



**Potter's House**  
 Association International  
 "Valuing the Scavengers as Treasures"

1995 - Volunteers with a legacy

1997 - The fire  
 A blessing in disguise

2001-2003 - Programs  
 lead to greater impact



Personal Development Program



Education Program

Special Edition



Micro Enterprise Program



Community Support Program



Health Program

25 Years  
 SERVING

# Potter's House history



# Programs lead to greater impact

During the construction of our new facilities (1998-2005), Potter's House had the opportunity to take a step back and begin an extensive evaluation of the history and needs of the Treasures living in the dump communities. We were able to confirm that services such as tutoring, evangelism and in-kind donations were successful, but we also realized that in order to be effective in our ministry to the Treasures we needed to focus on development as well as providing assistance.

It was during this time that the programs were established and services reorganized within the following 4 programs: Personal Development, Education, Health and Community Support. The Lord also gave our leaders a methodology with which to work with the Treasures:



- Step 1 **I do it- You learn**
- Step 2 **I do it- You help**
- Step 3 **You do- I help**
- Step 4 **You do- I support**

This new structure allowed us to systematically help the Treasures, follow up with special cases and needs as well as expand our help to impact more Treasures.

Thanks to this evaluation the Lord also led Potter's House to begin a new program called **Micro Enterprise** that empowers the Treasures by giving them the necessary tools to overcome their economic poverty. Small loans help small businesses thrive and begin to grow. The family's economy is improved and in some cases they are able to hire neighbors to work



Former Micro Enterprise facility

in their businesses, creating a chain reaction. We understand that the Treasures are holistic human beings and that God is interested in them not only spiritually, but physically and financially.

Since its beginnings Potter's House has functioned mainly through the help of volunteers. During this time the Lord confirmed the importance of volunteer support. In addition to the 5 programs we began developing community leaders and doing projects that would impact communities as a whole. Examples of these projects are paving the accesses into the communities as well as making streets and sidewalks.



Volunteers helping in the construction of a sidewalk

Volunteers continue to be a key component in our community work.

This period of evaluation and implementation took 3 years and was hard at times, but God was with us confirming that our work in the communities and with the Treasures was necessary and blessed by Him.

The implementation of 5 programs and a work methodology for the Treasures has allowed us to not only touch the Treasures on a material and physical level but has permitted us to see lasting results in the lives of the Treasures. We are preparing them for life beyond the garbage!

Edgar & Gladys  
Directors

**"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders;  
make the most of every opportunity."**

Colossians 4:5

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