



Sewing classes are going strong.



He is our SOURCE of all!



Our children's ministry is growing.

GOD IS ENLARGING OUR TERRITORY!

Greetings from Operation Jabez

Hello Everyone!

Spring is finally here and the summer is just around the corner! We can hardly believe how quickly time is passing by. There is so much to be thankful for when we look behind us and see all that God has done so far this year! We especially want YOU to know that you have played a *major role* in it all through your faithful prayer and support. We can never say thank you enough for allowing God to use you to bless this ministry! You have not only been sowing into this ministry as an organization, but you truly have been sowing into the lives of many who are hearing about Jesus, growing in their faith, experiencing God's love, learning a skill, and receiving aid in various ways. We are pressing forward in anticipation of all that He has in the future!

In this newsletter, we are so excited to update you on some new things that are happening at Operation Jabez and how you can continue to be a part of what God is doing here. We are also excited to share with you some of our **core values** as a ministry. These core values have been at the very heart of the ministry ever since the Lord lead Carol to set things in motion to start Operation Jabez. We believe that these core values are the very strategy that the Lord desires for us to strengthen and grow in as we continue the mission that He has sent us to accomplish in Guatemala - to enlarge the territory of His kingdom in Guatemala!

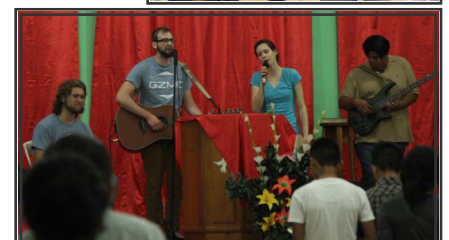
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GZMC's Trip to Operation Jabez



Groundzero Master's Commission returned to Operation Jabez in Guatemala once again for their annual missions trip! They had a chance to be a part of the daily ministries of Operation Jabez (evangelism, education, discipleship, and relief work). Together we

visited several schools and churches in Guazacapan, Chiquimulilla, Isleta, Gariton, San Antonio, and Poza de Agua. During their time here, we hosted children's VBS, visited door to door to pray and evangelize, held church services and children's programs where they shared skits and dramas, testimonies, worship, and preaching! Thank you for keeping them and us in your prayers as they joined our ministry team this past February for an incredible time of ministry and fellowship!



Update from the Mission Field

MEETING WITH OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS



Pastor Mike Atkins, our Director of Operations and board member, met with the Operation Jabez staff and volunteers in Guatemala while on the missions trip with GZMC in February. He shared how God is a God of faithfulness, and He will sustain and progress the ministry that He began through Carol and Operation Jabez. Pastor Mike also encouraged the team that we are working hard to accomplish all that Carol had set in motion and to see it through to completion. We are extremely grateful to have such an awesome team of believers in Guatemala who are dedicated to Operation Jabez! We are pressing forward in faith, believing that He who promised is faithful!

OUR GOD IS CHANGING LIVES!



Operation Jabez is ministering to others through our sewing class! The women in our sewing class are not only receiving an education and training, but they are using their skills to make a difference! Many families are not able to send their kids to school because they are unable to afford the proper uniform. So, Operation Jabez decided to make the uniforms for the kids at a local elementary school (Caserio



Bethania) that has recently re-opened after being shut down for 2 years. These students and their families are very happy to have a school nearby because without it, the school they had to attend was so far away that the only way to get there was to walk. Walking there is dangerous for these little ones because they had to go a long distance alone through the mountains and across a river. We are so blessed to be able to hand make and hand deliver these uniforms for these kids!



Because of the donations of our amazing supporters, we were also able to bring school supplies and backpacks! It was so awesome to see the faces of these kids light up because they were given pencils, notebooks, backpacks, and uniforms! One of the mothers began thanking us saying that they often feel forgotten because of where they live which is so far from main towns and villages. She was extremely grateful and overwhelmed at the gifts because she knew that her children had received much more than material things. They were given tools to help them succeed in their education! From there, we began to share our true purpose for being there - Jesus Christ. We were able to share the good news of the Gospel!

Pictured to the right is another family that we got to know during our visit to the Bethania School. The mother's name is Charli Ramos and her daughters are Brenda age 5 (on right) and Tita age 4 (on left). Charli recently lost her husband Carlos in an automobile accident while he was working as a taxi driver in the nearest city. As a single mom, she has been struggling to put her girls through school and deal with the loss of their father, her beloved husband. Tears began to roll down her face as she told us her story, and our hearts just broke. So, we gathered around her and began to pray for them. God was moving in our hearts and in their lives! Please continue to pray for Charli and her girls. We believe that God is at work, and we hope to return soon to see how they are doing and continue to share the love of Christ with them.



It is powerful when we get to meet tangible needs such as this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your prayers and support that have helped us make moments like this a reality. You have made a real difference for each child, their family, their teachers, and their future!

Our 4 Core Values of Ministry



Evangelism

Evangelism is the most important ministry of Operation Jabez. Everything we do centers around reaching the lost for Jesus Christ! Evangelism happens in the following ways:

- **Door-to-Door** - We visit communities and families to share the Gospel of Jesus personally, to pray, meet specific needs, and to build relationships.
- **Training Seminars** - We travel to local churches and communities to teach various seminars and train how to do ministry and evangelize.
- **Preaching** - Our ministry team preaches God's word in churches, communities, or to specialized groups such as couples, teens, moms, etc.
- **Missions Training** - Operation Jabez hosts missions training program for people in the local Guatemalan church who want to go on a missions trip. Operation Jabez has led missions teams to the Dominican Republic and Honduras doing evangelism, relief work, and children's programs!
- **Evangelistic Movies** - Christian movies are one of the resources that Operation Jabez uses to reach out to schools, communities, and families.
- **Breakfast Outreach** - Carol helped Pastor Steve and his wife begin their street ministry *House of Refuge* several years ago. Women are served a home-cooked breakfast, experience time in worship, hear God's word, receive prayer, and are given a gift. Between 15 and 30 ladies attend regularly.

Discipleship

Discipleship at Operation Jabez happens all the time. However, we strive to do specific things that offer the people of Guatemala opportunities to dig into God's Word and grow in their faith.

- **Weekly in-depth Bible Study** - This is a Bible study for both men and women in the community. We study topics such as becoming men and women of God, or a specific book of the Bible.
- **Children and Youth Ministry** - We minister to children and youth in two different locations weekly. Typically, there is coloring or an activity, prayer, Scripture memorization, small group lessons, handouts, prizes, and more. On average, about 55 children are regularly hearing about Christ, reading God's word, and being prayed for!
 1. Thursdays at Operation Jabez in Chiquimulilla. (appx. 10-15 children weekly)
 2. Sunday afternoons in the impoverished community of San Antonio. (appx. 30-60 children weekly)

Education

This ministry offers several ways for Guatemalans, who may never have the opportunity otherwise, to receive an education. Most importantly, we get to share the Gospel as we train and teach them!

- **English Class** - Weekly, we are teaching several levels of U.S. English. There are currently 6-10 teen and young adult students.
- **Sewing Class** - This class happens two times a week. With the expertise of our ministry team and volunteers, we are now able to teach on a beginner level and advanced level. In August of 2014, Operation Jabez held the first annual graduation ceremony for the ladies in the Sewing class! We are very excited to be able to offer a practical and comprehensive program for beginners and more advanced students. It is amazing how the Lord is using this ministry to change the lives of these Guatemalan women and their families!
- **Education Sponsorship** - We provide several different sponsorships for Guatemalans to receive and complete their education. The first is for students to be enrolled in the classes we offer (English and Sewing). Also, it is common for many of our students to not have completed high school or even grade school. Others aspire to attend college and earn a degree, but are not able to financially afford it. Therefore, we partner with individuals and churches to provide educational sponsorship for Guatemalans to complete and further their education.

Relief Work

We believe that one of the most tangible ways that we can encounter Christ is through His people. Relief work is a way that we meet a variety of practical needs so that more people can hear about Jesus!

- **School Supplies** - Operation Jabez annually supplies 3 local schools. Some are operating under trees - no buildings! We give them school supplies, book bags, uniforms made by our sewing classes, teacher supplies, and more.
- **Aid During Hurricane Season** - Hurricane season can be devastating to families, communities, and whole villages in Guatemala! Therefore, we do our best to serve by bringing food, water, medical supplies, clothes, etc. to those stranded. Sometimes we even need to reach them by 4-wheel-drive, boat, or horseback!
- **Financial Relief** - Carol always set aside an emergency fund that would help to bring financial relief to specific people, especially the Guatemalan Operation Jabez staff and their families in the event of a medical emergency, death in the family, or other emergency. (This is something that we would like to continue to do, but we need your help to keep it going. If you are interested in making a donation specifically for Emergency Relief, please contact us and let us know!)

The Gift of Education



It was always on Carol's heart to make a tangible difference in the livelihood of the Guatemalan people as she boldly shared the love of Jesus with everyone she encountered. We want to continue the vision that the Lord placed on Carol's heart to educate. This is important because not only does it provide a practical solution to the real needs that Guatemalans face daily, but it also provides an avenue for us to build community and maintain meaningful relationships where Christ can be glorified.

We want to give YOU an opportunity to JOIN US and give the gift of education.

Would you consider sponsoring Education within Operation Jabez?

We are looking for people who will *commit to give and pray regularly* for specific people who are being educated through Operation Jabez.

Connect With Us!



Meet Wilbur

Educational Sponsorship For Wilbur = \$100 per month!

Wilbur is 25 years old. He grew up in a poor village in Guazacapan. He has three brothers and three sisters ages 5 to 28. His older brother passed away at the age of 26 from drug and alcohol abuse.

Wilbur met Carol several years ago while attending her Guatemalan home church with his mom. Eventually, he began doing children's ministry at Operation Jabez with Carol regularly and became an integral part of the ministry. With much prayer and the guidance of Carol, they decided that Wilbur would go to college to become a civil engineer and that Operation Jabez would help him get there. Wilbur is currently enrolled in a university, and he is working hard for his degree. However, he needs the support of Operation Jabez to carry him through to the finish line!

Educational Sponsorship For Dorris = \$30 per month!

Dorris is a young lady that has been attending our sewing classes weekly. She is growing in her faith as well as her sewing skills greatly! She is a huge help to her teachers and classmates! As we got to know Dorris, we discovered that she did not go beyond the 6th grade in her education. We believe that God brought her to Operation Jabez, and we want to give her an opportunity to complete her primary and secondary education so that she can continue to grow and do great things for the Lord!



Meet Dorris

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYER AND SUPPORT!!

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