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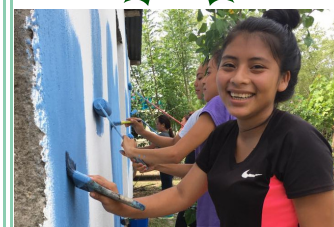
"...Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory!...' And God granted his request."
1 Chronicles 4:9-10



San Antonio Kids



Sewing Graduation 2017



Painting Churches

Dear Friends and Family,

Can you believe that we are already in the holiday season? This year has FLOWN BY! We hope and pray that you are adjusting well as school, work, and other things in life have switched gears for yet another turn of the seasons. In this newsletter, you will hear more stories and updates about what God is doing in and through Operation Jabez in Guatemala.

As always, we are BEYOND GRATEFUL that YOU are **connected** to us and have been along for the journey, whether since **2017** or **2007!** (Yes, *Operation Jabez* has been around for **10 YEARS!**) God has definitely blessed us with so much to celebrate this year, and we are looking ahead to all that God has coming up for 2018!

THANK YOU for getting involved prayerfully and financially with Operation Jabez! THANK YOU for your partnership and for every sacrifice that you make to keep us going. THANK YOU to each of you who have come to visit! It is always *so special* to be able to serve God together through a unique experience such as a missions trip! **Your support is felt on a daily basis**, and *we can never say thank you enough!*

Please continue to pray as we move forward into a new year by the grace of our great God and King. We need Him to move in *mighty* ways through **His presence, provision, and protection** EVERY DAY!

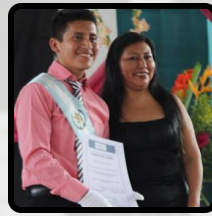
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

The Operation Jabez Team



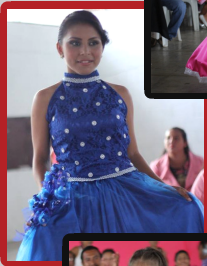
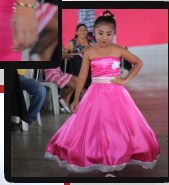
Sewing Graduation

CLASS OF 2017!

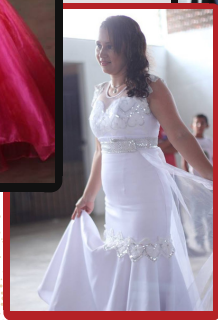
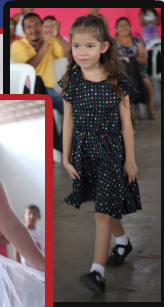


This year, we are proud to announce that we had 20 Graduates of the Operation Jabez Sewing Class! Our class is a 2 year program, and we had 14 students who completed their first year and 6 who completed their second year. WE ARE SO PROUD OF EACH OF THEM!

You can see some of their beautiful work pictured left. This includes both *formal* and *informal* wear. They learned to make **quinceañera dresses** which are traditionally worn for very special birthday party when girls turn 15. Additionally the students learned to make **wedding dresses**, and **clothes for children**. They even made their own **graduation uniform** that each student wore!



Thank you so much for giving to Operation Jabez and making this class possible! We know that our students are truly learning what it takes to be successful in life with a **new career**, and, at the same time, they are receiving the **Gospel of Jesus** within a **powerful community** of others who are **learning** and **growing together**. None of this would be possible without those of you who are praying and supporting us!



BUILDING THE KINGDOM BUILDING THE KINGDOM

Evangelism

Sharing Jesus Christ is the most important aspect of all that we do from day to day. We are meeting *spiritual needs* as well as *physical needs* here in Guatemala!



Discipleship

Once we have received Christ, we must grow in Him! Therefore, we are **walking alongside** kids, teens, and adults as they continue their journey with Christ!



Education

Education is a major need for many people *around the globe*. That is why we are **extending our reach** to *our community* through sewing classes & sponsorships!



Relief Work

Where there are people, there will be needs. We **love being the hands & feet** of Jesus, **meeting the needs** of the those around us so that *more people* can know Him!



CAN YOU SEE **THE POTENTIAL?**

Help us turn it into reality!



What's New?

1. First Floor Storage Room

The storage room now has a new metal door, and a glass window so that we can store ministry items safely!

2. First Floor Bathrooms

The bathrooms now have glass windows making them much more complete and secure!

3. First Floor Kitchen

The kitchen now has been cleared of all debris, the walls are ready for paint, and there is a new cement floor ready for tile!

What will it take to finish?

THE TRUTH IS... We are making progress with the construction of the new ministry building! However, *progress is slow...* **WE NEED YOU** to help us move forward and **COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION!**



FUNDS RAISED IN 2016: \$8,377.00



FUNDS RAISED IN 2017 (to date): \$4,645.00



TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$162,000



TOTAL PAID (to date): \$63,460.00



WE STILL OWE (to date): \$98,540.00

Let's do this together!

1. Make a Special Donation.

Making a special donation towards the ministry building helps us get that much closer!

2. Give Regularly.

Giving regularly allows us to make continual progress.

3. Get Others Involved.

You can multiply efforts by inviting others to join in the fundraising goals. Use your creativity and see what God will do through you and the people around you!



Our Biggest Needs are...

YOUR PRAYERS & YOUR PARTNERSHIP



Partnership Goals...

We are looking for at least **10 people** to take a *leap of faith* and join us by committing to PRAY and to GIVE *regularly* for the first time. You can give **any amount monthly** to **make a greater impact daily**. As a way to say thank you, we have a special hand-made gift for you from the kids in San Antonio!

Partnering with Operation Jabez is a *simple* **commitment** to PRAY specifically and to GIVE regularly.

PRAY
SPECIFICALLY

PRAY for the *people* and the *work of the ministry* within each area of what we do - Evangelism, Discipleship, Education, and Relief Work.

IMPACT
DAILY

IMPACT *families, individuals, and communities* on a daily basis by **praying** for and **giving** to Operation Jabez. God is doing amazing things, and *He wants to use you!*

GIVE
REGULARLY

GIVE from your heart to the Lord by investing in what He is doing globally. God can use even \$5 a month to change lives when you *commit* to give!

Will **YOU partner with us** to reach the nation of Guatemala for **Jesus Christ?**

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