

FALL 2018 UPDATE

# OPERATION JABEZ

GOD IS DOING GREAT THINGS!



MISSIONS IN GUATEMALA

"Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! ...' And God granted his request." - 1 Chronicles 4:9-10



# RELIEF FOR VOLCANO VICTIMS

June 3, 2018 was a day that left **thousands of people in Guatemala devastated** by the eruption of one of its active volcanoes called "Fuego" meaning "Fire". The world watched and learned as the events unfolded, and the volunteers at Operation Jabez began to *pray and seek the Lord* about how we could serve those in need. Organizations and individuals flooded the area bringing food, supplies, clothes, etc. Then, **God began to give us opportunities to join in, meet needs, and minister.**

Since then, we have partnered with a few local universities who have opened their doors to function as a temporary shelter. They've asked us to bring **hygiene products** and to do a **children's program** filled with games, songs, interactive Bible stories, prayer, and prizes! Also, our volunteers have been able to **visit with the families** room by room to get to know the people and **pray** with them. Everyone we've met has received a gift bag, and most importantly, *we have been able to share the message of hope and love of Jesus!*

Relief work is an extremely important part of the day to day ministry of Operation Jabez! It is an honor to be the hands and feet of Jesus, reaching out to those who are hurting and broken and to extend the powerful love of our Savior! Please continue to *partner and pray* with us as **there are still many people suffering** from this great tragedy. We want to do whatever we can, when we can. Therefore, **WE NEED YOU** to link arms with us to make it all possible.

# SEWING CLASS OF 2018

This August, we held our **5th annual** graduation ceremony for our Sewing Class students! Every year, we celebrate not only what our students have **learned** and **accomplished** with their hands, but also, *we celebrate the powerful work that God is doing within each of their hearts!*

The Operation Jabez sewing class began with Carol Gleeson, our founder, and a young lady who was working as a prostitute in the local bars. **This young lady wanted out and was seeking a new profession.** Through a connection of some missionary friends, Carol offered to teach her how to sew. Since then, the class has been **growing** and **reaching more women and men** with *new opportunity.*

Those who come through our doors have been faced with difficult circumstances, and this is their chance to find **hope.** Several have been abused or never made it past the 6th grade. Many are in the midst of

facing difficult situations in the home, loss, etc.

Therefore, we strive to *create an environment* where each of our students can take refuge and be empowered to realize their fullest potential. When they walk through our doors, each one is met with **true compassion, biblical community, and the love of Jesus** as *they are taught by skilled professionals* the art of sewing.

As you can see in some of the pictures below, what our students are learning is EXTRAORDINARY! Each one is being challenged and equipped on a highly professional level so that they can begin their own business and support their families. Most importantly, they are able to meet Jesus along the way!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has *invested* in this ministry. **GOD IS USING YOU** to *transform lives and affect generations to come!*



\*For more pictures, find us on social media!



# THANK YOU!!!

FOR PRAYING. FOR GIVING. FOR GOING.

**God is using you** to reach the people of Guatemala in so many amazing ways! THANK YOU for your *faithfulness* and *commitment* to the Lord. Your gifts and your prayers **empower** us to **make Jesus famous** in this nation. Know that **we are praying for you**, and we are beyond grateful that you have joined us in this mission. TOGETHER, we serve people, share Jesus, and build God's kingdom.

