



JAMES PROJECT OF LATIN AMERICA

MISSION TEAM TALKING POINTS

GUATEMALA

Guatemala is a country in Central America which is bordered by El Salvador, Honduras, Belize and Mexico. The country is home to 16.5 million people making it the most populous country in Central America. The poverty rate in Guatemala is very high. According to the World Bank, 59.3 percent of the population lives below the poverty line and 23 percent live in extreme poverty.

JPLA PURPOSE

We are committed to restoring childhoods and instilling hope for abandoned, abused and trafficked Guatemalan women and children through spiritual, physical, emotional and educational support.

JPLA PROGRAMS

SHADOW OF HIS WINGS home for displaced children serves children from a variety of backgrounds including physical and sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment, human trafficking, and/or the loss of one or both parents. The children of Shadow of His Wings live in family units with Guatemalan couples and their biological children to reflect a healthy family unit experience. JPLA is one of the few accredited children's homes in Guatemala.



REDEEMED WOMEN'S BUSINESS PROGRAM helps women, often widows or single mothers, receive coaching in business planning and spiritual guidance so that they can reach their full potential and provide for themselves and their children. This program allows women to start a business while caring for their children, in turn having an immediate positive impact on two generations of Guatemalans.

EVANGELICAL FREEDOM SCHOOL located onsite at the James Project campus offers a government approved education program that allows capable students, who may have never gone to school, to complete two grades per year to catch up with their peers. The school serves both Shadow of His Wings children and children from the town of Monjas, Jalapa.

TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS include fostering and interim opportunities for young women as they reach the age of adulthood. The transitional programs include the opportunity to study at the university level, something that only a small percentage of people in Guatemala are able to do. By providing educational opportunities, the transitioning women improve their economic future and work to break the cycle of poverty and abuse for themselves and future generations.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

SUPPORT DISPLACED CHILDREN

SPONSOR A CHILD for just \$35 a month to provide food, housing, clothing, and a loving and supportive environment for a child in need.

SPONSOR AN OPEN POSITION to allow us to hire critical JPLA staff, such as house parents, a psychologist or a social worker, who support our children. Any amount is helpful and an example sponsorship of \$100 per month will offset a monthly salary ranging from \$550 to \$2,000 per month depending upon position.

CASA MARIA TEEN PREGNANCY PROGRAM is a program in the planning stage to support young mothers who are pregnant, often resulting from incest and rape. As Guatemala has one of the highest malnutrition rates in the world, the Casa Maria Teen Pregnancy Program will provide a healthy environment for young pregnant teens and their babies to combat malnutrition. A \$150 a month sponsorship will offset the monthly cost of \$5,000 to launch the Casa Maria Teen Pregnancy program.

EMPOWER WOMEN

SPONSOR A NEW REDEEMED BUSINESS to support a woman who desperately needs a way to provide for her family financially, emotionally, and spiritually. JPLA works closely with women accepted into the Redeemed Program to ensure they are ready to run a business in a responsible and successful manner with continuing guidance and support. The cost to launch a Redeemed business ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

PROVIDE AN EDUCATION

SPONSORING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES at the JPLA Evangelical Freedom School, or at the university level for transitioning young women, helps to stop the cycle of poverty and provides an opportunity to drastically improve the future for the youth and families of Guatemala. Educational sponsorship opportunities range from a monthly \$35 level upward depending upon donor preference.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

MISSIONARY HOUSING is planned for at the JPLA project as a second floor to the existing Team House. The new apartments will allow missionaries to have onsite, cost-effective housing. The cost to build the missionary apartments is \$45,000.

SUSTAINABILITY at the JPLA campus includes gardening, fruit trees, raising chickens and goats, and a hydroponics facility. Creating a self-sustainable learning facility is important and a contribution of any amount to assist with our efforts is always welcome.

BECOME A VISIONARY

Have you visited the James Project in Guatemala and are now feeling called to share the vision and support the organization in a bigger way? A Visionary has a heart for the Lord and the James Project of Latin America, annually donates personally, speaks to groups about JPLA, and commits to a minimum fundraising goal.

To learn more about becoming a JPLA Visionary visit www.jamesprojectinternational.org.

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