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Restoring lives

Letter from the Director

Dear friends,

When I sat down to prepare our annual letter from the Director, as I considered the reach, extension, and impact of Betel International's ministry that has touched hundreds of thousands of lives and is today functioning in over 100 cities in 20 nations—I am at a loss for words.

Betel can trace its humble beginnings from the arrival in 1983 of WEC missionaries (Worldwide Evangelization for Christ) in the working-class neighborhood of San Blas, Madrid. Those first 'pioneers', who, along with the transformed lives of the first addicts, alcoholics, and marginalized, became the model of what Betel's program would offer and take to the nations.

Today, after 40 years, Betel's residential communities and program are supervised and led by our professional and pastoral staff, most of whom themselves have come through Betel's program to go on to serve as residential directors, staff, supervisors, and work team leaders.

Betel is grateful and proud to acknowledge this amazing 'fusion' of faith and professional standards. This unique work has been praised and awarded many accolades over the years. In the year 2000 Betel was honored by the Spanish government and 'Declared to be of Public Utility'.

It is our desire that Betel remains in the vanguard of those institutions capable of meeting the needs of the ever changing world in which we live—whether they be Europeans wrestling with substance abuse, homelessness and unemployment, or the current surge of immigrants arriving in Europe from the developing nations in the Middle East and Asia, along with refugees from the present conflict and war in the Ukraine.

Truly the need for a people and a program like Betel's has never been greater today.

We thank all our friends who have identified with Betel and our work among the marginalized over the years. We and those who have entered our program are indeed grateful.

The Betel family among the nations

Elliott Tepper International Director of Betel



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Mission Vision and Values

Mission

To restore lives damaged by alcoholism, drug abuse and social exclusion. We help people to be active members of their community, building values, skills and character.

Vision

To be a Christian-inspired entity that is the benchmark in the social sector to help the most vulnerable people. In this way, we promote the education and empowerment of people committed to our principles to extend Betel's social works throughout the world.

Values

- > We are inspired by Christianity and **Christian tradition**
- > We defend basic human rights and the dignity of the individual
- > We consider the family to be the fundamental institution in society
- > We are committed to and embrace generous hospitality
- > Our community houses are free of charge
- > We strive for transparency, effectiveness and efficiency in the utilization of our resources



Neumünster, Germany Betel men working on the property

How can a life be restored?

In Betel, we promote a model that has helped to radically transform many lives. It does so through it's drug-free residential program, inspired by Christian values.

Betel's social program is based on mutual help: community residents help each other through peer-support. The residents undertake occupational activities in Betel's charitable businesses which fund the program and keep it free of charge.

Since 1985, Betel has helped tens of thousands of drug addicts, alcoholics and homeless individuals to begin again and restore their lives. Due to this, we firmly believe that there is always hope.



New York, USA Pastors and directors of Betel International

Our Team

Betel's Driving Force

Betel's team is the driving force behind our work which provides a path of hope to people at risk of social exclusion and with addiction problems. Our professionals, volunteers and interns all work together towards the same goal: restoring lives.

Betel has a team of professionals located in Madrid, Malaga, Barcelona, Tarragona, Seville and Zaragoza who offer expert support both nationally and internationally.

Board of directors



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SPAIN	
Professionals	Nº
Social services director	1
Area directors	20
Doctors	3
Dentists	7
Dental Assistants	7
Social Workers	5
Social Educators	2
Psycologists	2
Family Therapists	2
Attorneys	4
Economist	1
Arquitect	1
IT Specialist	1
Graphic Designer	1
Admin Assistants	10
Mechanic	1
Maintenance	3
Total	71
2022 Madrid, Barcelona, Mala Seville y Zaragoza	ıga,

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International Volunteering

An Experience that Changes Lives

Since Betel International launched its internship program in 2010, it has been an outstanding success. The program, gives young men and women the opportunity to live and serve in the Betel community alongside residents in various stages of recovery.

Today, there are 14 men and women who serve in 7 countries as long-term volunteers, all of whom originally started as short-term volunteers. We greatly value the positive results of the past 12 years that have seen us achieve the goals that originally encouraged us to start the program. In 2022, the program received 84 requests from 21 countries and 5 continents, with a total of 7 volunteers that served in Spain and England.

Opportunities in

- **United Kingdom**
- Czech Republic
- Finland
- Germany
- India
- Kazakhstan
- **Portugal**
- Russia
- **UK-USA***

* For US citizens

More information: betelinterns.org



Volunteers from Mexico with women from Betel Algeciras



Volunteer from Mexico (left) serving in Madrid



Volunteer from Mexico (center) serving in Malaga



Volunteers from Mexico serving in Madrid



Volunteer from Mexico (right) in Madrid



University Internships

University students provide important support to human resources in the administrative and accounting areas at Betel. They develop their studies in Madrid's social care network, under the close supervision of their internship tutors. In 2022, Betel maintained Educational Cooperation agreements with higher education institutes.

- > Complutense University of Madrid
- King Juan Carlos University
- **Pontificia Comillas University**
- > Ramon Llull University

A highlight has been internships with Betel in social care. These have been completed at Betel's headquarters in Madrid by students studying degrees in Psychology and Social Work from Pontificia Comillas university and King Juan Carlos university, respectively.

Testimony

"I'm grateful to Betel for the opportunity and the trust placed in me to achieve my placement requirement. It has been an outstanding experience, surrounded by brilliant professionals that have contributed as much to my academic and professional development as to my personal development. After such a positive experience, you don't see the world in the same way again. You learn to expand and broaden your mind, adapting to the context and to the person."

> Carla Saez Westphal Pontificia Comillas University

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Restoring Lives in Betel

A Story of Hope

Betel began in Spain in the inner city neighborhood of San Blas, Madrid in 1985, when a small group of WEC International missionaries (Worldwide Evangelization for Christ) helped a man named Raul Casto who needed a place to withdraw from his drug addiction. After his success, Raul wanted to help more people and so the rehab community of Betel was born. Today its program and communities can be found in over 100 urban areas in 24 nations.

Methodology

Betel's methodology is founded on the idea that each person has the potential to change one's self and others. It is a peer-motivated process by which desperate people help desperate people to maintain abstinence and move forward in their process of personal change and freedom from addiction. In each Betel home, the more advanced residents help the newcomers to adapt to their day to day activities in the program.

What does Betel offer?

- > A welcoming environment that encourages support between residents
- **>** An environment that is drug. alcohol and tobacco-free
- > Support in the process of personal change
- > Support for medical, dental, psychological, social and legal problems



chairs for the charity shop



Madrid, Spain Residents picking up firewood for the men's house

100

Cities

Nations

FAQ

What is Betel's purpose?

To welcome and help people at risk of social exclusion and with addiction problems.

How does it work?

We offer a long-term residential program (12-18 months), with the purpose of giving residents access to public healthcare, legal help and social guidance.

How is it supported?

The program is free for 100% of its users. It supports itself through funds generated by the occupational activities undertaken by residents, as well as through donations and subsidies from both public and private donors.

How to enter?

It is very quick and easy: Contact the Betel office closest to you. See our international directory on page 39 for more information.

900 264 840

2.000 **Betel residents** worldwide

€ 24 Million

Savings for Governments and Families

(Worldwide 2022)

Rehab Communities in Spain

Prague, Czech Republic Betel women refurbishing > HOW WE HELP ACTIVITIES





Madrid, Spain Betel men at the Carabanchel Charity Shop



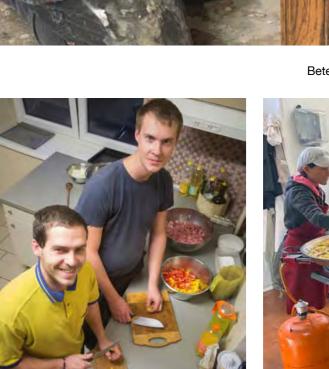
Sofia, Bulgaria Betel soccer team



Birmingham, England Morning devotional Betel resident restoring furniture



Madrid, Spain Residents and volunteers preparing lunch at the headquarters



Prague, Czech Republic Food preparation at the men's house





Madrid, Spain Residents unloading furniture at a charity shop in the Buenavista neighborhood

A Day in the Life

Developing Character

The daily occupational activities in Betel's program have a therapeutic quality for the residents, as well as being a source of income for the center. This creates a safe and stable life in the residential houses.

These activities play a fundamental part in drug dependency treatment, leading to the rehabilitation of the person and helping to recover dignity and self-esteem. It also facilitates mutually-supportive links and active collaboration among residents, which helps them to heal their emotional wounds and become active members of their community.

In fact, in a professional interview, the majority of residents reported being more active, accomplishing tasks quicker and to a higher standard. They also reported feeling more useful and satisfied, and recovering the ability to make decisions.

Our occupational activities are therapeutic because:

- > They are goal oriented.
- > They have meaning for those who perform them.
- > They are a useful tool in the prevention of physical and mental illnesses, increasing skills and improving their quality of life.
- > They stimulate participation in daily activities, thus breaking the cycle of social exclusion and marginalization.

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Income-Generating Projects

Enabling Everyone to Enter Free-of-charge

It is only possible to provide Betel's residential program free of charge to all who enter, thanks to the income-generating, occupational activities, that provide 95% of the economic income required for the organization to function.

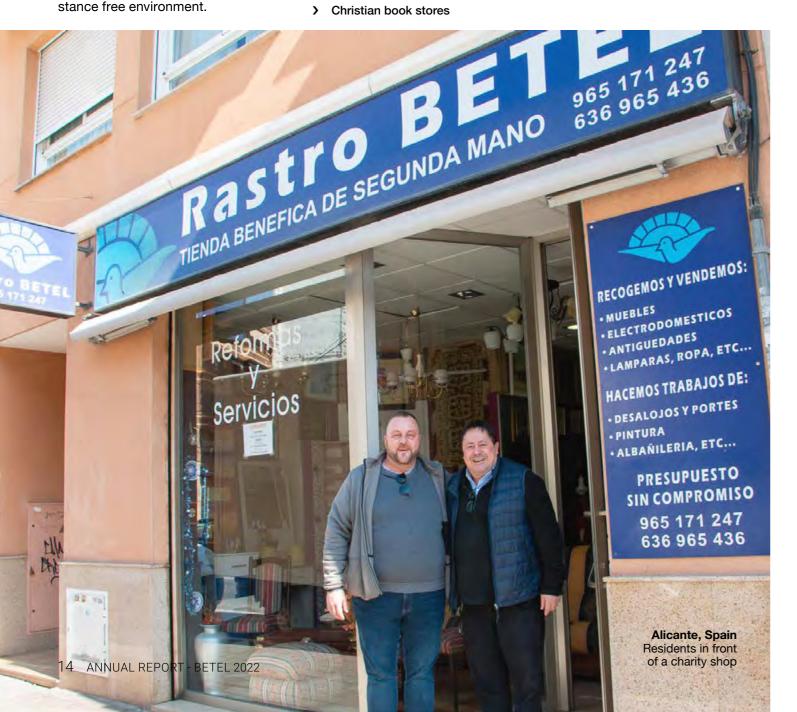
The resources generated make it possible for Betel to offer its residential program freely to individuals who are at risk of social exclusion or struggling with addictions, with no maximum time limit, in a substance free environment.

Some of our projects around the world:

- Second hand charity shops
- > Transport deliveries
- Calendar sales
- Cafes and restaurants
- > Chicken rotisserie shop
- > Gardening
- > House painting
- > Masonry
- Animal husbandry
- > Handicrafts
- > Christian book stores

95%

of expenses are covered by our charitable businesses







HOW WE HELP ACTIVITIES **<**

Madrid, Spain Furniture transport

Alicante, Spain



Neumünster, Germany

Seville, Spain



Madrid, Spain Chicken rotisserie shop



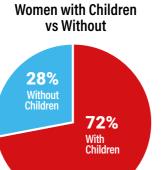
Cafe at the headquarters building

Women's **Houses**

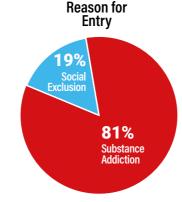
A Place to Start Over

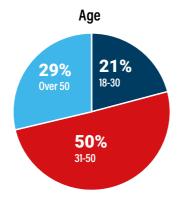
The data from 2022 shows us the reality that women face when going into rehabilitation. Female addicts perceive greater social rejection than men. Those who are mothers also suffer additional difficulties like separation from their children, feelings of shame, guilt, and fear of losing custody of their children

At Betel, we offer them help, taking into account all of these issues so that they can get back on their feet and begin their lives again.











Petra's Story Women's house in Torrelodones

My name is Petra, I'm 66 years old and I was born in Romania. I had five siblings in my family, but one of my sisters tragically died in a traffic accident. Later, we all made our own ways in life. I arrived in Spain 20 years ago, after the death of my mother, because I thought it would be the best place for me. I lived with my son, his wife and my grandson for seven years, until they started to have financial problems and I had to leave.

I've always worked, but when the last business I was working at closed, I ended up on the streets.

Because I didn't have anyone or anywhere to go, I found help at a Day Centre in Móstoles where I stayed for 3 months. After that, they sent me to Betel so that I wouldn't have to live on the streets again.

At Betel, I found God, who saved me. He really exists. If it wasn't for Him, I would have been dead over a year ago.

I want to give thanks to God for my life, for Betel, for the church, for my pastors, for Vivi (who is in charge of the house), and for all the girls at Torrelodones.

God is Real.



Raquel's Story Women's house in Oporto - Portugal

My name is Raquel, I'm 41 years old and I'm from Barcelos, Portugal.

I arrived at Betel Porto with my life totally worn out and destroyed due to more than 15 years of taking drugs. At 24 years old, I fell in love with the man who is now my ex-husband and who was using drugs. I got married and had three children. I was surviving between treatments, relapses and opportunities that my family were giving me, in exchange for disappointment after disappointment. I lost custody of my children, who stayed with my parents. I lost everything. I spent my days using drugs, no matter what I had to do to get them.

I was so tired, so desperate, that one night I begged God for a chance to repent for all the bad things I had done. Now I understand that God listened to my cry and He led me to Betel where I found His love and power in my life

I regained my family's trust who now support me and are by my side. I have dreams and new projects at Betel. I am grateful for Jesus, my Saviour, my Lord and my Deliverer. I want to serve others and be a testimony of his love and power. Now I feel loved, valued and supported.



Women's Centers in the World

- Spain 4
- 5 India
- UK 3
- Russia 2 Mongolia
- Portugal
- Czech Rep. South Africa

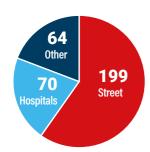
Street Outreach

Offering a Way Out

The purpose of Betel's street outreach teams is to traverse the city, approaching people and distributing food and leaflets which contain information about how to enter and where, that Betel is freeof-charge and without a waiting list.

We offer help to people who have difficulty accessing public resources and private care, showing them it is possible to find a solution to their situation, to find hope in the middle of despair, and giving them an opportunity to change the course of their lives.

333 Entries reach in Madrid





Marseille, France Betel street outreach team

A Life Well Lived

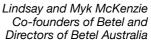
In Memory of Tomas

We first met Tomas in April 1989 when Myk and I returned from Australia. Tomas was younger than all the other Betel leaders, but he had that clear leadership gifting and, when Valencia was proposed as a new opening, we immediately knew that we wanted Tomas to be the men's leader. Tomas exuded a special charisma that attracted people to him but, at the same time, he would state his mind to you, no matter who you were, or what you thought of him.

Over the next 33 years, Tomas would help establish the Valencian chapter of Betel, then pioneer another new Betel center in Mallorca, and later still, open Betel of Lisbon, Portugal.

He then returned to Betel Valencia to marry Alicia, mother of four children, and to replace us as directors so that we could transfer to Naples, Italy. Under his and Alicia's leadership, Betel Valencia developed further. Despite his huge health battles, Tomas stubbornly persisted until his health failed and he was taken from us.

Tomas' life and ministry was unique, taken to the maximum and, as always, colorfully, joyfully, full speed ahead! His sense of humor was legendary. But one thing stood out in Tomas' life: he never lost that deep gratitude for what Jesus had done for him. He leaves behind an enduring legacy of countless transformed men and women and also entire families. He also laid the foundations for a godly family line of his own and today we rejoice with him for a life well-lived and we honor him for fighting the good fight, for finishing the race, and for keeping the faith.







Tomas Lopez Parraga with his wife Alicia

He leaves behind an enduring legacy of countless transformed men and women and also entire families

Prison Ministry

"You Visited me when I was in Prison"

Another one of Betel's focal points is prison work.

Our teams of volunteers undertake weekly meetings, bringing hope and joy through music, personal testimony, video forums, conferences, etc. As of 2021, and as a direct consequence of these visits, some inmates have been able to complete their prison sentences at Betel.

Betel Spain visits the following correctional facilities:

- > C. P. Ocaña II in Toledo
- > C.P. Madrid V Soto del Real
- > C.P. Cuenca
- > C. P. Seville I and Seville II
- > C. P. Botafuegos in Algeciras
- > C. P. Ceuta
- > C. P. Alhaurin de la Torre in Malaga
- > C. P. Archidona in Malaga



Ocaña, Spain Youth group visiting the Ocaña II prison



Betel Bulgaria Sends Help to Turkey After the Earthquake

On the 10th of February 2023, Betel Bulgaria donated 400 kilos of humanitarian aid to Turkey after the catastrophic earthquake on the 6th of February. They sent them blankets, sanitary supplies, clothing for the disabled, and shoes. This was managed by a logistics center in Sofia, where the Bulgarian government (in collaboration with the Red Cross), made sure that the help donated by NGOs and businesses, arrived in Turkey.



New Solar Panel Installation in Betel Madrid

On the 1st of July 2022, Association Betel installed solar-powered energy on the building's main roof. 156 panels have been installed, with a total surface area of 390 m² and 60Kw of potential energy. This means that we are able to stop 73,70 tons of CO2 from being released into the atmosphere. The installation is connected to the electric network, therefore maximizing its economic yield.



Betel Language Academy Opens in Madrid

In October 2022, the "Betel Language Academy" was launched at the Madrid headquarters building. This language academy, which specializes in English, offers small group classes for students who wish to receive practical training in English to help with their studies and work. The academy also offers preparation for official certification tests. principally the University of Cambridge exam.

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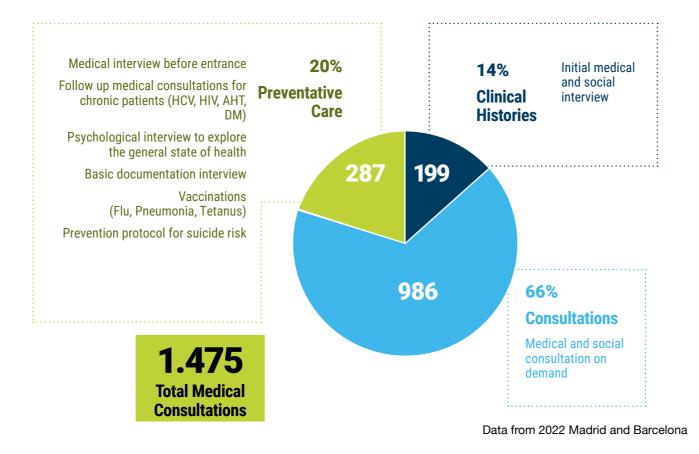
HOW WE HELP LEGAL ASSISTANCE <

Professional Assistance

Health

Care and Prevention for Betel Residents

In Betel, we offer integral physical, psychological and social health assistance with specific objectives of the prevention and treatment of disease. Treatment is offered through various professional interventions from the association itself, as well as through the public healthcare network. The community houses are serviced as supported homes with access to external treatment through stable housing and peer-support among residents in their process of rehabilitation.



Social Care

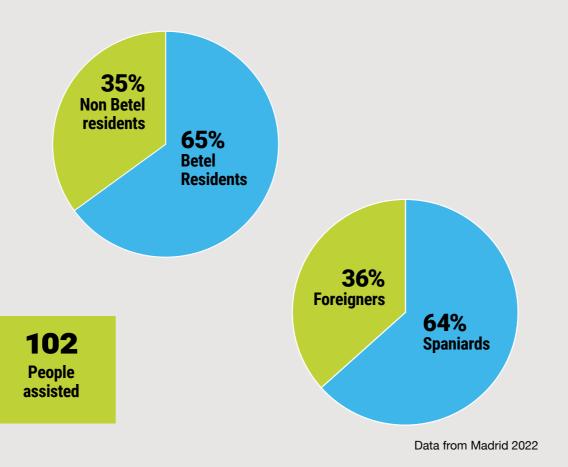
Information Services and Social Orientation

Our information and social orientation service is aimed at residents living in Betel's community houses, to people and their families who rely on our food distribution project, and to anyone who turns to us for help.

The purpose is to help people through the provision of information, assessment, diagnosis and social orientation.

Services provided

- Information service on the availability and access to social benefits
- Social guidance service, tailoring the demand for individual social help and adapting it to the public resources and private care available.
- Assistance with administrative formalities and providing a support in decision making



Legal Assistance

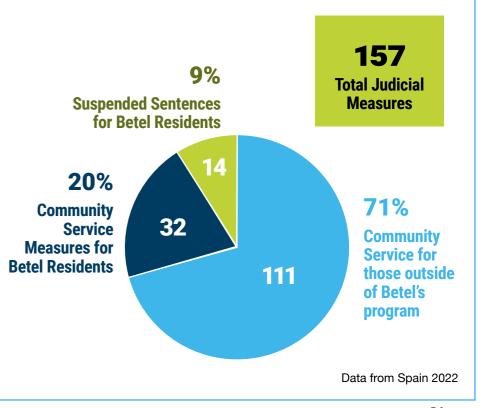
Support for Legal Defense in Court

In 2022, 41% of residents that entered into Betel reported having legal-criminal matters pending. Given that prison time seriously hinders the social reintegration process, Betel offers this attention with the purpose of helping residents with pending legal-criminal matters.

Betel promotes **alternative measures to prison**, offering places in Betel's program for the rehabilitation of the convict with substance addictions in an extra-penitentiary center.

As an inherent part of this legal-criminal intervention, the following actions are taken:

- > An initial interview with the collection of documentation
- > Preparation of intake certificates addressed to courts and defence lawyers
- > Substance-use analysis
- Offering alternative sentence enforcement in place of imprisonment
- Interviews and evaluation reports of therapeutic progress at the request of the Prison Social Services, courts and tribunals



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Stories from Betel

Valentin and Marisi, Directors of Betel Alicante

My name is Valentin and I want to tell you about something that happened in my life.

I come from a working-class family in Talavera de la Reina (Toledo). We were five siblings. Remembering my childhood, I can see the beginnings of a nightmare while I was growing up. From a young age, I was characterized as having a rare rebellious streak, despite my parents' efforts to correct my behavior by sending me to boarding school. It was all in vain - there was something inside me that was

inclined to seek out bad things. After leaving school at 13 years old, I started to hang around unsafe places in Talavera and Madrid. I

holism and vandalism, (I don't need to go on). The pit I was in became darker and deeper. I was sent to various prisons and was declared terminally ill in hospital. My life was on the edge of an abyss, sustained by a machine that kept me alive.

This is when I realized that I had a serious problem. My family told me about a rehab center in Valencia called Betel, that was free. So, in 1992, I agreed to try it, and my big change began. Although it wasn't easy at all, I found a great hope for deliverance. There was something different there, a sense

of familiarity;

people

Now I know that my life outside of Jesus doesn't have any meaning. He fulfills me. A few years later, God put the love of my life in my path (Marisi), to whom I am happily married. We have two children, Samuel and Elias, who are a gift from Heaven. Now I understand that what we need today are families with Christian foundations and values. Currently, my wife and I serve God

in Alicante, trying to make a pos-

were interested in me, they helped

me and motivated me. They spoke

to me about Jesus, of God's love

for my life, and the Lord won out against me, not because of His

strength but because of His love.





10 Years of Betel Alicante

Nothing Unsurmountable

Valentin and Marisi, directors and pastors of Betel Spain, started leading Betel Castellon in 1998. In 2005 they arrived in Betel Mallorca and in 2010 they transferred to Valencia until they consolidated the work there. It was then that they considered the possibility of opening a new house in Alicante.

Valentin tells the story, "When we arrived, we found people with all sorts of different needs: social exclusion, homelessness, addiction problems, immigration from South America as well as from Eastern European countries. Some of the immigrants were homeless due to drug problems. We've had no shortage of challenges or problems, but thanks to God, nothing that can't be overcome".

Today, Betel Alicante has gained the support of local government, the courts and the police, along with other rehabilitation centers. It is also an active member of Alicante's pastoral fellowship.

They often transfer people to other Betel centers because they don't have space for everyone.

"We are happy and excited to continue," says Valentin.

In the future they would like to open a Women's house and another Men's

"We are happy and excited to continue"

house in Alicante. Also, they have a vision of expanding to Benidorm or Elche, which are important cities in the region and need an organization like Betel.





Betel team at the one of the Charity Shops



Gerard's StoryBetel Alicante

My name is Gerard Fernandez, I'm 41 years old and I am currently a supervisor at Betel Alicante. I want to tell you all my story.

When I was a teenager, I began to have problems with gambling. I started with slot-machines but as the years went by, I began to lead a life of deceit, manipulation, jail, and endless problems.

After entering into various paid rehabilitation centers, my parents were tired of helping me and I had to look for a free place where I could enter of my own accord. I found out about Betel through social media and I decided to try it. After a year and a couple of months, I left. A short time later, I relapsed. I lost my children and my wife, but thanks to God, I had the opportunity to enter into Betel Alicante. Here, with the help and support of my pastors ValentIn and Marisi, I found God's peace in my life again.

The Lord returned not only my wellbeing to me, but also my children and my family. Because of this, I made the choice to stay here with my family so that I could serve the Lord and give back to Him, in some way, everything that He is doing for me. I am sure that He will continue to help me in everything I do.

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Preparing Leaders

Training Course Reaches Student Throughout Spain

Since 1998, Betel Madrid has celebrated our 'Basic Monitor Training Course' with the aim of creating a space to share knowledge of basic concepts from a bio-pyscho-social and drug-related focus. The course trains students in the prevention of diverse conditions and illnesses, both physical as well as mental, providing practical tools which permit residents in Betel's program to help one another effectively in a system of peer-support. In this way, people with a shared problem help each other to maintain abstinence and to advance in their personal

process of change. The training encourages students to become agents of social change in their environment.

In 2022, the 24th Basic Monitor Training Course was celebrated from the 14th of September to the 14th of December, consisting of 16 hours of total class time. We have continued to offer a hybrid course, combining in-person classes and online classes. A total of 24 students received diplomas, with 11 of these students in-person and 13 online, from various Betel communities throughout Spain.

Students 11 in-person 13 online









Madrid, Spain



15th Anniversary of **Betel's Dental Clinic**

Dental Care with a Social Focus

Betel started the Dental Clinic in 2008 and it has just turned 15 years old.

The beginnings were humble, with only one dental unit, but the great demand required us to expand our services, and today we have 4 dental units working at full

In 2017, we received the Gold medal in work for the AEDEEC (European Association Of Economy And Competition).

Throughout the years, we have received private and public subsidies and the responsibility of attending to patients who come from the Municipal Social Services of Madrid and from other councils' social services.

In 2022, we attended 3,220 people with a total of 11,452 consultations. These statistics, along with the positive feedback we receive, and reviews on social media, encourage us to continue improving our services, which, when all is said and done, is the primary objective

We want to congratulate our team of professionals that have made this dental project possible and, from a social viewpoint, have turned us into a leader in the sector of social dentistry. We want to also thank all the patients for their trust in Betel.

May God help us to continue serving society for many years to 11.452 **Consultations**



Madrid, Spain

Who We Help

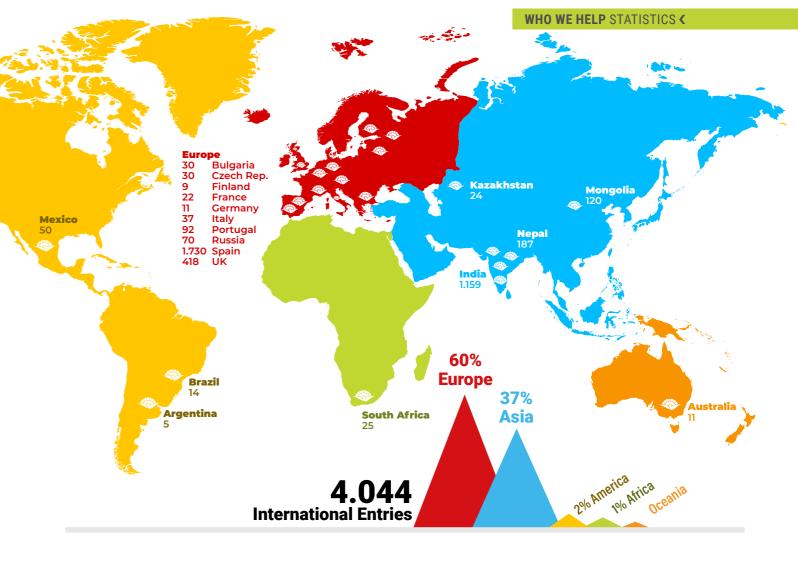
Profile of a Betel Resident

Through studying relevant data from our residents in 2022, it can be highlighted that 36% of residents live alone before coming to Betel. On the other hand, 15% were living in unstable housing and 13% were living on the streets before coming to Betel (this figure has almost doubled since 2021).

In the face of social exclusion, which has been worsened by loneliness, unstable housing and homelessness, drug addiction is the primary reason for entering into Betel (44%), with alcoholism as the secondary reason

Men 44 Median Age



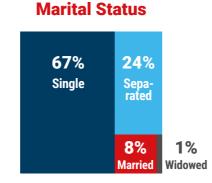


Reason for Entry

44%	33%	
Drug use	Alcoholism	
	17% Social Exclusion	6% Other



Nationality



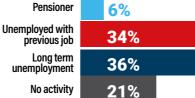
Entries in Spain By Autonomous Region 669 Andalusia 26 Aragon Balearic Islands 26 La Mancha 226 Catalonia 60 Madrid 537 Valencia 159 Galicia 14 Basque Country 5

Ceuta

Total

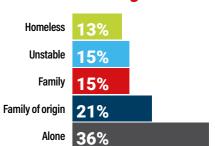


Employment

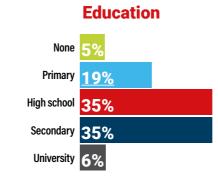


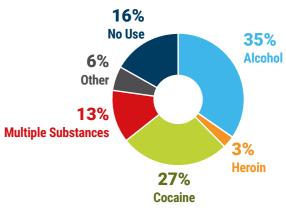
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Teaching Eternal Values

Since its beginnings, Betel has put great importance on teaching Christian values and principals to children, teenagers and young adults, recognizing that they are the present and future of this generation.

Every year, with this objective in mind, Betel develops social-educational projects, focused on the integral development of young people through fun and recreational activities.

During 2022, Betel Spain carried out activities in 9 cities with workshops, value education, outings, video forums and musical training.

Significantly, Betel organized two summer camps by age group: a summer camp for children between 6 and 12 years old which was held between the 26th and 30th of June, with 73 children and 40 supervisors in attendance. A summer camp was also held for young adults and teenagers from 13 years old and upwards, between the 10th and 14th of August, with 175 campers and 25 supervisors in attendance.

Ciudad Real, Spain 2022 Summer Camp at the Betania Retreat Center with the









Ciudad Real, Spain

Youth Camp 2022





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48,059 Kilos of Love

Reaching More Families in Need

Every year, Betel helps hundreds of needy families through it's food distribution ministry in Madrid and around the world. The work in Madrid is carried at the Betel Headquarters with two distribution channels:

> Food donated by the Madrid Food Bank

Food from Madrid's Food Bank is distributed every fortnight to local families who have demonstrated their need via a favorable report from Betel's social work team.

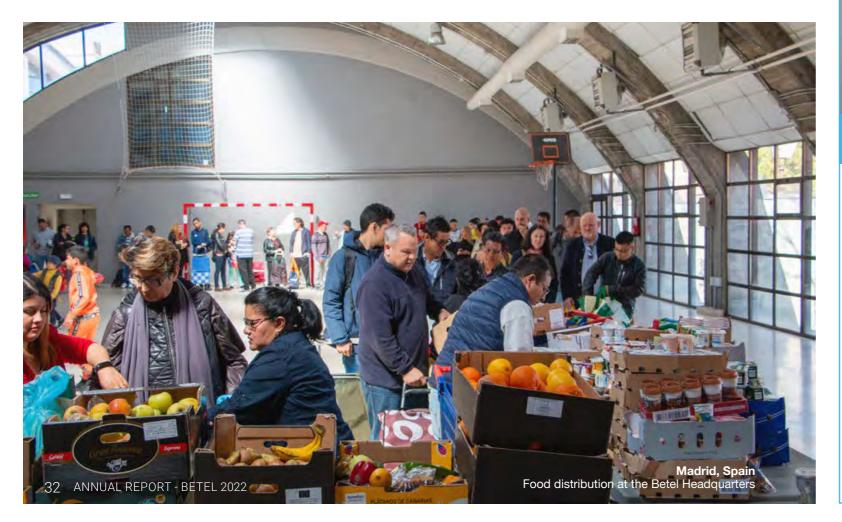
In 2022, Betel helped 90 families with a total of 253 individuals, 115 of whom were women and 138 men. Immigrants made up 68% of the total, while minors under 16 years of age made up 27% and those over 65 years of age made up 6%.

> Food donated by supermarkets

This distribution method, called 'Kilo of love', uses food that has been donated by supermarkets in the area. The food is given out weekly, so that it reaches a larger number of beneficiaries. 'Kilo of Love' provides ongoing help to 80 families, with a total of 160 individuals.



Madrid, Spain Team of volunteers for Kilo of Love





I am Valeria Castillo. My family and I form part of Betel's 'Kilo of Love' team.

Over 20 years ago, I arrived in Spain from Ecuador, and due to the situation that I was living in back then, not having a job, I had to get help from a food bank. Over time, and thanks to God's goodness, I was able to find a stable job and our economic situation improved.

I can say that I know first-hand the problems of people who turn to food banks, especially nowadays, because I have been in that situation myself.

I give thanks to God for the privilege of being a part of Kilo of love, given that through this resource, we can help many people, and more importantly, we can show them God's love. It is good to see happiness on the faces of the people who receive the food, but more than anything, it is rewarding to be an instrument in the hands of God.









Upper left: Donation of toys Other photos: Distributing food

Betania 2022

Betel's International Camp Meeting

After a two-year break, Betel celebrated it's International Camp Meeting in August 2022 with the motto "New Times" inspired by the Song of Solomon, "For, lo, the winter has passed... the time of the singing is come".

Located one kilometer south of Ciudad Real (Spain), Betel's retreat center known as 'Betania' is the perfect place for summer camps, retreats and conferences. It offers accommodation for 28 families and 300 individuals. At Betel's camp, hundreds of people used the services in order to camp with bathrooms and showers.

Meetings were held in the multi-purpose summer auditorium which holds 2,000 people. Children's activities took place in the air-conditioned auditorium which is suitable for up to 300 people. In their free time, everyone enjoyed the swimming pools, parks, fruit trees and sports grounds, which include football fields, basketball and volleyball courts. The Dinner service served over 350 diners.

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Betel in Asia

House of Hope

Since it's inauguration in 1999, Betel in Asia has grown exponentially. This year Betel in India, known in Hindi as Asha Bhawan (House of Hope) celebrated its 23rd Anniversary. Betel of Mongolia celebrated its 14th Anniversary in June of 2022 and Asha Bhawan in Nepal celebrated its 13th Anniversary.











Kathmandu, Nepal Leaders of Asha Bhawan



Get Involved

Donate Furniture

Betel's program relies on donations of secondhand furniture, appliances, clothing and other household items. Ask for a collection on our webpage: rastrobetel.org

> Hire Us

We carry out masonry, painting and local removal services at affordable prices. For an estimated, fixed budget, call us on: 900 264 840 (Spain)

> Volunteer

Volunteers are Betel's shining stars. Our expansion and vision is kept alive by them. For more information, visit: betelinterns.org

> Support us Financially

Each donation helps Betel to fulfill its mission to restore lives broken by addiction and social exclusion. Donations have important tax

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