



QUICK FACTS

JAMES PROJECT PURPOSE

The mission of James Project is to build and mobilize a network of people that actively improves the lives of abandoned, abused, and trafficked women and children through our ministry partners. We are committed to restoring childhoods and instilling hope through spiritual, physical, emotional, and educational support.

GUATEMALA STATISTICS

- Guatemala has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the world.
- 50% of the population is under 18, 40% are under 14.
- Every 1.5 hours, a child between the ages of 10-14 gives birth to a baby that was conceived in rape.
- 88% of girls that were in school abandon their studies after becoming pregnant.
- 88% of crimes against women and children go unprosecuted, including rape, kidnap, and murder. Of the 12% that are prosecuted, only 4% receive justice.
- Only 30% of the population has graduated from 6th grade. Approximately 10% graduates from high school.
- According to the UN, Guatemala ranks among the countries with the highest rate of violent deaths among women.
- According to the World Bank, almost 60% of the population lives below the poverty level.
- 8 in 10 indigenous children suffer from chronic malnutrition.
- Guatemala has the highest chronic malnutrition rate in Central America and the 3rd highest in the world.
- Income inequality is extremely high. 260 Guatemalans own 56% of the national economy. That means that 0.001% of the population owns more than half of the country's wealth.
- 2/3 of the population lives on less than \$2/day.
- Almost half of the children under 10 are chronically malnourished.

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OUR WORK IN GUATEMALA

- We provide holistic care to ‘orphans’ and ‘widows’ through Shadow of His Wings Children’s Home, Redeemed Women’s Program, Evangelical Freedom School, and our other programs.
- Shadow of His Wings Children’s Home (SOHW) is a government approved and accredited organization in Guatemala.
- SOHW has been recognized by various judges and government officials as one of the best in the country.
- SOHW is family-centered. We put children into family-style homes. There are no more than 12 children per family.
- SOHW is currently home to approximately 90 children.
- Through our Family Preservation program we are able to continue serving our children when they return to their biological families, as well as other vulnerable families within Guatemala.
- Evangelical Freedom School (EFS) is an award-winning school, that has won multiple national championships and various local and statewide championships in a variety of competitions, including art, language, presentation, sports, academics, etc.
- EFS includes grades pre-school through junior high. Our high school and post-secondary students study in the local community.
- Since its launch in 2Q 2017, Redeemed Women has launched multiple women into their own micro-enterprise, with more small businesses coming soon.
- Through the Redeemed program, several women have been able to return to their studies and complete their secondary education.
- There are approximately 50 staff members working in Guatemala, including parents, teachers, psychologist, social workers, kitchen staff, substitute house parents, maintenance workers, specific program staff, and missionaries.
- All staff members are trained in trauma care in order to provide the best possible attention to the women and children we serve.
- The Guatemalan campus sits on 15.5 acres of land in Monjas, Jalapa.
- The annual operating budget for the operations in Guatemala is approximately \$500,000.
- We focus on self-sustainability and have invested in solar panels, livestock, agriculture, an aquaponics system, fish farming, water purification, and other sustainability projects.

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