

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,

Summer is here! However, while many are off on vacation, we have entered into another exciting and busy season as we continue to labor for the Lord!

In the coming weeks, we will be seeing both teams and individuals from **New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland!** We love it when people hear about the ministry of Operation Jabez and *grab ahold of the vision to reach the nation of Guatemala for Jesus Christ!* It is also a powerful thing when those individuals decide to link arms with us by **visiting us on the mission field** and **partnering with us in person.**

Please keep us in prayer as we approach the days ahead. The Lord has much in store for His people here in Guatemala, and **we will need your prayer and support** to continue running the race marked out for us. Pray for protection, provision, and the presence of God to fill us to the overflowing. Pray that people of all ages will give their lives to Jesus and that they would be transformed by His love and grace.

We look forward to sharing more about all that God does in this beautiful summer season!

God bless you!

In Christ,
The Operation Jabez Team



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THE NATION OF GUATEMALA

We love Guatemala! And we believe that God has Operation Jabez in this country on purpose to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

Here are some *highlights* about this beautiful nation that we call home.

Join us in *prayer* for Guatemala and the individual lives that we encounter every day. Pray that Christ will be made known!



EDUCATION

The average drop-out age is 11 years old for boys and 10 years old for girls. Many children cannot finish school because they have to stay home, work, and help to provide for their families.



ECONOMY

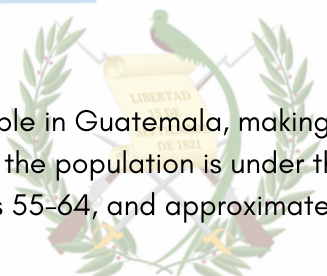
Despite low unemployment rates (about 3%), roughly 60% of the population lives below the poverty line, and 20% of the population holds over 51% of the total nation's wealth.



PEOPLE



There are about 15 million people in Guatemala, making it the most populous country in Central America. Over 55% of the population is under the age of 25, 34% are from ages 25-34, 5% are from ages 55-64, and approximately 5% are age 65 and up.



SPIRITUALITY



Catholicism is the dominate religion, though the evangelical Church has seen tremendous growth over the past century. Guatemalans are open to God. However, it is important for missionaries to present the Gospel of grace through Jesus Christ, not of works or reflecting indigenous spirituality.

MAJOR ISSUES



Major issues throughout Guatemala include: high crime rates, low literacy rates, corruption, gang violence, drugs, prejudice toward the indigenous population, child labor, hunger, extreme poverty, and the list goes on...

*Operation Jabez
is making a*

**DIRECT
IMPACT**



*with the Gospel
of Jesus Christ!*



INCREASING



OUR IMPACT

MORE
MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITY

+

MORE
ROOM FOR
VISITORS

=

MORE
LIVES BEING
CHANGED!

Construction is moving forward! The Lord is providing!

Words pale in comparison to the *impact* that is being made as we move forward with this building project... Our **sewing classes are at maximum capacity**, and the **children's ministry is thriving!**

More men, women, and children from the community are gaining excitement about coming to Operation Jabez to learn, grow, and find hope in Jesus Christ! **Your continued prayers and financial support are vital to the COMPLETION of this project and the FUTURE of Operation Jabez!**



More pictures and detailed descriptions can be found on our website at www.operationjabez.com/future.



WHY THE PRAYER OF JABEZ?

The mission of Operation Jabez was founded on this small prayer by a man named Jabez. **Carol Gleeson**, founder of Operation Jabez, Inc., once explained the prayer of Jabez as it relates to this ministry like this:



"About the first part, 'Bless me'... Just the fact that you have the nerve to ask the Lord for more blessings and then find out that He is willing to pour out more... That to me was a revelation.

My territory in Guatemala, I thought was small and limited. I wanted something that was going to be country-wide, reaching Guatemalans... So, the second part, 'enlarge my territory' means 'enlarge my influence here.' It means, 'Let me go beyond the boundaries to know and teach the people of Guatemala, so that they can teach others.' Mostly that is what it has meant to me."

And do you know what? God is doing it! God is answering the prayers that Carol prayed years ago to begin Operation Jabez, and He is *still* faithfully answering our prayers today!

Therefore, we want to encourage you to pray this prayer with us. The power is not within the words or prayer itself, but in the *One* to whom we pray. He is a good God and Heavenly Father who loves us. **He truly is willing to pour out more blessings and to use us to build His Kingdom!**



WILL YOU JOIN US AS WE PRAY TOGETHER IN FAITH FOR GOD TO BLESS US AND ENLARGE OUR TERRITORY?