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WE HAD AN AMAZING SUMMER!!!

Hello from Operation Jabez!

We hope and pray that you had an amazing summer too! In this newsletter, you will find some highlights from all of the activity that has happened at Jabez this summer. God has done mighty things, and we are excited to share them with you! Please know that YOU have played a major role in everything that has gone on over the past few months. God is using your **prayer** and **support** to keep Operation Jabez going strong and growing stronger. We cannot express how grateful we are for you! God bless you, and may you join us as we continue to praise God for all that He is doing in Guatemala.

- Operation Jabez Staff

Immerse School Of Missions

Immerse School of Missions is a missions and discipleship training program for young adults 18-25 years old. This summer we had 5 young adults join us as students of our school of missions! They experienced life as a missionary for 8 intense weeks of hands-on ministry training with Operation Jabez! It was an exciting summer filled with so many opportunities to learn missions, evangelism, culture, servanthood, leadership, and everything in-between.

The school of missions students were a part of the *daily ministries of Operation Jabez* within our four branches of ministry: **evangelism, discipleship, education,** and

relief work. They had a chance to be a part of one of our local churches where they attended weekly services and were able to invest in the youth and children. The students also were instrumental in helping us host the groups and visitors who came to us throughout the summer. During their time here, they studied through various missions, language, and culture courses. They were able to apply what they were learning directly to the mission field, and it was awesome to see them grow and be used by God!

Overall, we were so blessed by this group of young adults, and we look forward to more missions training in the future!



If you are interested in Immerse School of Missions, please contact us for more info.

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We Love Our Guests!



ASPIRE YOUTH MINISTRY

This summer we had the privilege and honor of hosting *Aspire Youth Ministry* from Centerbranch Assembly of God in Mt. Clare, WV. What an amazing group of youth and adults! They did not simply come with their suitcases prepared with ministry tools, but they arrived with hearts wide open and ready to serve, learn, grow, and make an eternal impact for name of Jesus Christ!

During their time with us we visited various communities, schools, and churches in and around Operation Jabez's home town of Chiquimulilla including San



Antonio, Guazacapan, El Maniadero, and La Campesina. We had the opportunity to minister to over 560 children and youth through children's VBS and school assemblies. We reached approximately 150 parents, teachers, and church members. Plus, we visited and prayed for nearly 30 individual families in the community of San Antonio. *What an amazing week of ministry!* Every place that we visited, God was working in power! The team blessed the people of Guatemala with new flip-flops, shoes, and much needed toiletry items. They also shared God's word, testimonies, did dramas, and were eager to pray for everyone they met. Many children and adults alike received prayer, giving their lives to Christ for the first time. Others were healed physically or emotionally. Praise God for His amazing power and love for us!



Thank you, Aspire, for making yourselves available to the work of the Kingdom. Thank you for your humble hearts, overwhelming generosity, and eager pursuit of Christ in all that you do.

We are praying for you here at Operation Jabez and we hope to see you again soon!



RON & LISA CAREY

We also had the privilege of hosting the parents of *Jordan Carey* who was one of our School of Missions students this year. It was awesome having Ron and Lisa with us, sharing and living out the vision of expanding the kingdom of God in Guatemala! We served together in the children's ministries in Chiquimulilla and San Antonio, traveled through the mangroves to evangelize in Agua Dulce, and much more! From start to finish, this couple was a blessing to Operation Jabez and the surrounding community.

Lisa shared her ministry of knitting prayer shawls with the ladies of our sewing classes and our volunteers. It was awesome watching them learn a new skill that they can use to bless others. Everyone was both eager and determined to learn!



Ron used his skills in construction to help us with various projects around the Operation Jabez properties. What a blessing! Also, Ron and Lisa used their musical talents to minister to the kids in our children's programs. We had a great time praising the Lord together!

Thank you, Ron and Lisa, for sharing your hearts and lives with us. We are praying for you and look forward to having you back!



Stories & Testimonies



Caitlin is a **missionary, engineer, and dear friend** of *Operation Jabez*. Several years ago, she worked closely with us in the community of San Antonio improving water and sanitation conditions with the help of the local people and partnership of *Operation Jabez*.

This summer, she returned to visit us! She continued to build the relationships that had been established as well as explored the possibilities of doing new projects with us in San Antonio. Not only was it a special reunion full of memories and testimonies of all that God has done, but it was also an awesome time of

envisioning what could be in the future! Therefore, be watching for **NEW OPPORTUNITIES** where **YOU** can be a part of these life-changing **relief work** projects in San Antonio.

Please continue to **pray for Caitlin** and her ministry. We are so grateful for her partnership in the Gospel!



To read the blog that Caitlin wrote about her recent visit to *Operation Jabez* and the community of San Antonio, visit www.howmanycows.com.



Did you know that **Operation Jabez** has planted **OVER 10,000 TREES** in San Antonio?

We have been working in San Antonio since 2008 doing sanitation and water projects, children's programs, church services, movies outreaches, and yes, **PLANTING TREES!**

Carol Gleeson and our volunteer staff in Guatemala have planted over 10,000 trees since 2008. San Antonio is a very dry area, and used to be desert-like in its terrain. Now, especially during the rainy season, you can see lush green trees that are giving life to this community!

This summer we planted **100 more** trees in San Antonio in the name of Jesus Christ!



"Since I have been back home from Guatemala, I have not been afraid of what people think of me. I have a new confidence in God. I am not afraid to tell people about God or my faith. The Lord truly broke my heart for what breaks His. I thank God for the amazing opportunity to go to Guatemala, and I hope that God will open more doors in my life for me to go on missions trips. And whether I am at home or in a different country, everywhere I go is a mission field."

- *Kennedi Cottrill, Aspire Youth Ministry*

"My testimony is about God's faithfulness. He reassured me that He is not finished with me, just like the Jabez ministry building. He who started a good work will be faithful to complete it."

- *Rachel Toothman, Aspire Youth Ministry*



"Being in Guatemala was life-changing for me. There was a specific time we prayed for a family to receive Christ and I felt like the Lord told me there are so many families at home that need Him too. I can still picture their faces and their openness to receive Christ. What a divine appointment! I felt like as the leader of the trip, I got to see God use the team of youth and adults I brought with me in so many mighty ways. I had been praying specific things for each person, and I saw God's promises lived out in them that week. It was truly an unforgettable week!"

- *Christina Francis (Youth Pastor), Aspire Youth Ministries*

Experience Operation Jabez

BRING US TO YOUR CHURCH

There are so many exciting things happening at **Operation Jabez** right now, and we want to tell you **in person!** We would love to come visit your church and share with you the heart and vision of Operation Jabez. We can share on a Sunday morning, at a small group, youth group, children's ministry, or with families/individuals over dinner or some coffee. If this is something that interests you, please contact us directly via phone or email.



VISIT US IN GUATEMALA

Operation Jabez is receiving missions teams year round! Group trips are open to junior-high, high school, and adults. You can come as an individual or bring your youth group, small group, construction crew, women's group, etc. Trips can be booked between February and November and are generally flexible to fit your group personally. Contact us and let us know when you would like to come and what you would like to do!



SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Immerse School of Missions is a missions and discipleship training program geared for young adults ages 18-25 who want to experience life as a missionary. Come step outside of your comfort zone and be immersed in the language and culture of Guatemala while you dive into 8 weeks of hands-on ministry with Operation Jabez!

Summer 2016!



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Use the **Commitment Card** included in this envelope to connect with us.
Please send your commitment card with your gift and updated information to the address below.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: **We have a NEW MAILING ADDRESS!**

Operation Jabez
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*Please make note of this change.
We will no longer be receiving mail at the Glendora P.O. Box.*

Online giving is also available!

Please visit our facebook page (www.facebook.com/operationjabez)
or our website to give securely through **PayPal**.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYER AND SUPPORT!!

IMPORTANT: Please make checks payable to **Operation Jabez**. All donations are tax-deductable. All donations go directly to the work of the ministry. Any donations that are not specified will go into the general fund and will be distributed where needed.