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

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A story of God's hope from Josias in Xela....

"I stopped cutting myself," "María" told me "Thank you for motivating me to keep going. I love you very much. Thank you." Just last week "María" approached us crying and asking for prayer. She has a background of sexual and mental abuse starting at age 3. The government had to intervene in her situation and she now lives in the government home in Guatemala. She was living with her baby boy until he passed away. "Since he died," she told me, "I feel like I have nothing left to live for." Maria shared with us that she had been struggling with difficult thoughts and self-harm. She had been cutting her arms frequently and felt like she didn't deserve to be alive. We spent time praying and encouraging her, letting her know that she is precious and that God cares about her. I asked her to make a promise, not to me, but to God, that she would take care of herself and stop cutting her arms. On Wednesday we received the great news that she had stopped cutting herself. Maria told us she is thankful to everyone who has been praying for her. This story reminds us of the power of prayer. God is good and he wants to redeem us from our past, no matter how dark. We ask you to keep "Maria" and the rest of the girls of the government home in your prayers. **Name changed and photo not shown for legal reasons upon request of the Guatemalan government.



All of the children in the Maranatha Bible School were blessed with hats.

Thank you Auburn Sewers & Rippers!!!



We also gave out quilts to the new teenagers in the girls home and at this month's Xesana breakfast. One of the things that touched my heart was giving the quilt to a girl, pictured to the right. She received it with tears in her eyes, seeing the photo and the note from the person who made the quilt. This note that talked about the love of Jesus touched her heart. God is using the Sewers and Rippers ministry!



Sponsorship Program update: We had the blessing to visit a number of families in the Santa Maria Chiquimula mountains. This is one of the poorest areas in all of Guatemala. We have added 5 new families to our program and each of these children comes from families with many needs. All of the children sleep in the same room as their parents and all their siblings, often without a bed. Most houses do not have electricity, water or bathrooms. We praise God for providing them sponsors so that they can now have food on the table. God has placed a burden on our hearts for this community and we hope to continue adding more sponsored children in this area. We would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who sponsors a child in Guatemala, and we want you to know that God is using you in significant ways to bless the children in Guatemala.



Sponsored children from the mountains of Chiquimula near Xela, Guatemala

A story of God's love from Jacobo in Zacapa....

This is the story of Walfre Alexander Alvarado Veliz. He arrived at the Zacapa Home four years ago when he was 8 years old. Walfre grew up in a home where his father physically abused them every day. Because of the violence, he decided to stay on the streets to avoid his father's abuse, until one day the authorities found him alone on the street and took him to the Zacapa Home. God has given me the opportunity to be with this boy and share God's love with him. He used to be a very quiet child who wanted to be alone, until God began to work in his life. Now he loves playing soccer, board games and above all, he loves hearing God's Word. You come to love these little ones as your own children. Once, he hugged me and said, "I want you to be my dad. Can you adopt me, please?" My heart broke at that moment. I asked him, "Why do you want me to be your dad?" Walfre replied, "You love me. You play with me. You tell me you love me. My dad never treated me as nicely as you have." I just hugged him and thanked God for allowing me to touch the lives of these little ones and to be, for many of them, the dad they never had. He had a dream of having the World Cup sticker album, and together with several of his friends, we've been filling it out. Walfre loves God, and God's love comes to these children.

Walfre and friends filling out the World Cup sticker album the Aguilar's brought for the children.



Walfre & Jared Aguilar

Prayers & Projects

- Please pray for the health and safety of our missionaries, and for their spiritual and personal development. In Zacapa - Jacobo & Betty Aguilar, Jared & Victoria Aguilar, their children Santiago, Faith & Bernabe. In Xela - Josias & Candy Aguilar, David Aguilar, Sarah Colop, Samuel & Melanie Aguilar.
- We continue to look for folks who want to partner with the ministry to provide an Outreach Breakfast in the neighborhood of Xesana in the mountains of Chiquimula. For \$350 the Aguilar's can provide a healthy breakfast, worship, sharing the gospel and fellowship to 250+ people (mostly children). Please let us know!

Thank you for praying for these children and the Aguilar's.

To God be the glory,