

# sgf guatemala ministry

Bringing the way and the truth and the life of Jesus to the impoverished, abused and abandoned children of Guatemala

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From Jacobo in Zacapa...

Elías Caleb Aldana is currently ten years old. He arrived at the Zacapa Children's Home last November. The background of his young life is very painful. When we first spoke with him, he said, "Brother, I want to thank you for the happy moments you bring us. It's clear you love us..."

He paused, his eyes filling with tears, and continued telling us his story. He said he has parents who don't love him and have treated him very badly. He showed me several scars on his body, many of them burns. He told me about the times he was beaten and how his father forced him to watch inappropriate things. Now, at the home, he feels calmer, although he is also being teased by several children because of his skin color. Caleb likes to hear about the love of Jesus and tells me he feels good with us because we don't reject him. Something I have noticed is that he likes to read God's word. We gave him a copy of the New Testament, and he always carries it with him. He has learned several Bible verses. Let us pray that our God will do a wonderful work in his life.

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## Prayers & Projects

- Praise that the ministry in Xela was able to find a used van after many months of searching.
- Please pray for protection, strength and wisdom for the missionaries and their families.
- Specifically in Zacapa, Jared has asked for prayer for the health of his own children and many of the children in the government home who have recently had respiratory illnesses.
- Raising funds for Josias & Candy to buy a needed giant sized pot, pan and utensils for the large groups they serve.



From Josias in Xela.....



Santa Colop is the mother of Angel Gustavo, a sponsored child. Her son Angel also attends Maranatha Bible School. She is a woman who has suffered from having an alcoholic husband. Last year, the father would arrive at Maranatha School drunk. We saw how sad Angel was to see his father's condition. God moved us to talk with the father and ask God to remove this problem from his life. God, in His love, has allowed Santa's husband to be sober for several months now. We ask for your prayers so that God may bring restoration to Santa Colop's family.

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A special joy was beginning our work in 2026 with the Teenage Girls' Government Home. The population decreased after the chickenpox outbreak. There are currently about 80 teenage girls and approximately 25 babies. We ask for your prayers for the new projects the ministry has planned for this home.

1. The School for Mothers: This will be led by Sarah (Aguilar) Colop, my niece, who is currently a mother to a baby (Thiago). She is helping mothers learn how to properly care for their babies, drawing on her experience as a mother (Sara has one teenage daughter and 3 sons). Our desire is to support these teen girls so they can guide their children in the ways of God and receive godly advice on raising their children.
2. The School of Hope: This school is for the teen girls who do not have children. My wife, Candy, will be supporting the teenagers by guiding them in developing a life plan to nurture their moral character and allow God's help to bring healing and restoration to their lives. She will also provide classes that will help them in life. Next month we will give you more good news about what God is doing through the ministry in Xela.

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Thank you for praying for these children and the Aguilar.

To God be the glory,