

2025 Camalú Church Ministry, Inc. Annual Report

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Background Information

We have just completed our first full year as the newly incorporated, Camalu' Church Ministry (CCM) 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, with federal tax-exempt status, which was formed with the aid and assistance of the Northeast Church of Christ, Cincinnati, Ohio. The legal firm of Winters & King, Tulsa, Oklahoma has assisted with our nonprofit application process, as well. A four-person board of directors was chosen, and they are: Dan Wilson, President, representing the North Penn Church of Christ; Joe Henderson, Secretary, representing the Coopertown Church of Christ; Clint Moore, Treasurer, representing the Northeast Church of Christ; and Andy Huntoon, At Large Director, representing, also, the Northeast Church of Christ. All these men are actively involved with the work with the Camalú Iglesia de Christ, Camalú, Baja California, Mexico. Additionally, each of their local churches have been actively supporting the international mission work in Camalú, as well as several personal benefactors.

Over the years prior to the formation of the CCM nonprofit, the individuals named above, along with many others from their congregations have engaged with financial support and in-person work on annual mission trips to Camalú, B.C. Mexico. For twenty (20) years the church at Camalú has been led by their minister, Juan José Medina Cruz, and his wife, Flor. Juan and Flor, along with their three (3) children: Samuel, and his wife Alma, Denzel and Kassandra, have led the church members at the Camalú Iglesia de Cristo in their walk with Christ. Most of the families that worship at Camalú, are field workers for the large agri-businesses in the area. They have very modest means of economic support but have always managed to surpass the supporting Americans with their never-failing faith in God. As the Americans supporting this church, we gain from a brotherhood/sisterhood in which the Mexicans teach us about what it means to have *faith* in God!

2025, Year in Review

Financial

Since the nonprofit's formation, in October 2024, we have been struggling to create a means by which to send funds monthly to the Camalú church leaders in a legal and consistent manner. As we have learned, it is not the easiest of processes to manage. The formation of the CCM nonprofit, however, has allowed us, with the help of some good legal and banking assistance from people who know about international mission work and its funding requirements, to adopt a process that works for both the American supporting churches, as well as the Mexican church leadership.

The process we have developed allows us to wire funds bank-to-bank from the American CCM bank account to the Mexican minister's bank account. He then transfers the designated funds for the church's "Working Fund": water, electric, garbage, and LP gas expenses, and the "Benevolence Fund": food, medicines and transportation needs of the church membership, to a separate bank account. Unfortunately, the ministers that work for the Baja Mission, Inc. churches have not been successful in setting up a bank account in the name of the church for the distribution of these "Working and Benevolence Funds." The Mexican banking system does not view churches as having the consistent leadership and longevity for them to risk opening an account in the church's name. Having these two separate accounts, however, at least allows the ministers to show, in a monthly report, the Mexican government and the American church/CCM directors that they have a specific means to tracking and validating the use of these church related expenses. We will continue to monitor the progress in these international financial matters and make the necessary changes that the legal and bank experts advise.

Accomplishments

As mentioned above, the biggest and most important work that gets done each year is our planning and recruitment of individuals to participate in our annual, week-long mission trip that occurs the end of July. In the past, we have been able to take teams of 20 – 25 individuals from the supporting American churches to participate in this annual mission trip, working with and for the church members of the Camalú church and its surrounding community. The past few years we have encountered less participation for this week-long event due to several factors. However, a core group of 10 – 12 individuals has kept up the tradition for this mission trip and have been able to continue to accomplish many

beneficial effects: adult, teen and children's classes; facility maintenance improvements and building projects in members' homes; as well as very meaningful home visits and fellowship events. The annual mission trip will continue to be a major focus for the supporting American churches, and currently we are planning to focus on the different demographic populations of each church with a renewed campaign to make each group better informed as to the benefits of participating in our annual mission trip. Additionally, methods are being researched that would help reduce the travel cost of the mission trip, making it more affordable for people needing financial assistance.

New Camalú Church Van

Another goal we were able to accomplish this year was to replace the over 30-year-old Camalú church van. It has been at the church since its beginning in 2006 and was at least 10 years old when it arrived on the scene. Thanks to Joe Henderson for locating an available used van on the internet that was in Los Angeles, CA, and Baja Missions, Inc. for an emergency short-term loan to make the deal happen. That loan was repaid in two weeks with generous donations from our American church membership. This new van arrived the beginning of November and has provided the Camalú church members with a reliable and safer means of traveling to area-wide church activities.

Fall Baja Missions Leadership Conference

Every year the first weekend of November, Baja Mission, Inc. leadership holds a leadership conference for all supporting American churches to meet and worship with all the Baja Mission Mexican preachers and their families. After two (2) days of worship and fellowship with all the churches represented (currently, there are 20 churches in the Baja and the Camalú church is just one of those in attendance) we travel to our respective church location (Camalú) for more in-depth conversations about the work, now and into the future.

This past November 2025, Juan, Flor, Samuel, Alma and I had many lengthy and intimate discussions about the Camalú church successes and failures, as well as needs and wants, now and into the future. Below is a list of the "Programs" that we discussed:

- 1.) Supporting the family unit. Men are needed and not well represented in the congregation's membership. Guest speaker in May for 4-day event. (Budget \$500 - \$600)
- 2.) Planning and hosting a conference for all the Baja churches, again focusing on strengthening and supporting the families. (Budget \$1000)
- 3.) Send the teens to the Camp Baja event planned for August. (Budget \$250-\$300). 2027 National Teen Conference. (Budget TBD).
- 4.) Annual Christmas dinner and gift to niños. (Budget \$2,000-\$2,500)

Below is a list of the "Projects" that we discussed:

- 1.) Replace exterior fencing along the road next to the playground area. (summer 2026)
- 2.) Complete the teen building. (summer 2026)
- 3.) Replace the kitchen facility (framed) with a block building (masonry). (multi-year project)
- 4.) Replace computers for accessing online educational programming by niños. (as soon as funds are available)

As you can see, many of these items will need to be funded by the development of a capital projects fund, which will need to be established in 2026. Due to the organizational structure of our CCM nonprofit, we cannot exceed an annual budget of \$50,000. So, many of the larger capital projects will need to be funded in cooperation with Baja Mission, Inc. to insure we do not exceed the CCM annual limit of \$50,000. Currently, our annual budget is running around ~\$35,000.

Summary

As you can see, we have had a very busy and productive 2025. We are remaining prayerful that we can meet all the goals and aspirations set out for 2026. Please consider sharing this document with others in a church leadership position or people you feel might be willing to support this very important and meaningful work in Camalú.

God Bless!

Respectfully submitted,

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