

PYE Annual Report and Accounts 2024

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Introduction

Thanks to the financial contributions of individuals and churches, Paz y Esperanza UK was able to send £11,554 to the offices in Latin America at the end of the year.

This report details 1) the work in Latin America that the money raised supported; 2) outlines activities of PYE UK in 2024; and 3) provides a summary financial statement.

1. Main focus and impacts of the work in Latin America

Bolivia

The team in Bolivia has 30 volunteers, including lawyers and psychologists. They give legal, psychological and spiritual help to women and children who are survivors of sexual, gender-based or domestic violence. They also help the elderly and indigenous people, including running a Bible based programme to prevent gender-based violence in the Guarani community in Santa Cruz. In 2024, the team gave legal help to 403 people and psychological help to 123 families. They were also involved in another project called *Confío en Ti* (I Trust in You) which was run with inmates in Palmasola prison in Santa Cruz promoting the reduction of violence.

Ana said: *"I am grateful that they have helped set me free from violence at the hands of my partner. They have helped me at work to get the wage I needed to support my children."*

Colombia

In 2024, the team continued their work in Nueva Jerusalén, an informal settlement near Medellín where 27,000 people live in poor conditions. One of the projects is called *Mujeres de la Memoria* (Memory Women) and helps women come to terms with past traumas, including being displaced by the armed conflict, by expressing themselves through art. PyE put on an exhibition at a museum in Medellín called *'This Land is Ours'*. One of the ladies involved in the project said: *"I wanted to sew a butterfly on my tapestry because it signifies freedom. Here I have felt the freedom to tell my story which has not been possible in other spaces."*

In Urabá Antioquia, the epicentre of the armed conflict, a huge number of women were affected by sexual and psychological violence. The team helped about 120 women last year by giving them support through their communities and churches. One lady who took part in a workshop called *'Journey to Healing'* said that her husband left her for another woman and her eldest son became involved in violence and was murdered. She said the course helped her process her trauma and understand she was a survivor and could receive healing. She said: *"Now I feel stronger and I want to help other women to overcome their trauma."*

The team also work with churches in areas which have been significantly affected by the armed conflict and where many migrants live. They provide Bible teaching and practical and legal support and work with men to change male 'machismo' attitudes. They have created a link between 12 churches which have committed to protect their communities against gender-based violence and seek justice for those affected.

Peru

The main focus of PyE Peru is helping people to achieve justice after the period of armed conflict that the country experienced between 1980 and 2000. PyE is part of a national Christian human rights movement involved in a number of cases representing hundreds of victims and survivors. They worked on nine cases in 2024. For years, PyE has been working on three key cases, which are Putis, Huanta (including Callqui) and Ccarpaccasa/Silaccasa/Sankaypata. There was progress in these cases but also frustrations as there have been six governments in seven years leading to delays and issues with the justice system. There have also been more people affiliated with military groups in Congress and positions of power and these people are seeking impunity for those people responsible for the violence and death in the 1980s and 90s.

One example of progress in the key cases is in the Callqui case, which involves the murder of six evangelical church members by an army patrol on 1 August 1984. This case was brought to court for a third time last year and Luis Alberto Rivera Valdeavellano, a military chief, was sentenced to 18 years in prison. The compensation for the relatives of the six victims was also increased from 50,000 to 100,000 soles. The sentence was appealed by the defence and will be heard by the Supreme Court this year.

PyE has also taken on more recent cases. One of these is the case of 'Thalia', a woman who suffered sexual abuse between the ages of 7 and 11 at the house of a man who was conducting church services. The trial began in April and ended in October. The defendant was absolved because of a lack of witnesses and PyE and the prosecution are seeking to appeal.

The support that PyE provides to victims and their families is invaluable. Yovana Mendoza, president of the Association of Victims of Ayacucho, said: *"You have supported us, accompanied us on our protests and helped us learn more about our cases. You taught us to ask for justice without fear because it is our right."*

Ecuador

In 2024, PyE Ecuador continued its work in Guayaquil to help people live lives free from violence. They ran educational workshops and fairs, as well as created resources to raise awareness. Last year they helped 20 victims of violence and abuse with psychological support and supported 10 people as they navigated the legal process. They also ran workshops for men on positive masculinity and workshops for children and young

people about their rights.

Cecibel was one of 30 women who took part in a women's workshop in Milagro last year. She said: *"I suffered many types of violence from the father of my children. I stopped recognising myself as a person and I forgot my value until my first workshop. For the first time in many years I could look at myself in the mirror and see my pain. Now I can look at myself in the mirror and see the strong and important woman that I am. The project has inspired me to open a family business so I can leave a legacy for my grandchildren."*

2. Main activities of Paz y Esperanza UK

The main activities undertaken by PYE UK were following the three main aims:

1. Raising money to support the work of PYE offices in Latin America
2. Informing UK churches and Christians of the work of PYE
3. Facilitating supporters to pray for the work

Newsletters and prayer bulletins

We produced 5 newsletters, 5 prayer bulletins and an annual Advent reflection throughout the year. The newsletters provided updates on the human rights crisis in Peru, the unrest in Ecuador, reconciliation and restoration in Colombia and setting up the work in Chile and El Salvador. We also provided feedback on the use of the money raised in 2023. The prayer bulletins focused on prayer requests from the teams in these countries and one asking for prayer for all the teams in Latin America.

Trustee meetings

We had 4 meetings, 1 of which was face to face. We invited PYE staff from different Peace and Hope offices to present to us as part of these meetings as a way of showing solidarity and praying for the work of PYE, as well as gathering information for the newsletters.

Church engagement

We didn't visit any churches in 2024. but maintained contact with 4 churches that have consistently supported us over many years. However, 2 didn't give in 2024 despite promises to do so from one of them.

Supporter engagement

- We maintained a database of approximately 230 people
- We started the year with 15 individual givers, who give on a monthly basis, and ended with 14, raising approximately 47% of the income (same as 2023)
- Around 32% of the 2024 income came from 2 churches, a drop of 8% from 2023

Governance

- We maintained the 3 current trustees (Graham Gordon, Gordon Davies and Suzanne Mautschke).

- By the end of 2024 we had identified 3 new trustees to be incorporated in 2025
- Graham carried on as a trustee, but reducing his overall responsibilities and seeking to hand over various tasks to new trustees in due course
- We submitted our accounts to the Charity Commission on time for 2023

Income

- Our income reduced to £11,554 from £14,800 (2023) as the cost of living hit charities, and there were no specific fundraising events like in previous years. Additionally, we only received income from 2 churches (a drop of £2,000)
- The number of regular givers maintained itself at 14 or 15, but with the amount reducing by around £80 a month.
- We could transfer the full amount (minus JustGiving admin fees) to PYE as unrestricted giving in December 2024
- We hope to increase this income in 2025 as we step up engagement with more churches and refresh our fundraising strategy.

3. PYE summary accounts 2024

Starting Balance 1 Jan 2024	37.36
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Income (individuals)	7,902.99	
Income (churches)	3,800.00	
TOTAL INCOME		11,702.99

Expenditure (just giving)	216.00	
Grant to PYE (Dec 2023)	11,554.31	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		11,770.31

closing Balance 31 Dec 2024	-29.96
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Details

	monthly	annually	total
Church giving			
All Saints Peckham		3,000	
Holy Trinity Tulse Hill		800	
TOTAL INCOME CHURCHES			3,800
Individual giving			
Regular givers (13+2)	460.98	5,531.76	
Large one-off donation		2,000.00	
misc		371.23	
TOTAL INCOME INDIVIDUALS			7,902.99