







### We Had a GREAT Summer!

We are so excited to update you on all that has been going on at Operation Jabez this summer!

The following pages are merely a snapshot of all that God did in and through so many lives. We hope that you are as excited as we are!

As always, YOU are a participant in all that this newsletter contains. Thank you for joining together with us through your ongoing faith and support!

Thank you to all of you who donated items, gave financially, prayed for us, and/or visited us this summer season specifically! We know that many of you are making big sacrifices for the kingdom of God through your partnership with Operation Jabez. God is using you mightily, and we continue to look forward to all

that our amazing God has ahead of us.

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS!

-Operation Jabez Team



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### Sewing Class of 2016

Here are some highlights from our 2016 Sewing Class Graduation!



















This year, we were able to hold the ceremony **IN THE MINISTRY BUILDING!!!** It took a lot of work and preparation, but we did it!

It was an honor and great blessing to be able to celebrate with the men and women who have been working hard all year to either develop or share their skills! As they are drawing closer to Christ, He is pouring out His provision in their lives in so many ways! Thank you to all of you who keep this ministry going and **GROWING**. You are changing lives here, now, and for all eternity!

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# We Love Having Teams!

### Team Canada

This summer we were blessed to have a good friend of ours visit us all the way from Canada with her family. Susan Buller knew Carol Gleeson many years ago, and they became great friends who were dedicated to seeing the kingdom of God expand in Guatemala! Susan had served alongside of Carol and Operation labez in various capacities over the years. This



time, we had the chance to introduce Susan's daughter and granddaughters to Guatemala and the abez. It was a sweet reunion and a great joy to be able to have Susan with us again



Susan, Kristy, Alex, and Tasha linked arms with Operation Jabez and our School of Missions to minister in many ways this summer. They joined our children's programs, school assemblies, seminars, feeding programs, church services, and youth ministry! We had an

amazing time doing stomp, dramas, songs, testimonies, and of course sharing the powerful love of Jesus! They also delivered groceries and sewing machines to multiple families in need. How powerful!

ministry of Operation We are so grateful for the friendship we have with Susan and her family! God has used each one of these women in a mighty way, and we cannot wait to see them back in Guatemala!



We had the privilege of hosting Ron and Lisa Carey, Mike and Donna Hall, and Carol Statler! What a blessing they have



Lisa hosted four days of knitting classes for women and youth. Additionally, this hardworking team poured countless hours into making the Operation Jabez properties look beautiful! They worked in the ministry building, gardens, and managed to safely remove a HUGE palm tree that

> had the potential to destroy our walls and foundation. In addition, they cleared large amounts of debris and other construction items to give



more usable space in the facility. One of our newly completed rooms has even been painted from top to bottom! During their time with us, they also ministered through testimonies, feeding programs, church services, and children's

We are extremely thankful for all the hard work that took place during this trip. We are looking forward to all that God has in the future, and we hope to see this team again soon!







## Team New Jersey

We had a blast serving alongside of Thrive Youth Ministry from NJ. This team was full of love and generosity, and they were willing to serve Christ with all of their hearts! They did various ministries such as outreaches, landscaping, school assemblies. VBS and much more!



A major highlight from this trip is the day that we visited Nueva Esperanza Elementary School. We did a children's program with some fun Bible songs, and we were able to feed the kids and teachers a delicious breakfast. This team was so inspired by the teachers and kids of Nueva Esperanza that they wanted to go back there to meet some of the immediate needs which the teachers

had expressed to us earlier. So, we returned with T-Shirts, school supplies, two tables, four chairs, and some shelves to help organize the kindergarten classroom! It was an incredible week, and we are so grateful to each team member who came and poured themselves out for the kingdom of God in



## School of Missions



For eight intense weeks, we hosted Immerse School of Missions here at Operation

and NI came to Guatemala again this year to continue to share the message of hope and life in Jesus Christ alongside of us. These young adults joined us,

and together we reached out to our local community of Chiqumulilla as well as many other areas. With us, they hosted teams, taught seminars, served food, planted trees, taught English, prayed for people, shared testimonies, preached, did stomp



and dramas, taught and encouraged local youth, ministered through children's programs, and the list goes on!

We are so excited to see this School of Missions take off! Immerse School of Missions is scheduled to take place again next summer for 8 more weeks. This is another

way that Operation Jabez is joining God's plan to make Christ known throughout Guatemala. We believe that God is raising a generation up to continue taking the Gospel message of





## Would YOU like to visit us?

We coordinate trips for teams, families, couples, and individuals year-round. Please CONTACT US for more details!

## Your Giving is Taking Us Further!

#### CONSTRUCTION IS MOVING FORWARD

Over the past few months, there has been constant activity. God is providing for this construction as *promised*! This has been made possible by the *faithful* gifts of several supporters giving directly to the Ministry Building, including a recent, generous donation of \$3,000! WE CANNOT SAY THANK YOU ENOUGH! There is still so much to be done, but God is certainly using these sacrificial gifts to take GIANT steps *forward*.



#### **Electricity is Here!**

Most of the first level is now equipped with wiring, outlets, and switches. In these rooms, we are in need of light fixtures to complete these elements of the first level electricity. This greatly benefits our sewing classes and makes our facility usable in the evenings!







#### **New Bathroom!**

The first level now has one completed full bathroom. What a blessing for weekly ministries and teams! The second (1/2 bath) will be finished and usable very soon. We are still in need of windows and paint to complete both bathrooms.





#### Tile Floors are In!

So far, 75% of the first level has a cemented floor instead of dirt. Tile has been laid in 3 rooms: the storage room, dining room, and first bathroom! We need to do more plumbing before we can finish the cement and tile on the rest of the first floor.



All of this work is directly impacting our weekly ministries, visiting teams, and school of missions!

### We are EAGER to see this building COMPLETED!

This building was started by the faith of Carol Gleeson, founder of Operation Jabez. Today, we are still believing by faith that the LORD will see us through to the finish line. There are still many needs to make this happen...

Will you allow God to use your faith to help us reach the next level?

## How to Give:

- 1. Fill out the Connection Card included with this letter with your updated information.
- **2.** Send your **Connection Card** with your gift to the following address:

Operation Jabez P.O. Box 88 Marlton, NJ 08053

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