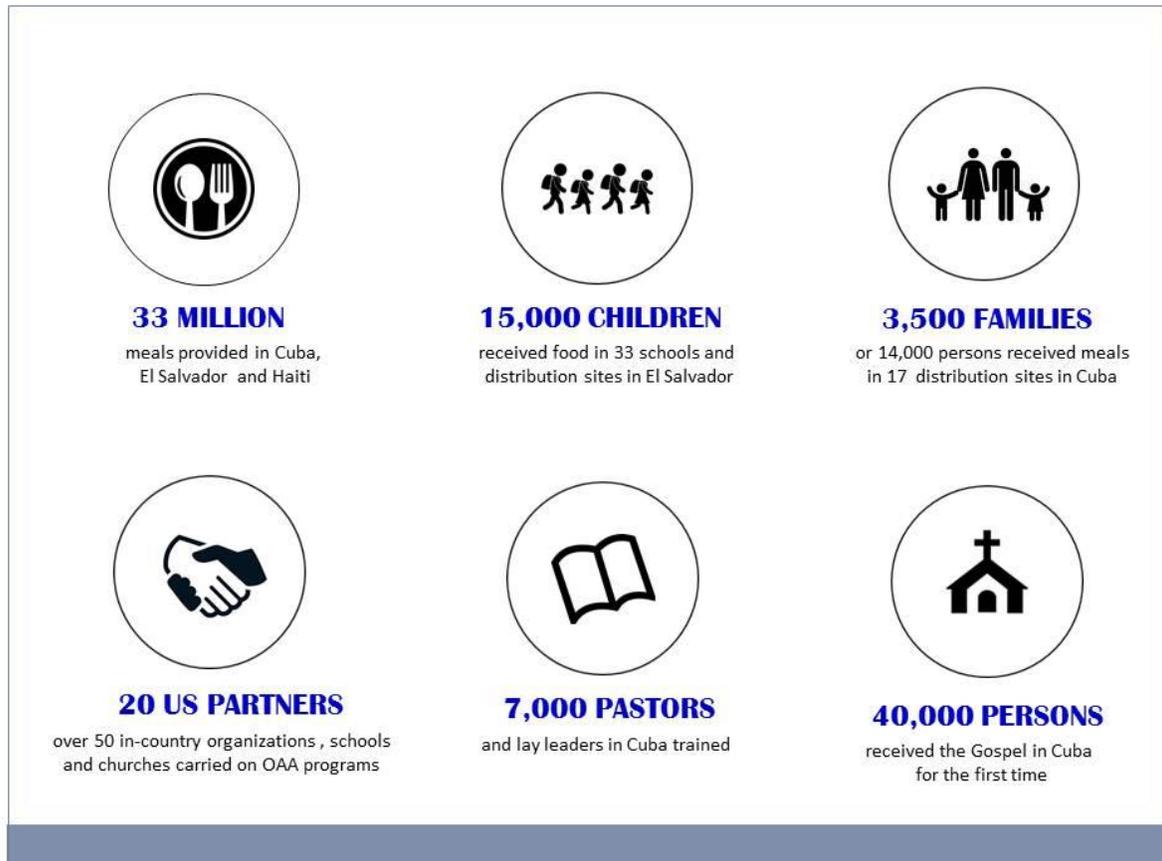
empowerment of
vulnerable
communities
through building
capacity and
strengthening civil
society

Leadership and Network

U.S. leadership and investment in relief, advocacy and development have leveraged billions from donors and the private sector to provide humanitarian aid, promote human rights and fight poverty. But it's not only about funding, the strategic in-country leadership and the strong faith-based network are the key actors for the successful achievement and continuity of our programs.

OAA/EchoCuba has organized and partnered with more than 2000 faith-based organizations in Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Dominican Republic and Haiti to meet the physical, spiritual, and development needs of local communities. In 2017, we will expand our network and reach more LAC countries in need.

2016 by the numbers



Results like these are contributing to impact and change vulnerable and disadvantaged people in these countries but millions of people still need our help.



Photos: 1) Volunteers preparing food in a Community kitchen for victims of Hurricane Matthew in Cuba. 2) Cuban Children (Photos: OAA, Nov. 2016)

Momentum and Priorities

Cuba: We have been increasingly challenged by the demands of the needs of the church and the moral decay and spiritual vacuum we witness in Cuba. We will continue to provide resources and expertise to help advance the fundamental freedoms, organizational skills, education, and social services that are the foundation of a healthy society.

The rebuilding process following the tremendous damages caused by Hurricane Matthew will require years of support. We will continue to work with Evangelical denominations to assess the needs and continue to provide help possibly in the form of dehydrated meals and other food items to the victims and to our target brothers in Christ and pastors who are in need.

El Salvador and Guatemala: We will continue as an organization to be committed to serving vulnerable and disadvantaged people in rural areas by providing more meals and vitamins for thousands of children and women.

Dominican Republic: We will start an innovation pilot program for at risk girls and women partnered with a faith-based organization in Santo Domingo.

Latin America and Caribbean Basin: In our 22 year history we have supported over 35,000 pastoral leaders and have contributed to the measurable improvement in the well-being of 70,000 families. Going forward we will:

1. Strengthen the church to proclaim freedom in Christ to the millions of people in the entire Americas;
2. Continue to focus on the following programmatic areas: (a) disaster preparedness, (b) disaster response and aid, and finally (c) humanitarian assistance; and
3. Empower and equip new and existing leaders with sound training on the fundamentals of Christian leadership.



Photos: 1) Women carrying on food in Cuba. 2) Pastors praying in Cuba. 3) Cuban Boy (Photo: OAA, 2016)

Our Values: to be Caring, Accountable, Relevant, and Christ-Centered

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