

SANTA TERESITA COMPLEX



ACTIVITY REPORT 2021



We are a non-profit Civil Association, in charge of caring for, supporting and promoting the comprehensive well-being of the inhabitants of the Sierra Tarahumara, especially those most in need and vulnerable or in the most critical situations: the Rarámuri, especially children.

Without excluding people for any reason of their race, creed, or economic situation.

- With absolute respect for their customs and traditions.
- Caring for and promoting their dignity, their freedom, the defense of their environment, their culture, and their life.
- Specifically about the care and improvement of health, education, and the use of the environment and the dissemination of its cultural and artisan manifestations.



“As a result of this pandemic that the whole world has been suffering, there are many voices that have appeared, many theories have been exposed, and the indigenous issue has not been left behind.

Those historically forgotten peoples, now jump on the scene again and come to ignore the tremendous inequalities due to the social treatment that has always been given to them.”

Fr. Javier Ávila S.J.

MISSION

“WE HAVE THE MISSION TO CARE FOR, SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE INTEGRAL WELL-BEING OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE SIERRA TARAHUMARA MAINLY THE MOST VULNERABLE AND NEEDY, THE RARÁMURI, MAINLY GIRLS, BOYS AND ADULTS; WITHOUT EXCLUSION OF PEOPLE BY RACE, CREED OR ECONOMIC SITUATION, SUPPORTING THEIR CULTURE, LIFE, CREATING IMPROVEMENTS IN HEALTH, EDUCATION, SUBSISTENCE, CARE, PROTECTION AND USE OF THE ENVIRONMENT. INTEGRATE: ALL THESE NON-PROFIT SERVICES. APPLYING TECHNOLOGY THAT IS WITHIN OUR REACH.

INTEGRATE: DIGNITY AND FREEDOM”.



VISION

“MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN 2024 - IN DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION WITH THE POPULATION, ESPECIALLY THE RARÁMURI COMMUNITY, IN ADDITION TO INSTITUTIONS AND PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR VISIONS-, ACHIEVE BETTER AND FAIRER LIVING CONDITIONS, MAKING INDISPENSABLE OR URGENT HEALTH, FOOD, EDUCATION AND CULTURE SERVICES, SUPPORT, TRAINING AND HELP ACCESSIBLE TO THE POPULATION . ENHANCE THE WORK, EXPERIENCE AND DELIVERY OF OUR STAFF TO CREATE LEADERSHIP WHILE MAINTAINING THE CULTURE AND TRUST OF THE POPULATION SERVED.”



VALUES

“WE WORK UNDER THE FOLLOWING VALUES”



- ✓ EQUALITY
- ✓ EQUITY
- ✓ COMMITMENT (ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SITUATION)
- ✓ CHRISTIAN HUMANISM
- ✓ WARMTH
- ✓ KINDNESS

- ✓ SERVICE ATTITUDE
- ✓ QUALITY SERVICE
- ✓ RESPECT FOR THE PERSON
- ✓ SOLIDARITY
- ✓ ACT WITH JUSTICE
- ✓ HONESTY
- ✓ ETHICS
- ✓ TEAMWORK



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

SANTA TERESITA MEDICAL UNIT (UMST)

The most important challenge we have is to be able to train our employees in the founding charism of our institution, to be able to transmit to them the profound meaning of our reason for being at the service mainly of the Tarahumara communities in vulnerable situations

Statistics 2021.

- In outpatient clinic, 4,153 patients were seen, of which 1,058 were pediatric patients, 3,036 adult patients and 59 emergency cases.
- We had 332 hospitalized patients: 137 adults, 195 pediatrics. We were able to offer the aforementioned people a total of 7,773 days of hospital stay.
- A total of 15,590 food dishes were offered, of which 10,714 to patients and 4,876 to relatives of patients and others.
- We offered 1,045 laboratory studies to outpatients and hospitalized patients.
- X-ray studies amounted to 816 performed on outpatients and hospitalized patients.
- We had 159 transfers of which 89 were to adult patients, 70 pediatric patients.
- We had 8 deaths, of which 3 corresponded to pediatric cases and 5 adults.
- A total of 97 pantries were distributed, of which 92 corresponded to patients with tuberculosis and 5 were delivered to patients with a special degree of malnutrition.



INTERCULTURAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER BENESIKA ANAGUPI IN REJOGOCHI

We lived the period of the 2020-2021 school year in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic, even more so, we did not take our finger off the line and continued to work according to the indications of the SEP (Secretary of Public Education), achieving with the time permission from the Inspectorate to attend school in a formalized manner.



We can list some of our achievements:

- ✓ Returning to faceto-face-clases.
- ✓ We are a recognized shool, with prestige. Quality education is provided.
- ✓ Increased enrollment, from 80 to 100 sudents.
- ✓ Improvements in Health, through food and personal hygiene provided at school.
- ✓ We have a better Community Organization for various activities.
- ✓ We have two teachers from the institution in constant training in Carpentry.
- ✓ We promote the strengthening of culture.
- ✓ We monitor the orchard of fruit trees and the chicken coop.
- ✓ In the month of December, Benefactors visited us, and provided the children with jackets and shoes. A great help to get through the cold weather.



JESUIT CULTURAL CENTERS OF THE TARAHUMARA

In 2021, the Cultural Centers of the Jesuit Parish of San Miguel de Guaguachique, based in Samachique, continued to provide educational and support services in three communities. The pandemic continued to significantly affect the work, since the closure of schools and government shelters meant a lower concentration of children in the headwaters of the rural communities and a consequent decrease in children's attendance at our Cultural Centers.

The three Cultural Centers that operated during 2021 are: 1) Guaguachique (Guachochi), 2) the La Gavilana (Batopilas) and 3) Pamachi (Urique).

During the year, a group of approximately 50 children divided among four Rarámuri teachers was attended.

The commitment of the Cultural Centers of La Gavilana and Pamachi was more regular and continued despite the pandemic due to the relative smallness and geographic isolation of these communities.

The Cultural Centers offered work focused on strengthening the Rarámuri roots and customs, both in the children and in the community. Classes were given from Monday to Friday in Rarámuri to children using topics related to culture and seeking to strengthen reading and writing in the mother tongue. In addition, traditional music workshops were offered.



Gavilana Cultural Center

Pamachi Cultural Center

Guaguachique Cultural

Center

In addition, resources and support were channeled to those most in need; For example, food supplements were distributed monthly in the Centers to combat child malnutrition.

Organization of the Jesuit Backpack in July (activity of the Society of Jesus to sensitize young people about the realities that are lived in our indigenous communities)

The continuity of the work was done in a tone of hope, based on the desire to conserve indigenous ways of life and traditions that are believed to contribute a lot to current societies and seeking to favor a traditionally marginalized people.



Traditional Career (Cultural Centers)

Language and Culture Workshop

Assessment Week

MAINTENANCE PROJECT FOR WELLS, WATER HARVESTS AND FRUIT TREES ORCHARD.

Based on the existing demand and budget, we managed to maintain 21 wells in the Municipality of Bocoyna in 2021, which remained fully functional, not to mention 1 new one that was drilled. Approximately 906 people benefit from this.

Comunidad Maquivo. Gonogochi.



For this project we have a drilling machine, a pick-up truck specially adapted for these jobs, a trailer and a warehouse.

The Program is run by 5 people who, in addition, are in charge of the workshop: three of them Rarámuri.

Comunidad Napuchi.



ORCHARDS OF FRUIT TREES

an important alternative for food production for the Rarámuri families, who have shown joy and interest in caring for them.

This year 2021, around 1000 trees were delivered, of the following species:

- Plums.
- Apple trees.
- Quince.
- Peaches.
- Moringa.

The communities benefited were:

- ✓ Ciénega de Porochi, Urique.
- ✓ Bariguachi, Carichi.
- ✓ Rikinapuchi, Bocoyna.
- ✓ Rarámuchi, Bocoyna.
- ✓ Escuela de rejogochi, Guachochi.
- ✓ Naweachi,
- ✓ Tewerichi, Carichi.



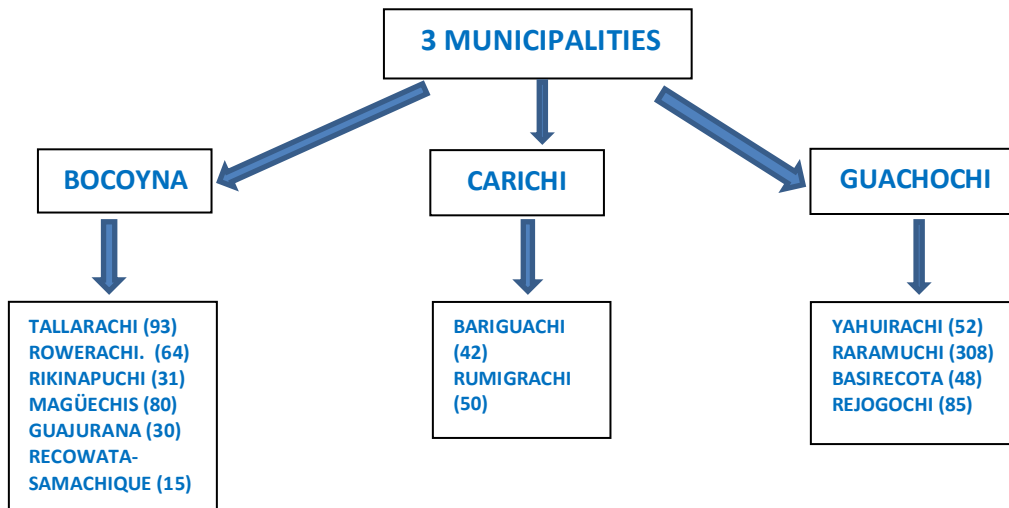
It is important to mention that for the distribution of these little trees, the conditions of the communities in terms of climate and water supply are first considered.



Project of bartering food for community work

There is no exact report of the thousands of tons that this program has distributed over 40 years. Although this does not solve the food problem of the Rarámuri, it DOES constitute an important support, especially because it is done in the months of greatest famine and for communities with fewer resources and possibilities.

We served a total of **898** families from **12** communities corresponding to **3** municipalities.



A total of: **1,650** kg of potatoes, **33,550** kg of corn **1,500** kg of wheat were delivered.



As a counterpart, the communities have built stone trenches to retain the fertile land, road repairs, among others.

It is worth mentioning that the program works with the same personnel from the central office and from the well/workshop team .



OUR THANKS

It is addressed to each one of our Benefactors who, with good hearts, have always been present where the most needy and vulnerable or in a critical situation are. We all care for, support, and promote the integral well-being of the inhabitants of the Sierra Tarahumara, and especially of the children, without any exclusion.

We are a fundamental part, the bond is strong Benefactors, that's why we ask God's Blessings for you today and always, since without your great support none of this would be possible.

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