

# PHOENIX EAGLES

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# WHO WE ARE





**PLAYING A GAME TO CHANGE THE WORLD**

Joy Integrity Faithfulness Courage



# MAI

## MISSIONARY ATHLETES INTERNATIONAL

### MISSION

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**Missionary Athletes International is a Gospel-centered ministry that introduces people to Jesus Christ, teaches them to follow Him, and empowers them as leaders through the global environment of soccer.**

### VISION

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**Our vision is to see lives transformed through teams that motivate people to follow Christ.**



**IN 2018, A GROUP OF GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS STARTED AN INITIATIVE TO SERVE THE INNER-CITY YOUTH AROUND THEIR CAMPUS USING SOCCER AS THEIR TOOL, AND UNOFFICIALLY OPERATED AS COSDECOL USA.**

**IN 2023, OUR MINISTRY CAME UNDERNEATH THE UMBRELLA OF MISSIONARY ATHLETES INTERNATIONAL, BECAME AN OFFICIAL 501-C3 NON-PROFIT, AND REBRANDED TO PHOENIX EAGLES.**



## CRISTIAN GOMEZ

Executive Director



While going through engineering school and later working in the engineering industry my favorite thing to do on my own time was volunteer coaching. When I started coaching, I saw it as a small way to stay connected to my passions; soccer & people. As I continued to serve through this soccer ministry, I realized this was not only impacting my life but the lives of the people I was serving. Later, I concluded that this was not just my passion, but my calling.

So, when God presented me with the opportunity to do this full-time, I was overjoyed to take it. The majority of our club players come from refugee, immigrant & low-income families who have limited opportunities for development. I was one of those kids growing up in Colombia, and because of a Christian soccer club that decided to invest in me beyond the soccer field my life has been transformed by the message of the gospel. Now my dream is to use my gifts to replicate this for the next generation & set up other kids to receive the blessings I've received.



## ALLISON MOEN

Operations Manager

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I grew up in a Christian home, my parents are missionaries in Minneapolis, MN so I learned about God and Jesus from a young age. While I didn't understand the full weight of what Jesus did for me, I never questioned my belief in Him. In high school my "relationship" with Jesus consisted of church and spending a week at summer bible camp. I began to seek satisfaction in the things of the world and used Jesus dying on the cross as an excuse to do whatever I wanted. During my senior year of high school, I said to my mom, "when I get to college, I will take my relationship with God seriously". By God's grace He brought people into my life to walk alongside me and encouraged me to have a genuine relationship with the Lord. Life with Jesus brings a new set of challenges but being surrounded by godly community and deepening my personal relationship with the Lord fills my life with so much joy. Now I get the pleasure of sharing God's love with others.





# WHAT WE DO





**EAGLES YOUTH CLUB IS A SOCCER CLUB THAT SERVES, PRIMARILY, INNER CITY PHOENIX KIDS, MANY OF WHOM ARE REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO KIDS WHO CAN'T AFFORD A TYPICAL SUBURBAN SOCCER CLUB AND HELPING THEM DEVELOP ON AND OFF THE SOCCER FIELD.**





**EAGLES CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP IS AN INTENTIONAL PROGRAM PROVIDING COLLEGE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO FIND HEALTHY COMMUNITY THROUGH THE GAME. THEY'RE INVITED AND CHALLENGED TO BECOME LEADERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE OUR MINISTRY.**



**ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH WE GATHER IN WORSHIP & PRAYER. THIS IS A TIME TO CAPITILIZE ON ALL THE SPIRITUAL SEEDS WE PLANT ON THE SOCCER FIELD.**



**INTERNATIONAL TOURS GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE WHAT WE DO OVERSEAS. OUR TIME SERVING IN OTHER COUNTRIES OFTEN PRODUCE SHORT & LONG TERM FRUIT SUCH AS: SPIRITUAL AWAKENING, STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIPS & LEADER DEVELOPMENT**



- **SPORT MINISTRY SUPPORT FOR:**
  - GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY
  - ROYAL PALMS BAPTIST CHURCH
- **ANNUAL SOCCER CLINICS FOR:**
  - CITY OF GRACE CHURCH
  - THE HILLS CHURCH (LAS VEGAS, NV)
  - OF ONE HEART REFUGEE MINISTRY
  - GCU REFUGEE MINISTRY
- **LEADER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**
  - SPORT MINISTRY TRAINING WORKSHOPS
  - COACHING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS
  - VOLUNTEERS & LEADERS RETREAT





# INTERNATIONAL

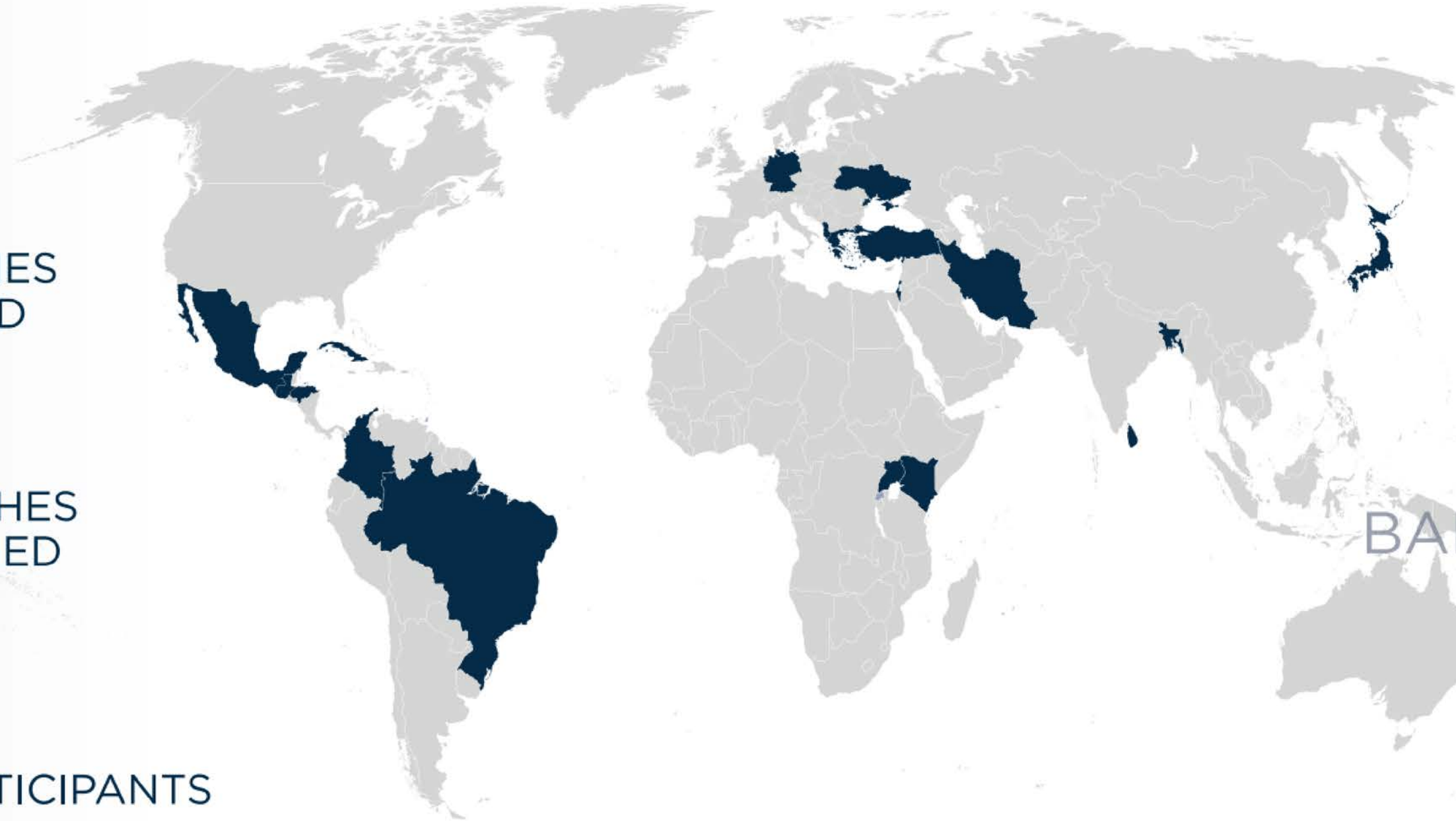
MAI serves internationally by providing coaches trainings through partnerships with churches and denominational leaders around the world and by running short-term trips and tours for high school and college age players. Over our 40-year history, tens of thousands of youth have been impacted around the globe through the ministry of MAI.

**10** TOURS

**18** COUNTRIES IMPACTED

**172** COACHES TRAINED

**230** PARTICIPANTS



- CUBA
- GUATEMALA
- HONDURAS
- MEXICO
- BRAZIL
- COLOMBIA
- ALBANIA
- GERMANY
- GREECE
- UKRAINE
- KENYA
- UGANDA
- BANGLADESH
- IRAN
- ISRAEL
- JAPAN
- SRI LANKA
- TURKEY





# WHY WE DO IT





**EVERYONE'S LIFE NEEDS TO BE TRANSFORMED BY THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST**



**94% OF PEOPLE MAKE DECISIONS TO FOLLOW CHRIST BEFORE THE AGE OF 18**



**“THE EASIEST WAY TO A CHILD’S HEART IS THROUGH SPORTS. ONE COACH WILL IMPACT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN A YEAR THAN THE AVERAGE PERSON DOES IN A LIFE TIME”  
- BILLY GRAHAM**



**SOCCER IS THE MOST POPULAR SPORT IN THE WORLD.  
SOCCER HAS ROUGHLY 3.5 BILLION FANS ACROSS 200 COUNTRIES.**



**“MY FAMILY WAS ETERNALLY TRANSFORMED IN COLOMBIA THROUGH THIS VERY CONCEPT OF ADVANCING THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENT OF SOCCER. I AM A WALKING EVIDENCE OF THE POTENTIAL OF THIS MINISTRY”**

**- CRISTIAN GOMEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



# WHAT IT TAKES





# OUR REAL IMPACT

*OUR NEW METHOD TO MEASURE MAI'S MINISTRY WORK*

## RELATIONSHIPS



**14,983**

**PEOPLE INVESTED IN  
ACROSS ALL MAI  
PROGRAMS**

## EVANGELISM



**6,254**

**PARTICIPANTS HEARD  
A VERBAL  
PROCLAMATION OF  
THE GOSPEL**

## APPLICATION



**833**

**INDIVIDUALS  
DISCIPLED TO BE  
LIFE-LONG  
FOLLOWERS OF  
JESUS**

## LEADERSHIP



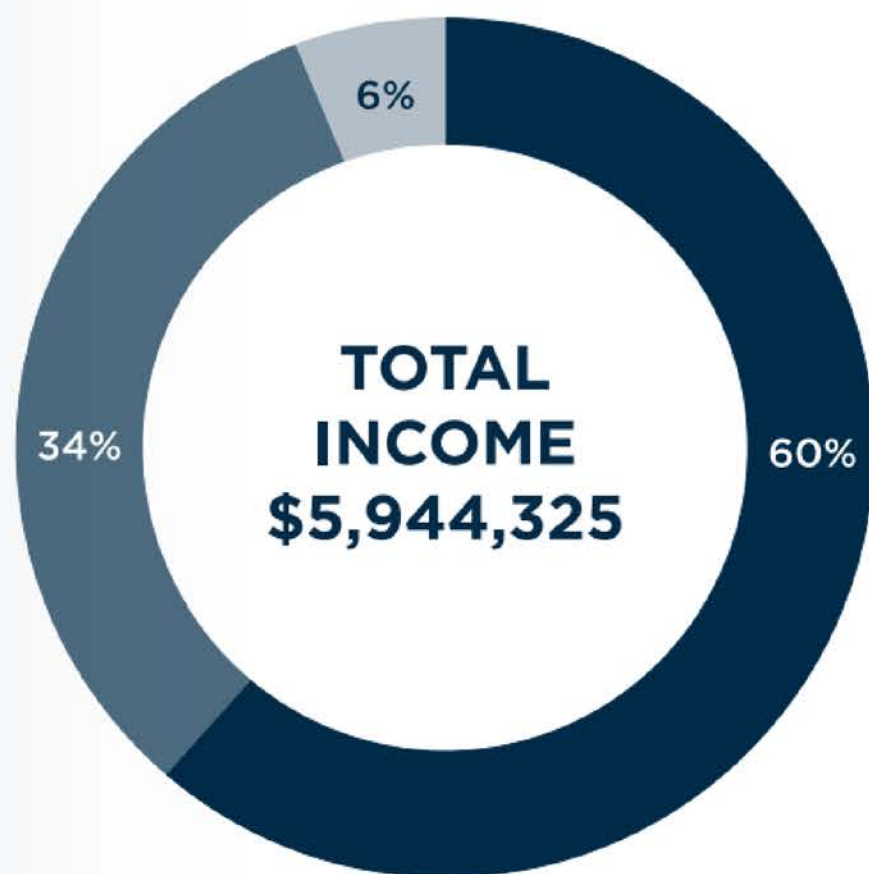
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**CHRISTIAN LEADERS  
EQUIPPED AND  
LAUNCHED**

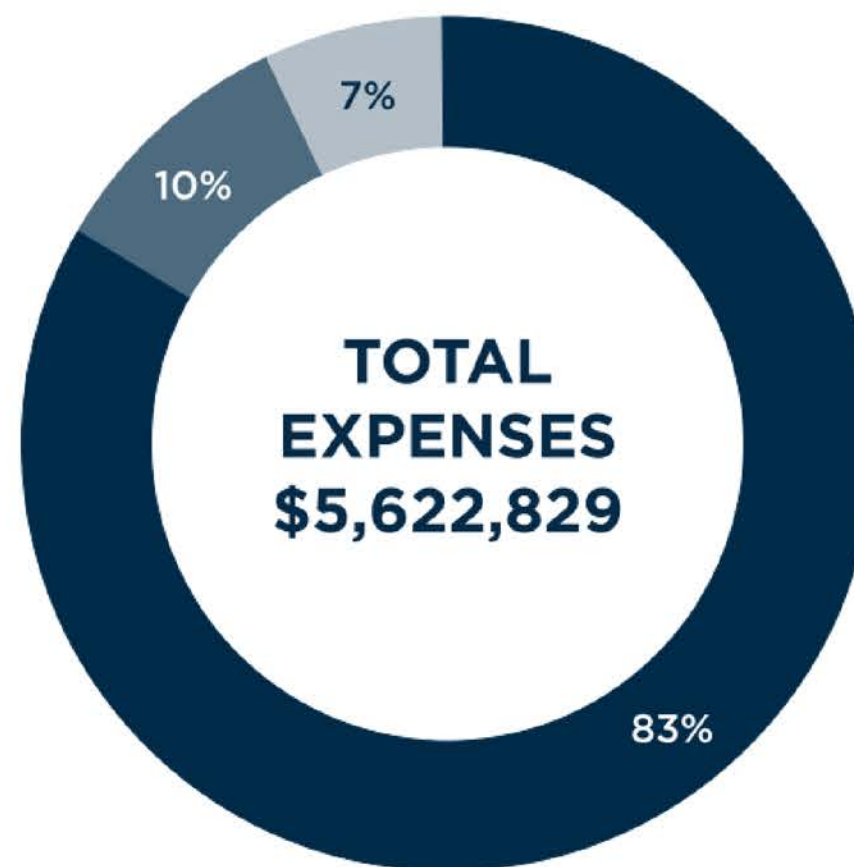




## INCOME & EXPENSES



■ Support Raising	\$3,601,339
■ Program Revenue	\$2,029,232
■ Grants, Interest & Other	\$313,754



■ Program	\$4,663,091
■ Fundraising	\$560,889
■ General	\$398,849



MAI is member of ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability)

**For Transparency. For Ministry Integrity. For Trust.**





**WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS & SUPPORT AS WE AIM TO SUCCESSFULLY FUND ALL PROGRAMS ALREADY MENTIONED.**

**OUR COLLECTIVE TARGET FOR OUR PHOENIX EAGLES OFFICE IS \$200,000 FOR 2024.**



**PROGRAMMING - 20%**

**TRANSPORTATION (VAN), LEAGUE FEES, FIELD RENTALS, UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT.**



**STAFFING - 65%**

**FULL-TIME & PART TIME EMPLOYEES.**



**OPERATIONAL - 15%**

**INSURANCE, ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY MATERIALS, FACILITIES.**

# WILL YOU JOIN OUR TEAM?



## PHOENIX EAGLES 2024 FUNDRAISING GOAL \$200,000

### MONTHLY GIFTS

<b>PARTNERS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$50</b>

### TOP EXPENSES

**STAFFING - 65%**  
FULL-TIME & PART TIME EMPLOYEES

**OPERATIONAL - 15%**  
INSURANCE, ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY MATERIALS, FACILITIES

**PROGRAMMING - 20%**  
LEAGUE FEES, FIELD RENTALS, UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT, TRANSPORTATION (VAN).

## WAYS TO GIVE

**BY MAIL:** Mail checks to MAI:

Phoenix Eagles/MAI  
8510 McAlpine Park Dr. Suite 109  
Charlotte, NC 28211



**ONLINE:**

**[PHOENIXEAGLES.COM/GIVE](https://phoenixeagles.com/give)**

**MORE INFORMATION:**

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