

# OPERATION JABEZ

"...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



DEAR FRIENDS & FAMILY,

We are so excited for all that God has been doing at Operation Jabez recently, and we are even more excited to tell you about it!



1 CHRONICLES 4:9-10

So far, 2017 has been a great year, and that has SO MUCH to do with you! *Everything we will cover in this newsletter is a result of your investment in the kingdom of God through your prayers, gifts, and support.* Thank you so much to each of you who are continuing to make Operation Jabez a part of your lives. We are ready for more opportunities to join God in what He is doing in Guatemala, and we are extremely grateful that you are along for the journey!

We are praying for you! May God bless you and enlarge YOUR territory!

In Christ,  
 The Operation  
 Jabez Team



## EXPANDING OUR BORDERS

Entering New Seasons



While the GZMC team was visiting Guatemala, we were blessed to be in a doing a missions seminar with the local pastors and leaders in Guazacapan! **This event was organized in honor of Operation Jabez and our founder, Carol Gleeson.** We were able to remember Carol, the legacy she has left behind, and the things that God has done through her life and missionary work here in Guatemala. *It was also a great opportunity to share the heart and vision of Operation Jabez with many new people!*

That evening, Pastor Mike had an opportunity to meet with all of the Operation Jabez volunteers for a special time of **fellowship** and **prayer**. We believe that the Lord is bringing Operation Jabez into **new seasons**. God is giving us *more opportunities* to minister to people in Guatemala through our growing **sewing classes** and **children's ministries**, equipping families in San Antonio through **microeconomics**, **mission trips** to new regions of Guatemala, and so much more! By the power of the Holy Spirit, God is unifying and equipping us to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ further than ever before!



# THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP



**Meet Tom.**  
Tom partners with Operation Jabez.

He visited us in Guatemala on a mission trip last year during which his team ministered at a local elementary school called "Nueva Esperanza."

Seeing the *potential* in the children at Nueva Esperanza, Tom was inspired to *invest* in their lives by **partnering** with us to provide uniforms for them. His *investment* in turn empowered many others with new *opportunity* - opportunity to learn, bless others, and most importantly **to hear about Jesus Christ**.

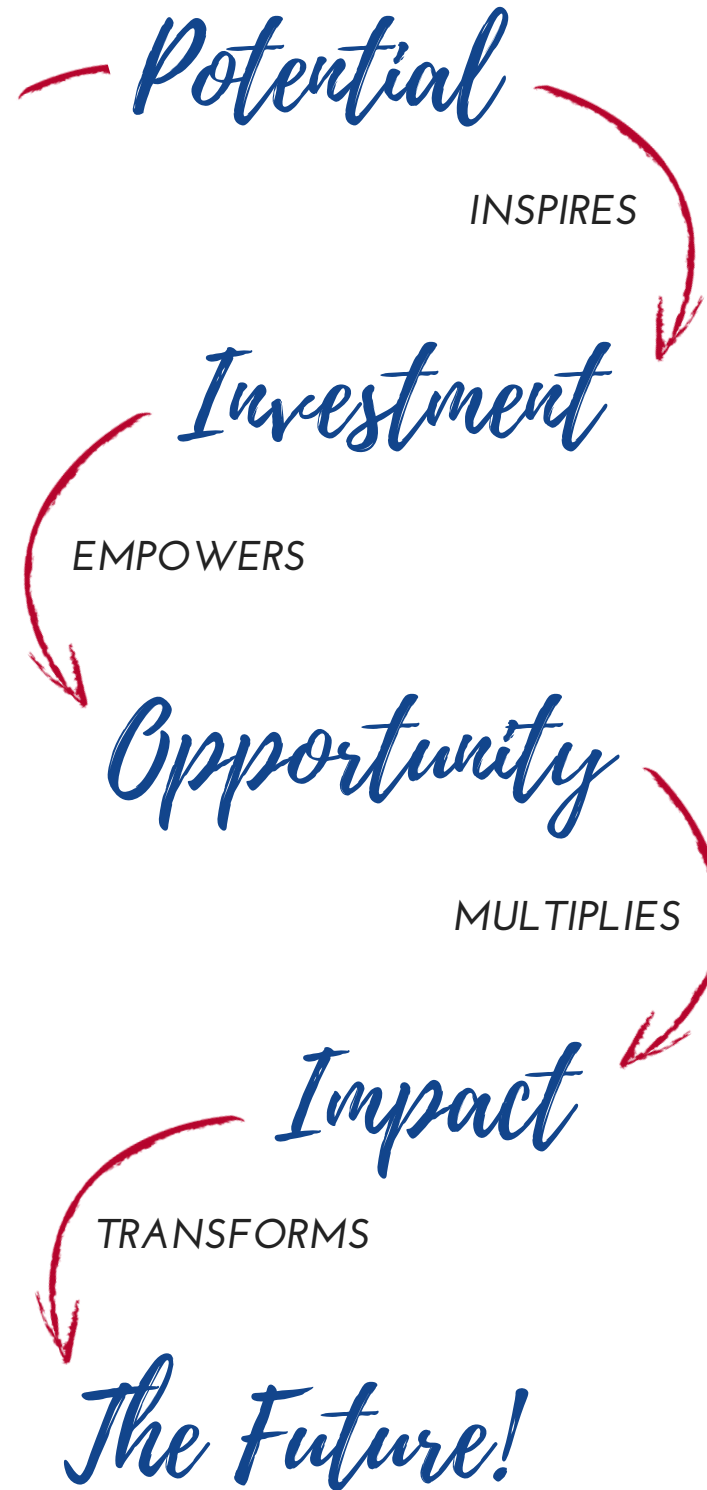


Now, these **kids** have been given an *opportunity* to know that they are **valued** and **loved by God** because someone demonstrated that love by giving them much needed uniforms. The **teachers** at Nueva Esperanza have more *opportunity* to teach as these students **take pride in going to school** instead of dropping out because they don't meet the uniform requirements. Also, the **women** in the Operation Jabez Sewing Class were *empowered* with the *opportunity* to **practice their skills** and participate in blessing these kids by **hand-making the uniforms** themselves!



Like a ripple effect, all of these *opportunities* multiplied the *impact* of Tom's partnership. Not only are the kids, teachers, and sewing students affected, but so are their family members and communities **in the name of Jesus!**

God is still using Tom's partnership to *impact* lives in Guatemala through Operation Jabez! The children and teachers of Nueva Esperanza are better **equipped** to continue in education, and the women from the Sewing Classes are fueled with **new purpose** behind their newly learned skills. Ultimately, **more people are hearing the Gospel of Jesus** and are putting their faith in Him. This kind of *impact* is one that literally *transforms* a person's *future* for all eternity!



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

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.



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!



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!



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

# WELCOME TO GUATEMALA!



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In February and March, we had an awesome opportunity to host 2 teams of college students!

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GZMC came with 13 of their college students and staff members for **3 incredible weeks of ministry!** They traveled to local elementary and high schools doing high energy **songs, stomp, dramas**, sharing **testimonies**, and ultimately *sharing Christ with the next generation* in the local region. God also used them powerfully to minister in **seminars, church services, community outreaches**, and **VBS children's programs!**

Additionally, GZMC was able to be a part of the **day-to-day of Operation Jabez** as they ministered alongside of our staff and volunteers. They were a blessing to our kids programs, sewing classes, and the community of San Antonio! The GZMC students also did some work around our facilities, and they were instrumental in helping us host another visiting team! We love having GZMC!



Next, **a team of 6 social work majors from Eastern University** visited us! We had an awesome week of serving and learning together! This team started off their time with us by presenting an **interactive social work seminar** for local college students in the same field. We were even able to host the event in our very own ministry building!

The EU students came alongside of us in our daily ministries as well. They had opportunities to serve in our **children's programs, sewing classes, and outreach ministries**. They also helped to prepare a special lunch and shared an afternoon with the sewing class. Through a Q&A session, they **encouraged** the ladies in their **pursuit of education and community** with one another. *We love the heart this team has to understand and invest in the people of Guatemala!*

Finally, this team taught **English classes** at 2 local schools, spent time with the **youth** of Iglesia de Dios, helped to deliver **handmade tables** to families in need, served a **hot meal** in San Antonio, and so much more! We have loved every moment with this amazing and passionate team of young adults, and we hope to see them again very soon!

