

Sponsorship Month Resource Package

Church Edition

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General Resources

Thank you for participating in Sponsorship Month with Impact Ministries. Whether you celebrate sponsorship all month, or pick a Sunday as "Child Sponsorship Sunday," we hope you'll find the resources you need to encourage the meaningful connections that develop through sponsorship in your congregation. If you have any questions, feel free to contact <u>communications@impactministries.ca</u> or 250-434-4350.

We recommend right-clicking on the links, and opening resources in a new tab

Powerpoint Images





Announcements

text-only for bulletin, verbal announcements, email updates etc

May is Sponsorship Month, and this May we're inviting you to sponsor a whole class of kids in Guatemala through our mission partner, Impact Ministries. You'll be providing school supplies, school meals, and appropriate facilities - but best of all, you'll be providing a teacher who cares for these kids and is teaching them just how much God loves them. Support a class today at www.impactministries.ca/class

Social Media Posts

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You've heard of child sponsorship, but did you know you can sponsor a whole CLASS of kids in Guatemala through our mission partner, Impact Ministries? You'll be providing school supplies, school meals, and appropriate facilities - and you'll be providing a teacher who cares for them and is teaching them how much God loves them. Each class has a cluster of 10 units of sponsorship. You can sponsor one or several, and you can invite friends to join your cluster and support a class together. Support a class today: www.impactministries.ca/class Note: Tag Impact Ministries @mylifeimpacted	May is Sponsorship Month, and this May we're inviting you to #SponsorAClass in #Guatemala through our mission partner, @mylifeimpacted. You'll be providing school supplies, school meals - and a teacher who cares for them and is teaching them how much God loves them! Each class has a cluster of 10 units of sponsorship - you can sponsor one or several, and you can invite friends to join your cluster and support a class together. Follow @mylifeimpacted to learn more! #ChristCenteredSponsorship #GrowingGodlyLeaders #SponsorAClass #SupportAVidaClass #SponsorAChild #MissionPartner #CelebratingSponsorship #EducateGuatemala	Note: add link sticker for: https://www.impactministries.ca/class



During Sponsorship Month, you'll also find social media posts to share on the Impact Ministries <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> Feeds

Videos

More videos are available on our YouTube Sponsorship Playlist

Sponsor a Child in Guatemala (~ 5 min)	An overview of the Child Sponsorship Program in Guatemala Can also use as segments 0:00-2:03 Program Overview 2:04-2:47 Sponsor Kyle shares about visiting sponsor child 2:48-3:33 Sponsor Kyle shares what sponsorship means to children and families in Guatemala
An Indescribable Amount of Joy (~ 1 min)	Sponsor Tobias shares how sponsoring a class has impacted his life and brought him "an indescribable amount of joy"
When I have a Sponsor (~ 1 min) Image: A state of the sta	God uses sponsors to bless children and families in Guatemala. And when the children know they have a sponsor, they are filled with excitement!





Additional Resources

These resources are organized by activity, but feel free to use however they work best for you!

Celebrate Sponsors

Celebrate sponsors! Invite everyone in your congregation to send in a picture of the child or class that they sponsor (through any organization) and create a powerpoint slide or bulletin board display of all the lives that are being impacted through sponsors in your church! Pray for the sponsors and the children during the service.



A prayer for sponsors and their children:

Dear Lord, Thank you that You love children all over the world Thank you that we can share your love with children around the world We pray that these children will feel their sponsors' love across the miles And through their sponsors' love, we pray that they will get a glimpse of how much they are loved by You We pray that these children would learn and grow, and that their hearts would be opened to the hope that there is in You We pray that your grace would rest upon these children and their sponsors May their lives glorify you Amen

(More ways to pray for sponsor children: Praying for Children in Guatemala and The Privilege of Prayer.)



Help us celebrate Sponsorship this month! If you sponsor a class or a child, please send us their picture, so that we can celebrate all the lives being impacted by our church! If you've travelled to meet your class or child, share that photo! Email the image to _____ by ____. (Looking for a class or child to sponsor? Check out https://impact.sponsorsoft.ca)

In May, we're celebrating Sponsorship. Look at the impact our church is making! Thank you to everyone who sponsors a class or a child 💙





Share the Need

Share the need. Take 5 minutes on a Sunday morning to share the Impact Ministries Sponsorship video that shares so clearly the needs in Guatemala and the impact of sponsorship on the life of a child. Print off some profiles of classes and children who still need sponsors and have them available for your congregation to sponsor after the service.



The video link can be shared, or the video can be downloaded from Google Drive and uploaded directly to your social media channel:

May is Sponsorship Month! Take 5 minutes to see what your sponsorship means to children in Guatemala: <u>https://youtu.be/42vg4wyAJbM</u>



To print off profiles of classes and children who still need sponsors:

- 1. Go to https://impact.sponsorsoft.ca/
- 2. Click on the "More Info" button of the class or child profile you'd like to print
- 3. Use Ctrl+P or Command-P on your computer or the print option on your phone

Connect with a Class

Connect with a Class. Choose a class to find sponsors for or to sponsor as a church, Sunday School program, youth group or seniors group (you'll be providing resources, school supplies, facilities, even teacher's salaries!). Take a group picture to send to your class, and collect words of encouragement from the group to pass along (you can message your class through Sponsorsoft)

You can find more information about sponsoring a class (and classes waiting for sponsors) at <u>www.impactministries.ca/class</u>

To write your class:

- 1. Log into Sponsorsoft
- 2. Go to MESSAGES > COMPOSE
- 3. Select the class you sponsor as a recipient, write your message, choose a picture to attach, and press submit.

Writing as a large group? Give each individual a sticky note or a strip of paper to write their words of encouragement. Designate an individual to collect and type the encouragement into Sponsorsoft, then use the sticky notes to create a display or turn the strips of paper into a paper chain.

Make it a Challenge

Make it a challenge! Invite someone from your church to share about their sponsor class - or the class you sponsor as a group - and the impact this sponsorship is making. Challenge others in the congregation to also sponsor this class (each class i a cluster of 10 units of sponsorship), or to sponsor a child or class from the same school! Maybe even offer a fun incentive if your congregation meets its goal.

Consider adding a fun incentive, eg: if our congregation adds 10 units of sponsorship, we'll do an appreciation breakfast in two weeks!



To find the link to your specific class

- 1. Log into <u>Sponsorsoft</u>
- 2. Go to MY SPONSORSHIP > MY CLASSES and click on the class photo
- 3. Copy the link from the browser address bar

To encourage sponsorship from a specific school, use the following links:

Agua de Vida Chijulhá School	www.impactministries.ca/vidachijulha
Vida Chamché School	www.impactministries.ca/vidachamche
Vida Chijacorral School	www.impactministries.ca/vidachijacorral
Vida Mocohán School	www.impactministries.ca/vidamocohan
Vida Nueva School	www.impactministries.ca/vidanueva
Vida Purulhá School	www.impactministries.ca/vidapurulha

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