Fr. William B. Wasson, founder of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for “Our Little Brothers and Sisters”), believed in raising children to be responsible and share with others. As a result, all of the NPH homes assist people in their communities in a variety of ways. Whether it be responding to a natural disaster or local crisis, or partnering with national child welfare agencies, saving children and their families takes the combined resources of NPH and our partner organizations. Together, we implement the best care practices and customize our services to meet the needs of the surrounding area while ensuring that we adhere to local legal, ethical and cultural standards. By uniting international and local efforts, we are able to achieve meaningful progress in the community.

Country Realities

According to various reports of the countries where NPH works:

- **BOLIVIA**: The legal working age is 10 years old and 850,000 to 1 million children work.
- **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**: One out of four people do not have access to clean water.
- **EL SALVADOR**: 70% of children aged 16 and 17 do not have access to secondary education.
- **GUATEMALA**: Nearly 60% of people live below the poverty line.
- **HAITI**: More than 65% of the labor force do not have formal jobs.
- **HONDURAS**: Has high poverty and school dropout rates.
- **MEXICO**: Over 30,000 children participate in gangs, which offer false impressions of a family, income and protection to those who have none.
- **NICARAGUA**: Violent civil unrest has continued since April 2018.
- **PERU**: The risk of major infectious diseases is very high.

Making an Impact

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) means “Our Little Brothers and Sisters” in Spanish. NPH USA transforms the lives of vulnerable children in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru. Together, we help children overcome poverty and become productive, caring leaders in their own communities. Founded in 1954 by Father William Wasson, NPH is supporting nearly 7,000 children, both inside and outside our homes, ensuring they have a safe and nurturing place to live, an education, clothing, healthcare, and a strong family support system. In addition, NPH’s St. Damien Pediatric Hospital employs more than 500 Haitians and is the only hospital wholly dedicated to pediatric and prenatal care in Haiti, a country of 11.5 million people.
NPH’s community outreach programs vary by country, but typically include scholarships for local students to both NPH and non-NPH schools, health services, donations of food and supplies, social services, and support for Hermanos Mayores (“older siblings”) who grew up at the NPH home. Some NPH homes have specialized programs *as noted* in the below map.

- **Haiti**
  - Services provided: 56,629
  - *St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, rehabilitation outpatient centers, and more*

- **Dominican Republic**
  - Services provided: 6,591
  - *Ambulatory surgery center, transition homes, and services for people with disabilities or health conditions*

- **Guatemala**
  - Services provided: 668
  - *Daycare center, and an education center*

- **El Salvador**
  - Services provided: 638
  - *Daycare center*

- **Nicaragua**
  - Services provided: 525
  - *Assistance for disabled children and their families*

- **Mexico**
  - Services provided: 322

- **Honduras**
  - Services provided: 18,445
  - *Clinic and surgery center, daycare center, soup kitchen, transition home, and more*

- **Bolivia**
  - Services provided: 24

83,927 services provided in 2021