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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

¡Kwira ba!

Creel, Chihuahua, January 24th, 2026

Dear friends in the mission,

I warmly greet you and wish you good health at the beginning of this new year. We thank God for all the achievements and challenges we faced during 2025. A heartfelt thanks to each one of you for your generous support in carrying out the projects with the Rarámuri people.

I would like to share with you the most significant advances we have made in the mission during 2025, the challenges and invitations, and finally some news about changes for 2026.

During 2025 we improved our response to the current needs of the marginalized population living in the Sierra Tarahumara. The Clinic acquired an ambulance and a hormone testing device; roofs, Milk Bank, and a doctors' house were repaired. We continue with the medical outreach program in Retosachi and with the nutritional follow-up of children in seven communities. The Food Exchange Project doubled the amount of food aid provided in previous years, benefiting 6,672 families in the Sierra with 790 tons of food. At the Rejogochi School and the Cultural Centers, children and young people continue to be educated to promote the life and identity of their community.

Among the challenges we faced during the year were the health emergency caused by the measles outbreak, the spread of tuberculosis, drought, migration, and insecurity. We experienced a delay in drilling water wells due to the general repair of the drilling rig and the vehicles. Two weeks ago, we were handed over the building that housed the Creel crafts shop, which we had leased out for nine years. During those years, unfortunately, we lost contact with many artisans and lost our control over its administration. As a team, we believe that this may be an opportunity to continue with the process of renewing our organization and giving an adequate response to the current needs.

For example, for some time now, we have needed a psychology professional to address pain management among our staff, as well as to assist the population with mental health issues and with the prevention of addictions and violence. This could contribute to the long-awaited peace process in the Sierra. Perhaps we can use the building where the crafts shop was to house this effort.

Finally, a couple of days ago, our Father General in Rome appointed me as the new Provincial for Mexico, for the next six years. This news means that I will have to leave the Tarahumara. However, I accept this challenge with confidence in God, in the Society of Jesus, and in you. I carry the Tarahumara people in my heart; they are my teachers in life. As Provincial, I will oversee this mission from Mexico City. I hope to visit you soon and introduce you to the new director in Creel.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in this mission. Your love and support have sustained me as I lead this work serving the poor in the Sierra Tarahumara. You are in my prayers, and I ask that you pray for me as well. May God bless you abundantly,



Fr. Enrique J. Mireles, S.J.
Director of CACSTAC / TCHF

HISTORY OF THE MISSION

Complejo Asistencial Clínica Santa Teresita, A.C. (CACSTAC) is a social work founded by the Jesuit Father Luis Verplancken, in 1964. Our mission is to promote the integral wellbeing of the inhabitants of the Sierra Tarahumara, mainly the most vulnerable and needy, with respect for their culture, creating improvements in health, education, subsistence, protection and benefit of the environment. All this is done through seven projects: 1) Santa Teresita Medical Unit; 2) Wells and Water Collection; 3) Exchange of food for community work; 4) *Benésika Anagupi* Intercultural School; 5) Jesuit Cultural Centers of Tarahumara; 6) Museum and Handicrafts; and 7) Rebuilding the Social Network.



- 1963** Exchange of food for community work (Sisoguichi).
- 1964** Medical attention for children with malnutrition (Creel).
- 1970/1971** Arareco Lake and Water supply in Creel
with the Bocoyna River Project.
- 1973** Rejogochi School.
- 1979** New building for the Santa Teresita Clinic (Creel).
- 1992** The Mission is legally established as CACSTAC.
- 1992** Water wells (06/16/1992 first one drilled in Bajichi San Ignacio,
Bocoyna)
- 2003** Loyola Museum (Cusárare).
- 2014** Jesuit Cultural Centers of Tarahumara (La Gavilana).
- 2023** Rebuilding the Social Network (Cerocahui).

BENEFICIARIES

RARÁMURI / TARAHUMARA



In 2025, Complejo Asistencial Clínica Santa Teresita, A.C. benefited more than **48,000 people** in **13 municipalities** across the Sierra Tarahumara, working directly with people from **412 communities**.

95% of our beneficiaries are Rarámuri indigenous people, who face high levels of poverty, violence and insecurity. In addition, 2025 was marked by a health emergency involving outbreaks of measles and tuberculosis.

Through various projects, we have promoted the integral wellbeing of the Rarámuri communities, focusing on strengthening their health, nutrition, education, cultural identity and autonomy.

MUNICIPALITIES



1. Batopilas
2. Bocoyna
3. Carichí
4. Chínipas
5. Guachochi
6. Guadalupe y Calvo
7. Guazapares
8. Guerrero
9. Madera
10. Maguarichi
11. Temósachi
12. Urique
13. Uruachi



STRATEGIC PLANNING

MISSION

CACSTAC's mission is to care for, support and promote the integral wellbeing of the inhabitants of the Sierra Tarahumara, mainly the most vulnerable and needy, without excluding people based on their origin, creed or economic situation, with absolute respect for their customs and traditions, supporting their culture, creating improvements in health, education, subsistence, protection and benefit of the environment, without any profit motive.

VISION

We are an institution that is a reference of trust and quality in the promotion of health, education, livelihood and environmental care, working with and from the Rarámuri communities, in dialogue and from within, always in collaboration with related institutions.

OVERALL GOAL

To renew the relationship between people and cultures through respect for traditions, promotion of human dignity, defense of life and care for the environment.

VALUES

1. Service attitude
2. Quality service
3. Intercultural service
4. Professional ethics
5. Teamwork

PROJECTS

1. SANTA TERESITA MEDICAL UNIT

It is the first hospital established in Creel 61 years ago. It provides health services to low-income people in the region, with emphasis on Rarámuri children, through the promotion of specific and articulated actions in health, education and nutrition.

PROGRAMS

- Clinic (Creel)
- Nutritional follow-up of children (in 7 communities)
- Medical Outreach (Retosachi)
- Mental Health (Creel)

OBJECTIVES

1. Health Promotion.
2. Approach to the Rarámuri culture.
3. Training and continuing education.
4. Institutional strengthening.



BENEFICIARIES

Total outpatient consultations.....	6,109
In the Clinic.....	5,742
In Medical Outreach.....	367
Hospital Admissions.....	492
Days of hospital stay.....	4,956
Children's weight and height.....	483*
Food baskets distributed.....	5,796
Lab studies.....	9,190
X-Ray.....	1,106
Ambulance transfers.....	143

*with monthly follow-up throughout 2025



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Medical care of 383 children diagnosed with some degree of malnutrition.
- Medical care and follow-up of 31 patients diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB).
- Monthly preventive nutritional follow-up for 483 children in seven indigenous communities.
- We maintain the Agreement with the Ministry of Health to support health, child nutrition and tuberculosis care in the Sierra Tarahumara.
- Good coordination within the State for better patient management.
- Effective management of the measles outbreak.
- New electronic health record system helps to streamline processes.
- 42 training workshops on health, language and cultural heritage.
- Management of a good working environment, inclusion of new staff, teamwork, and enthusiastic participation in communities.
- Acquisition of a new ambulance for transfers.
- Acquisition of new laboratory equipment for hormone profiling and cultures.
- Renovation of the Milk Bank.
- Repair of the Clinic's roofs.
- 12,643 plates of food served to patients' relatives and other Rarámuri.



CHALLENGES

- Addressing the measles outbreak and responding effectively.
- Difficulty in detaching from the previous clinical system (Proctasa).
- Promoting and caring for the physical and mental health of staff and the population.
- Working together with the government and civil society to address outbreaks of tuberculosis and measles.
- Establishing agreements with educational institutions to receive interns and social service workers.
- Training staff in the mission, vision, and values, as well as ongoing education in professional topics.
- Migration to seasonal work causes malnutrition, contagion, and disease.
- Remoteness of communities, insecurity, and poor road conditions.
- Renewing kitchen furniture in the Clinic



2. WELLS AND WATER COLLECTION

The project consists of providing drinking water to communities that lack it, through the drilling of wells and the construction of systems to collect rainwater.



PROGRAMS

- Water Well Drilling
- Water Well Maintenance
- Rainwater Collection Systems

OBJECTIVES

1. Guarantee access to water for the Rarámuri communities.
2. Improve health conditions through access to drinking water.
3. Promote self-sufficiency in water collection through rainwater collection systems.
4. Strengthen relations with the Rarámuri communities through participation in the process of drilling and maintaining wells.



BENEFICIARIES

Families.....	196
Persons.....	1,176
Communities.....	14



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Throughout the Clinic's history, 78 water wells have been drilled.
- This year, two new wells were drilled in Rojusárare and San Ignacio. However, no water was found.
- Preventive maintenance was performed on seven existing wells with good water supply.
- Visit to 17 wells for inspection and evaluation.
- Fewer diseases related to lack of water, such as dehydration, gastrointestinal diseases, and skin problems.
- Improvements in local infrastructure through well maintenance, strengthening the autonomy of the communities.



CHALLENGES

- Difficulty finding drilling sites due to drought and/or water being at a level deeper than our drilling capacity (213 ft).
- Challenges caused by drought and migration, leading to malnutrition and contagious diseases.
- Expanding drilling projects to benefit more communities.
- Ensure the sustainability of rainwater collection systems, training communities in their appropriate maintenance.
- Delays in drilling due to vehicle breakdowns, parts and machinery failure.
- Spare parts for drilling equipment are expensive and difficult to find.



3. EXCHANGE OF FOOD AND FRUIT TREES FOR COMMUNITY WORK

The project consists of providing food support to poor communities, in exchange for community work.

OBJECTIVES

1. Improve food security in the Rarámuri communities.
2. Promote community organization to maintain infrastructure for common use.
3. Support the construction of community facilities.
4. Encourage environmental care and ecology.



ACHIEVEMENTS

- The project supported 124 communities of 10 municipalities: Batopilas, Bocoyna, Carichí, Guachochi, Guazapares, Madera, Maguarichi, Temósachi, Urique and Uruachi.
- Distribution of **1,742,970 lbs.** of food:
 - Potato 1,478,613 lbs.
 - Corn 214,465 lbs.
 - Beans 49,890 lbs.
- Distribution of 400 fruit trees.
- Improvement of community infrastructure such as road repairs, clinics and community centers.
- Development of construction work, such as fencing of lands and churches.
- Care for the environment through the construction of trenches for soil retention in cultivated areas, cleaning up trash in communities and cleaning of water springs.
- Supporting La Norteña with the shipment of 28 railroad cars of potatoes for their aid programs.



CHALLENGES

- Droughts and forest fires affect food production and the well-being of communities.
- Ensure that all community work is sustainable in the long term, with a focus on environmental conservation.
- Guarantee the efficient distribution of food and other resources to all beneficiary families.
- Overcome climate and transportation infrastructure limitations that hinder access to remote communities. During the rainy season, it is impossible to deliver to communities.
- Complications in the management, transport, and distribution of food in Cerocahui due to the decline in the number of Jesuits on the pastoral team there.
- Lack of food storage space in Creel.
- Overproduction of potatoes in Los Mochis in 2025, leading to a surplus in the Sierra.



BENEFICIARIES

Families.....	6,672
Persons.....	40,032
Communities.....	124

4. BENÉSICA ANAGUPI INTERCULTURAL SCHOOL

Preschool and elementary school founded 52 years ago in the community of Rejogochi. It provides comprehensive bilingual education with a focus on strengthening the cultural identity of the Rarámuri students, while building academic skills in Spanish.

OBJECTIVES

1. Strengthen Rarámuri identity and autonomy.
2. Strengthen our intercultural educational model.
3. Accompany self-sustainable processes in the school and community.
4. Strengthen interpersonal relationships among children, youth, and adults.



BENEFICIARIES

Direct:

Preschool students..... 10

Elementary school students..... 74

Indirect:..... 540 persons
(90 families)



ACHIEVEMENTS

- The school has 84 students enrolled, with five certified teachers and two more in training.
- 18 children graduated from the 2018-2025 school year (10 from preschool and 8 from elementary school).
- Growth in the spiritual dimension of both teachers and students and the community.
- The agricultural cycle and traditional festivities were reinforced in the children, in connection with *Onorúame* (God).
- Meeting with parents to rescue cultural values and prevent addiction among children and young people.
- We continued the extracurricular workshops of dance, music and *natépare* (thread bracelets), as well as productive activities such as cultivation of vegetables and fruit trees.



CHALLENGES

- Migration to apple harvesting causes delays in school groups due to personalized leveling work.
- Low participation of parents in school activities.
- Maintain the traditional Rarámuri festivities.
- Rescue the participation of traditional authorities.
- Addictions in the community.





5. JESUIT CULTURAL CENTERS OF TARAHUMARA

This project emerged in response to the desire of the Rarámuri communities to strengthen their identity and dignity through educational programs rooted in their own culture. With the support of CACSTAC and the Jesuits, these centers have become places of gathering, learning and celebration, where education is experienced not only in the classroom, but also in daily life, in community work, and in the spirituality of the Rarámuri people.

OBJECTIVES

1. Resolve educational, cultural and economic challenges in the communities.
2. Strengthen the Rarámuri identity and the system of traditional authorities.
3. Educate children and youth capable of helping inside and outside the community.



BENEFICIARIES

Direct..... 109 children and youth (30 from Gavilana, 25 from Guaguachique y 54 from San José del Pinal)

Indirect..... 545 persons of the communities of Gavilana (Batopilas), Guaguachique (Guachochi) and San José del Pinal (Urique)



CHALLENGES

- Need to adapt indicators to clearly evaluate actual progress.
- Limited number of trained personnel in technical and artistic areas, especially in music and community relations (Guaguachique).
- Tension between institutional planning and community reality, which requires greater flexibility and listening.
- Need for ongoing training support for facilitators, both in pedagogical aspects and in relation to the community.
- Weak motivation among staff when they



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Expansion of the program to new generations, with greater participation by children and young people in traditional festivities.
- Creation of strong links between traditional authorities, communities, and coordinators.
- Community participation in cleaning activities at the Cultural Center (San José del Pinal).
- Revaluation of music and dance as educational tools.
- Consolidation of a logbook system that allows processes to be recorded with greater rigor and continuity.
- Good communication between teachers at the Cultural Center and the local school (San José del Pinal).



do not perceive a deep connection between their work, its meaning, and the community (Guaguachique).

- Migration to the seasonal harvests of both parents and children from the cultural centers, which affects both the continuity of the processes and the involvement of parents in the activities (Guaguachique and San José del Pinal).



6. MUSEUM AND HANDICRAFTS

The Loyola Museum was founded in 2003 in the Rarámuri community of Cusárare. It houses a collection of 42 oil paintings of sacred art from the 17th, 18th, and 20th centuries, restored by European painters. Among the most representative works are 12 paintings of the life of the Virgin Mary, by 18th century artist Miguel Correa. In addition to the permanent exhibition, the building has a room for temporary exhibitions and a room for the sale of handicrafts.

OBJECTIVES

1. Preserve and promote the cultural heritage of the region through the Loyola Museum.
2. Promote the recognition and assessment of Rarámuri cultural expressions.
3. Strengthen and dignify local craftsmanship.



BENEFICIARIES

Local Artisans.....	33
Museum visitors.....	137



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Meeting with the indigenous governor and ejido commissioner of Cusárare to clarify the letter left by Fr. Verplancken regarding community participation in the administration of the museum 20 years after its founding.
- Meeting scheduled for January-February 2026 with INAH Chihuahua and INAH Mexico to discuss Fr. Verplancken's vision (community museum).
- We received the Historical Property Registration Certificates from INAH (National Institute of Anthropology and History).
- Meeting with the town council to sign an agreement to contract electricity for the museum.



CHALLENGES

- Establish a museum where the community also takes charge of administration.
- Maintenance of the building. Installation of electricity, surveillance cameras, and internet.
- Ensure the long-term conservation of the artworks.
- Digital promotion of the museum.
- Reception of collections for temporary exhibitions.
- Renovation of the Creel craft shop.
- Support and networking with local artisans.




7. REBUILDING THE SOCIAL NETWORK

Also known as “Cerocahui for Peace”, the project consists of promoting dialogue for peace, community, and social cohesion in the Cerocahui area, where Fathers Javier Campos S.J. and Joaquín Mora S.J. were murdered more than three years ago.

Cerocahui is a symbol of the martyrdom and insecurity experienced by so many Mexicans, but at the same time it is a symbol of hope, where people seek to overcome the losses caused by the violence perpetrated by criminal groups.

OBJECTIVES

1. Rebuilding and strengthening the social network in the community of Cerocahui, Chihuahua, and surrounding areas.
2. Strengthen neighborhood trust, community identity and the capacity to create agreements in favor of the community.



BENEFICIARIES

Direct.....	600
Children.....	372
Adults.....	225
Indirect.....	300



ACHIEVEMENTS

- A museum/oratory was built in memory of Javier Campos S.J., Joaquín Mora S.J., and Andrés Lara S.J., to remind us that peace is built through everyday life in the community.
- The construction of the psychological counseling room was completed.
- When the National Guard left the parish grounds after almost three years, spaces were recovered for staff training.
- Third peace caravan and traditional Rarámuri festivity to remember Fathers Javier and Joaquín.
- The documentary YAWIMÉ was shown in the communities, and there were discussions about peace. People reflected that peace is only possible in community, and that's how they've experienced it in traditional celebrations.
- Ten peace worksheets were implemented in the catechism centers in several communities.
- Neighborhood meetings in Cerocahui generated commitments in favor of peace.



CHALLENGES

- The decline in the number of Jesuits in Cerocahui has led to a reduction in the scope of the project.
- The “Commitment for Peace” signed by the local mayor was not implemented.
- Project management and administration.



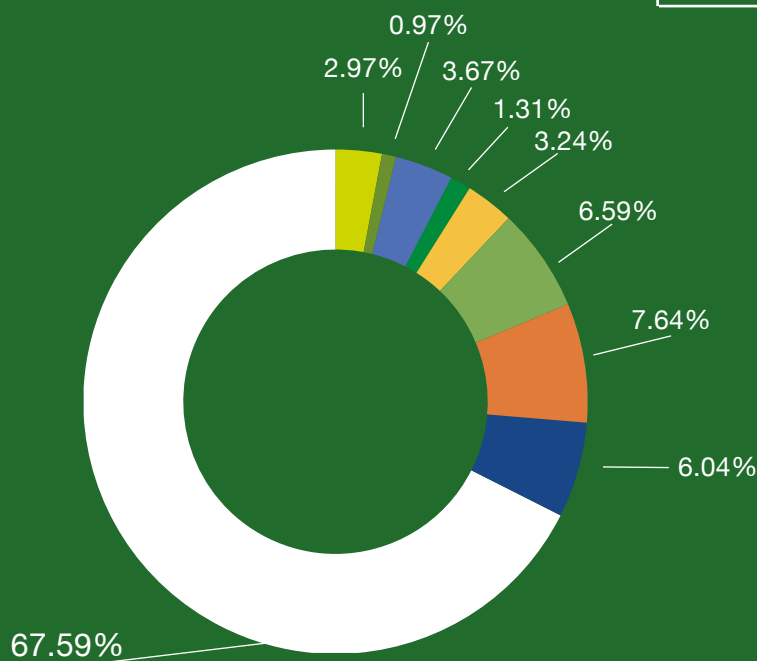
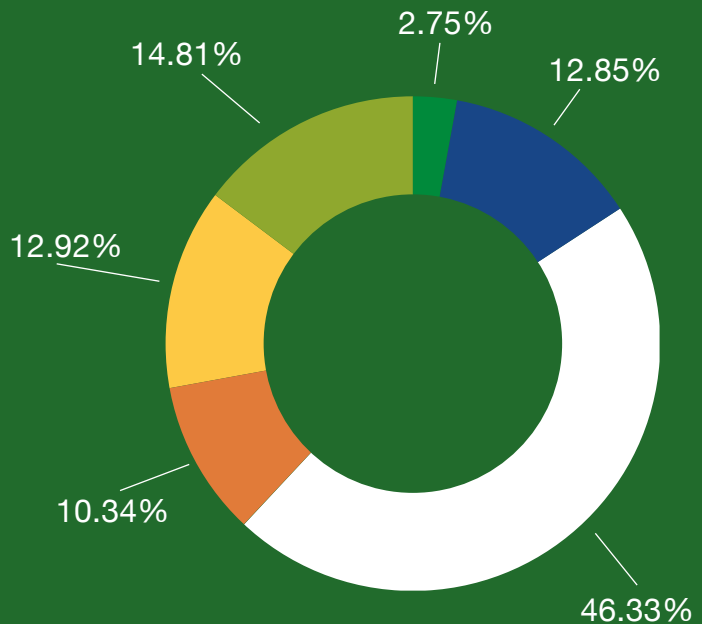
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERCENTAGES



Income Statement for the period
JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2025

INFLOWS

Organizations and Companies.....	14.81%
Global Project Fund.....	12.92%
Persons.....	10.34%
State Government.....	46.33%
Other income.....	12.85%
Recovery fees.....	2.75%
TOTAL.....	100%



OUTFLOWS

Clinic.....	67.59%
Mental Health.....	6.04%
School.....	7.64%
Exchange of food.....	6.59%
Cultural Centers.....	3.24%
Water wells.....	1.31%
Social Network.....	3.67%
Museum and Handicrafts....	0.97%
Administrative.....	2.97%
TOTAL.....	100%

If you would like to know more about our financial statements, please write to:
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VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



We invite you to be part of our mission by contributing according to your skills and personal interests. We offer service experiences in each of our projects. Volunteers can contribute in a technical-professional way or through simple and daily services. We have an admission and selection process in which, based on the profile and interests of the person, we define a project to collaborate.



Groups of volunteers who collaborate in our mission:

Vincetian Volunteers: They collaborate with the Clinic by seeking donations for the hospital. They establish alliances with various institutions and do the remarkable work of accompanying our Rarámuri patients when they go to Chihuahua for medical consultation, providing transportation, lodging and basic care.

Jesuit Youth: Every year young people are sent to collaborate directly with our projects.

Sierra Tarahumara Volunteers: In the communities where CACSTAC's work is carried out, volunteers participate as links to our institution.

Independent volunteers: professionals, technicians, students, people in retirement, groups, etc.

During 2025, 44 volunteers collaborated in our projects.



If you would like to **VOLUNTEER** in any of our projects, please **CONTACT US** at:

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