

2024

End of the Year
Newsletter





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TO OUR FRIENDS and Supporters

As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for all that God has done in and through Fundación Totalí. It has been a year marked by growth, new beginnings, and continued faithfulness in the midst of challenges. From the laughter of children learning to read, to the sound of a football striking the back of a net, to voices lifted in worship—each moment has reminded us of why we are here: to share the hope and love of Jesus Christ with our community.

Our work is multifaceted—encompassing education, sport, music, healthcare, and at the heart of it all, the church. Yet every aspect of what we do is united by a single purpose: to see lives transformed by the Gospel. We have seen God moving through every part of the ministry, and we are excited to share some of those stories with you.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer, encouragement, and support. You are an essential part of this mission, and we look forward to continuing this journey together in the year ahead.

With gratitude,
The Fundación Totalí Team



TOTAÍ ACADEMY

Learning Together

In 2024, we launched a new initiative within our Aprendamos Juntos (Learning Together) classes. We introduced academic support sessions focused on literacy and mathematics for children in the first through third grades.

Since the program began, we have seen encouraging progress in each child's development. We are also grateful for the invaluable support of our volunteer, Caity, who joined us from the UK and dedicated several months to assisting the children.

Throughout the year, we worked with several children facing different educational challenges. Some struggled with basic literacy and numeracy, while others had fallen behind in school or lacked family support. Despite these difficulties, many of the children showed notable improvements in their reading, writing, and mathematical skills.

Some even progressed from being unable to recognize letters to reading simple texts and solving basic arithmetic problems. These successes would not have been possible without the commitment of our team and the patience and dedication of volunteers like Caity and Simon, who went above and beyond to ensure the children had the support they needed.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For the children attending this year, that their parents would become more engaged in their education.
- For continued progress in the children's literacy and numeracy skills, that they would not lose what they have learned.
- For more volunteers to join our work, especially those with a passion for education and working with children.
- For children facing difficult home situations, that they receive the support and stability they need.
- For wisdom as we develop and expand the Aprendamos Juntos classes, so that we could best serve the needs of the children and families in our community.





TOTAÍ Futsal School

Throughout 2024, the rainy season brought both challenges and new opportunities for our futsal programme.

For over five years, we had been borrowing a pitch in a neighbouring area, but this past year we were blessed to build our own grass pitch in our community. We trained on it for much of the year, but when the rainy season arrived, persistent flooding forced us to pause. Faced with a choice—either return to the old pitch or find a solution closer to home—we chose to stay rooted in our neighbourhood.

That's when we discovered an abandoned concrete pitch nearby. Over several days, we cleared weeds, collected rubbish, and painted fresh lines, transforming it into a vibrant new home for our futsal programme. By the time the school holidays arrived, the pitch was ready, and the children couldn't have been more excited.



Looking ahead, we're working on long-term solutions to the flooding issue, including adding specialised grass designed for football pitches or even artificial turf. We're also hoping to install lights, allowing us to train in the evenings and make the pitch a true hub for the community. These improvements will ensure that rain or shine, our programme can continue to thrive.

This year, three of our teams competed in the city's futsal tournament, each showing incredible teamwork and determination:

Under-9s and Under-12s teams – Both teams finished fifth, narrowly missing the playoffs but demonstrating great sportsmanship and growth.

Under-10s – Secured third place after a thrilling penalty shootout, a moment that had everyone on the edge of their seats!

But our futsal programme is about more than just matches and trophies. It's about building relationships, making disciples, and creating opportunities to support families in practical ways. For example, as the new academic year began, we provided six children with new uniforms, shoes, and school supplies, ensuring they started the year with confidence and dignity.

We're excited to continue training, competing, and sharing the Gospel with all involved. These relationships are at the heart of what we do, and we're grateful for your support in making this possible.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For the continued growth of our futsal programme and the relationships it fosters.
- For wisdom and resources as we work towards improving the pitch with better grass or turf and lighting.
- For the children and families we serve, that they would experience God's love and provision through our work.
- For the children's safety and protection during training and matches.
- For our coaches and volunteers, that they would be encouraged and strengthened as they lead and mentor the players.







MUSIC Programme

Last year, we shared that, through the consolidation of ministries with Red Roots, we inherited a thriving music programme. This initiative was originally created as a way to connect with young people in our neighbourhood, offering them access to music lessons—something many could never have afforded otherwise. It also served as a bridge to discipleship and, for some, an escape from difficult home environments.

Over the past year, the programme has exceeded our expectations. Many of the students have grown in both their musical abilities and their faith. In fact, the vast majority of our church's worship team today is made up of young people who first learned to play their instruments through this very programme! Beyond music, many of the students are actively involved in the life of the church and are being discipled as they grow in their relationship with Christ.



Looking ahead, we are praying that this programme will continue to flourish—not simply by producing skilled musicians, but by raising up disciples of Jesus who live for His glory in every aspect of their lives.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For the young people in the programme to continue growing in their faith as well as their musical skills.
- For the programme to reach more young people in our community, providing both hope and an opportunity to know Christ.
- For wisdom and resources as we seek to expand the programme and invest in new instruments and equipment.





TOTAÍ Clinic

This year marked a significant milestone for our clinic—20 years of God’s faithfulness!

Over the past two decades, the clinic has served thousands upon thousands of patients, provided countless affordable surgeries, and touched the lives of families across our community.

What began as a vision to share the gospel and provide excellent, low-cost healthcare to those in need is now bearing fruit, as we witness countless lives touched by both physical healing and the hope of Christ.

We are continually amazed by how God brings volunteers and medical professionals from all over the world to join us in this work. Their skills and hearts for service have allowed us to expand our services and extend Christ’s love to those who enter our doors.



These additions have allowed us to care for patients in even more comprehensive ways, all while maintaining our goal of providing high-quality care at a low cost—and sometimes at no cost at all.

Throughout the year, we saw God’s hand at work in the lives of our patients. From a neighbour who suffered a severe laceration while training horses, to a woman who finally received the eyeglasses she had needed for years but could never afford, to a young man who underwent a long-awaited ear surgery to treat a chronic infection—each story is a testimony of God’s provision.

But our clinic is about more than just treating ailments; it’s a place where relationships are built, trust is earned, and the love of Christ is made visible. Every consultation, every surgery, every conversation is an opportunity to share the hope we have in Jesus.

As we celebrate this 20-year milestone, we look forward with great anticipation to what God will do in the years to come. We truly believe that the best is yet to come.





PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For God to continue providing skilled doctors, nurses, and volunteers to serve our community.
- For resources to sustain and expand our services, so that no one in need is ever turned away.
- For each patient who walks through our doors to not only find physical healing but also encounter the love and hope of Christ.





Patients **Seen**

1663

Nursing

500

General Medicine

720

Dentistry

3055

Otolaryngology

76

Pediatrics

151

Cardiology

103

Rheumatology

421

Ear Care

1362

Speech Therapy

95

Endocrinology

232

Dermatology

354

Urology



Patients **Seen**

from **new** services offered this year

247

Panoramic Dental X-ray

114

Gynecology

45

Traumatology

28

Physical Therapy

25

Radiology

4

Psychology

20

Laboratory

29

Ultrasound

26

Neurology

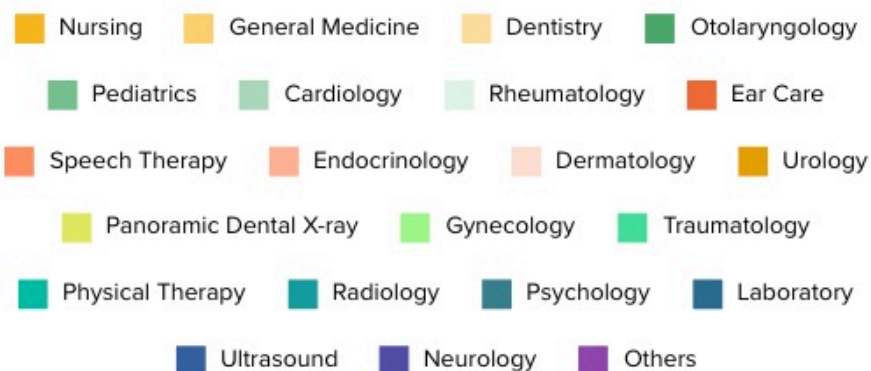
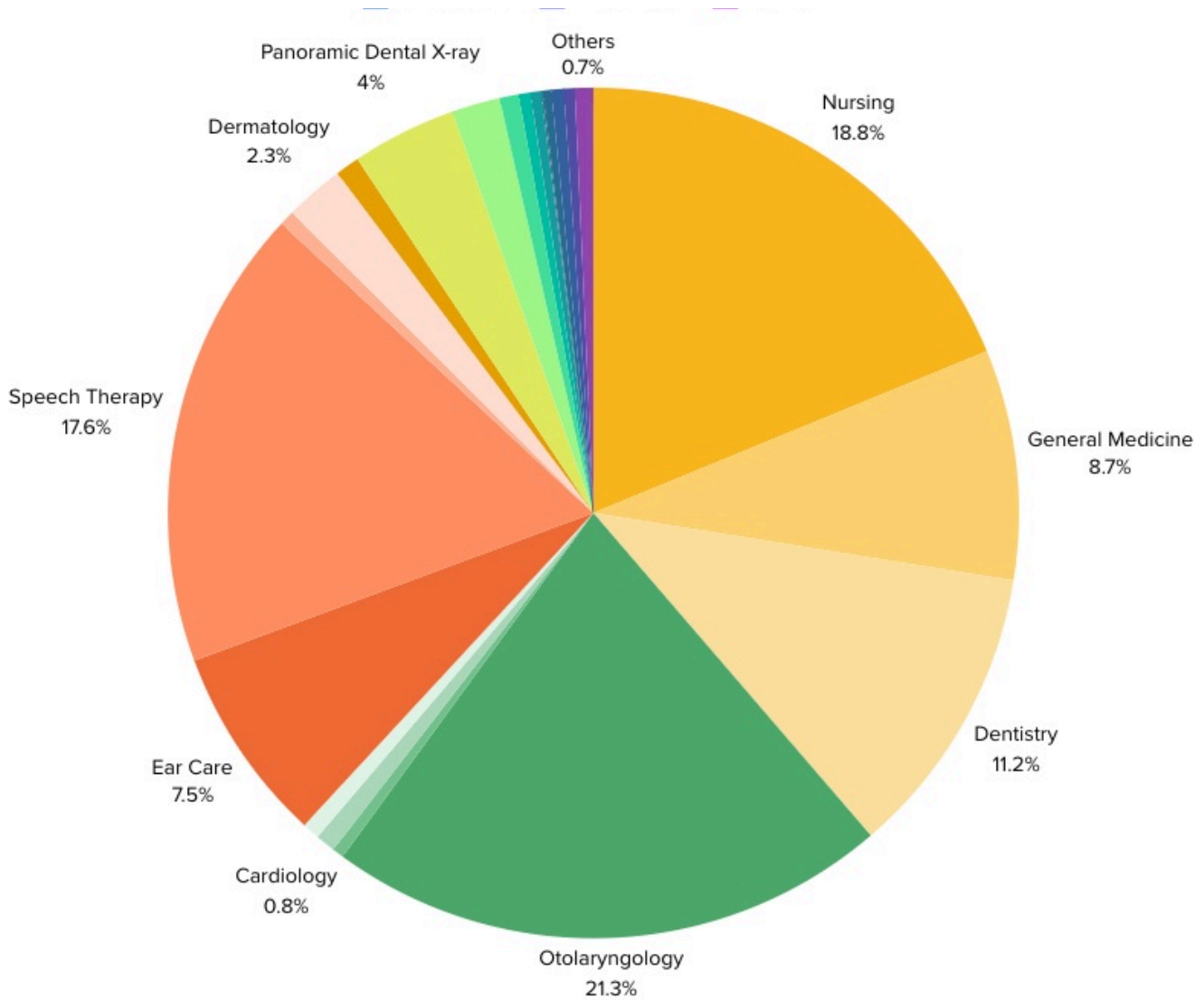
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Others

Total Served
= 9313

In 2024, we served **3,684 more patients than the previous year**. We are encouraged to see more people in our neighborhood prioritizing their health and experiencing the benefits of healthcare. Our competitively low-cost clinic has made it possible for many to afford the care they need.

Total Patients (%) in 2024





CHURCH El Jireh

This past year has been a season of growth and new beginnings for our church.

We have seen more children and families from our FT programmes beginning to attend, deepening the connection between our various ministries and the church community.

Recognising the importance of discipleship and authentic biblical community, we launched small groups this year. These groups have provided a space for people to grow together in faith, study God's Word, and support one another through life's challenges



While the clinic may appear to be the most visible aspect of our work, the church is truly at the heart of everything we do. It is ***the glue that binds our ministries together and the community we desire every person we serve to become part of.*** Whether someone first connects with us through the clinic, the futsal programme, or a music lesson, our greatest hope is that they will come to know the transforming power of Jesus Christ. Our desire is for each person to experience the love of God—a love that is unshakable, eternal, and sufficient in every circumstance.

We are excited about what God is doing in our church and look forward to seeing more lives transformed by His grace in the year to come.





PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For continued growth in our church community and for those who are new to find a deep sense of belonging.
- For our small groups to be places of genuine discipleship, encouragement, and spiritual growth.
- For those who are hearing the Gospel for the first time through our ministries, that their hearts would be open to receive the message of Christ.
- For our church leaders to be strengthened and equipped as they shepherd and disciple others.








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