







Children's Ministry in San Antonio



Teaching God's Word!

## God is moving in BIG ways at Operation Jabez!

#### Hello supporters, family, and friends!

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you so much for your life-changing support of our ministry! You are extremely vital to all that we do at Operation Jabez, and we cannot say thank you enough for your faithful support and unceasing prayers over the years! We have chosen to update our newsletter to better serve you and keep you up to date on everything that God is doing in Guatemala through the ministry of Operation Jabez.

This past summer, we sent out a letter informing you of a new partnership that we have formed with Groundzero Master's Commission. GZMC is a college-discipleship program based out of Marlton, NJ. In a nutshell, they are a group of 18-25 year olds who dedicate 9 months to learning how to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. They do this by studying God's word, living in a Biblical community, and being involved in full-time, hands-on ministry. They also have a focus on international missions, which is how they originally got connected with Carol while on their missions trip to Guatemala two years ago. Given the outpouring of love displayed while on the ground in February during their visit and seeing how their hearts were aligned for God, Operation Jabez fully welcomed the partnership.

Since our last newsletter, there have been two trips from the U.S. to Guatemala. In August, GZMC sent a team of 5 (pictured below), and in November, two of our board members, Dot and Linda, spent two weeks there visiting and ministering with the Jabez ministry team. They also were able to conduct some much needed business. The GZMC team is planning on returning again in February 2015.

As you will see on the following pages of this newsletter, God is moving and working in big ways at Operation Jabez! There are many new and exciting opportunities for you to join

with us in His work to reach the people of Guatemala!

We believe that God is answering our prayers and expanding our territory in Guatemala for His glory! Therefore, we hope that you are encouraged to dive in deeper with us and are inspired to share the vision with others as we journey together into all the Lord has for us!

Thank you for all you do and God bless!

-Operation Jabez Staff



Groundzero Master's Commission and Operation Jabez Team at Lake Atitlan

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# Did you know...?

- We have a Facebook page! Check us out at: www.facebook.com/ operationjabez
- You can see to the Pacific Ocean and the mountains of El Salvador from the top of the Ministry Building!
- Operation Jabez is located in Santa Rosa, Chiquimulilla, Guatemala.
- Nearly one-third of the Guatemalan population is considered to be illiterate.
- Poverty in Guatemala is overwhelming. As one of the poorest countries in Latin America, more than 54% of the population is below the poverty line.
- This past August (2014), we held our first annual graduation ceremony for the sewing class!
- When we do disaster relief, it costs about Q75 (appx. US \$10) to give one family a week's worth of food that includes clean water, rice, beans, and soup.
- There are only two seasons in Guatemala: rainy and dry.
- If you have any pictures or stories of Carol and Operation Jabez, we want to hear from you! Send them to us on facebook, email, or you can write to us! (Operation Jabez P.O. Box 45 Glendora, NJ 08029)



# The Ministry Building is moving forward!

As you may remember, Carol received a vision from God several years ago about constructing a new building for ministry and housing missionaries. Since then, construction has continued, and progress is being made as God provides the funds for the project. This building is so much more than cement, stone, and mortar; we believe it is the key that will open up a new chapter and season in the ministry of Operation Jabez. With three floors, not only will the current ministries have the opportunity and space to grow and expand, there will also be a place for missionaries, mission teams, and visiting pastors to stay and work!

The first floor will host various activities and ministries. This will include our sewing classes, seminars, church services, children's programs, and more. The second floor provides plenty of space to host missionaries and mission teams, including three bedrooms, two baths, a living room, laundry and kitchen. The third floor will be a more private living area, as well as a prayer room/sanctuary.

Just like in The Prayer of Jabez, Sister Carol believed that one of the ways God wanted to enlarge His territory in Guatemala was through this ministry building!



Please continue to pray and believe God for His provision. We are trusting that He will finish the work that He has started because this is His vision and these are His people. Please consider being the hands and feet that help to carry on the vision that God placed on Carol's heart by giving financially and specifically to this project! See the final page of this newsletter for more details about how to be a part.







### Discover <u>NEW</u> ways to get involved!

#### 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. This will give those in your congregation who have never heard of our ministry an opportunity to be a part of all that God is doing here in Guatemala! 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.

#### BRING YOUR CHURCH/GROUP TO JABEZ

Operation Jabez is receiving missions teams year round! Group trips are open to junior-high, high school, and adults. You can 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!



### COME TO JABEZ ON AN INDIVIDUAL TRIP

Don't have a group? There are two specific opportunities for you THIS SUMMER to come to Guatemala! As an individual, you do not need to register with a group because the group is actually made up of a bunch of individual participants from various places. These short-term trips are pre-scheduled, pre-planned, and put together completely by Operation Jabez and Groundzero Master's Commission.



#### I. Jabez Supporters, Friends, and Family Trip

What: This is a trip especially planned for the friends, family, and supporters of Operation Jabez. If you or your church/group has been connected to Carol or Operation Jabez in some way over the years. YOU'RE INVITED! Come see what God is doing at Operation Jabez first-hand! You will get to meet the Jabez staff and ministry team, visit Carol's Guatemalan home, tour the ministry building, be a part of the day-to-day ministry of Jabez (evangelism, discipleship, education, and relief work), and envision all that God has for the future!



Cost: \$575 per person (does not include airfare)



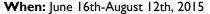
#### 2. Trip for High School Students and Young Adults

What: This trip will be full of exciting opportunities such as children's ministry, school assemblies, compassion centers, church services, as well as experiencing all the ministries of Operation Jabez! You will have the amazing opportunity to share Christ in real and tangible ways to people who desperately need Him in Guatemala. Join us for a life-changing opportunity to make an impact that counts!

When: July 29th-August 5th, 2015 Cost: \$1,300 (includes airfare)

### **SCHOOL OF MISSIONS STARTING SUMMER 2015**

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 intense weeks of hands-on ministry! Join us as we answer His call to reach Guatemala with the message of hope and life in His name!



Where: Chiquimulilla, Guatemala via Operation Jabez

**Cost:** \$1,900 (does not include airfare)



### Expand your support as God expands our territory!

### Make an end-of-the-year donation

The end of 2014 is just around the corner! Therefore, we need your help to financially complete this year. We need approximately **\$6,500** to end 2014 strong!

In an effort to reach this goal, we have 10 original paintings by 10-year-old Yuli Esquite (the daughter of Olga and Erick who helped Carol begin Operation Jabez).

The first 10 individuals or organizations to give a gift of \$500 towards our 2014 financial goal will receive one of these beautiful paintings of a Guatemalan landscape by one of Operation Jabez's up and coming artists!





## Help fund the Ministry Building

As we enter the new year, and a new season in the ministry of Operation Jabez, we are asking God's people for open hearts and open hands! We believe, as Carol did, that "our Father is a rich man!" We have no doubt that the Lord will provide, and we believe that one of the ways He wants to do that is through His church, through the body of Christ! Will you join us in payer and specific financial support as we seek to complete what Carol and the Lord saw fit to begin?

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### Make a Faith Pledge for 2015

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As 2014 comes to a close, we are earnestly praying and believing that 2015 will be an incredibly fruitful season for Operation Jabez in so many ways! We are so excited for what the Lord has in store for the people of Guatemala, and we anticipate great things from our great God! Will you expand God's territory in Guatemala with us by committing to financially support Operation Jabez in 2015? Whether you are able to give \$10 a month, \$100, or \$1000, your gift will be used to impact lives for eternity!



### Prayer of Jabez

"And Jabez cried out to the Lord of Israel: 'Oh, that you would bless me indeed, enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil' ... and God answered his prayer."

- 1 Chronicles 4:9, 10

### How to give...

Use the **Commitment Card** included in this envelope to send us your BEST gift for 2014 and to make a pledge for 2015. You can also let us know if you are interested in getting involved in some of the NEW opportunities that God has blessed us with! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!! Please send your commitment card with your gift and updated information to:

Operation Jabez P.O. Box 45 Glendora, NJ 08029

Online giving is also available! Please visit our facebook page or our website to give securely through PayPal.

IMPORTANT: Please make checks payable to Operation Jabez. All donations are <u>tax-deductable</u>, and 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.