



2019 Ministry Report

Dear Ministry Partners,

2019 marks the end of not just another year, but another decade. And, more than ever, we are excited to see what 2020 has to bring.

In 2020, Impact Ministries is celebrating 20 years in Guatemala. When we look back to where we started - a dream, 1 school, 73 students - I'm reminded that God specializes in small beginnings. Who, back then, would have even imagined 1575 students, three churches, a medical clinic and a children's home?

So we look ahead, knowing that God is continuing to work his purposes in the highlands of northern Guatemala. Every year we see more young men and women stepping into leadership. Every year we see more children discovering how much God loves each of them. Every year we see anew how faithful a God we serve.

While the numbers can never fully portray what God is doing through your involvement in Impact Ministries, we hope that this report give you a small glimpse into how you are making an impact in Guatemala.

Thank you for faithfully serving alongside us - through prayers, through gifts, through support and encouragement.

Les Peters CEO Impact Ministries Canada

Vida Schools

In 2019, 1575 students attended a Vida School in Impact's 7 elementary school streams, 3 junior high streams, and 1 high school stream (the teacher training graduation program) in and around the municipality of Tactic.

This year, we expanded the Agua de Vida Chijulhá School to include up to Grade 4 and the Vida Nueva School to include up to Grade 7. Vida Nueva now has the full elementary program! The Chamché Rebuild also allowed us to add an additional class at Vida Chamché.

75 Vida students graduated from Grade 10, and 17 students graduated from our Teacher Training program.

Our school nutrition program continues to serve over 7500 meals/week to Vida students, and includes produce grown by the Impact Ministries agriculture program on the menu.

We are thankful for dedicated teachers - many who have themselves been students at Vida Schools - who serve faithfully in our classrooms.

Sponsorship

Canadians sponsored 1385 of our Vida students in 2019, and 302 Canadians sponsored one or more classes in our Vida schools.

Vida Churches

Over 500 people attend the Rio de Vida churches in Tactic, in Mocohán and in Purulhá. We've added an afternoon service at Tactic. Every six weeks all the congregations come together to worship. The churches celebrated 46 baptisms in 2019, and have 17 active neighbourhood cell groups.

Medical & Dental Clinics

The Impact Ministries Medical Clinic served about 1500 patients in 2019, in addition to doing wellness checks on our 1575 students, and Impact Ministries Canada sent 5 medical/dental teams to provide medical and dental clinics in the area.

Orphan Care

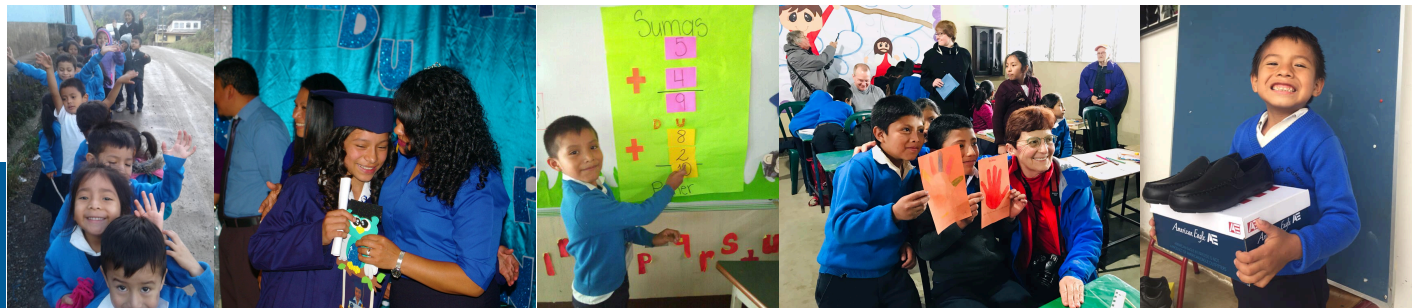
The Vida Children's Home received official approval this July and we cared for a total of 6 babies in the second half of 2019! Ten staff are part of the care team for these babies.

Short-Term Mission Teams

Impact Ministries welcomed 26 teams from Canada in 2019 - including church groups, school groups, and medical/dental teams.

Canadians also stepped up to fill special roles in Guatemala. They taught courses for our staff such as first aid and English, and served as guesthouse/team hosts.

Our sending team has grown through the addition of Kristyn Mackenzie as our new Teams Coordinator and Martha Sawatzky as our new Fieldworkers Coordinator.



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Mission Statement

To train Guatemalans for leadership by teaching Biblical principles in such a way that they become integrated in their lives and effect spiritual change in their society, and to impact North American Christians for world missions.

Thank you for Growing Godly Leaders!

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Vida Children's Home

The most exciting news of 2019 was the official approval of the Vida Children's Home! Thank you to all who prayed for this day!

Within days - even before the official grand opening - Baby Joseph was placed in our care. Baby Joseph has since found a loving home with his grandparents, but we're glad to have been there for him when he needed us. And we've continued to be there for four baby girls and one more baby boy who have been part of the Vida Children's Home family in 2019.

The houseparents, Irma and Dionicio, are surrounded by a wonderful team of nannies, a housekeeper, a social worker and a psychologist to help provide for the little ones in their care. Orphan Care Champions have come alongside the Vida Children's Home to pray for and provide financially for these children.

Some of the babies' stories are absolutely heartbreaking. All of our babies have faced loss and abandonment early in their young lives, and we know God loves each of them! One of our little girls came to us born prematurely and a mere four pounds. She was conceived during rape and abandoned at birth. At the Vida Children's Home, she quickly gained a few pounds and she is now growing healthy, determined and strong. God has placed her in a home where she is loved and where she has hope and a future.



Children's Lives Impacted

We'd love to introduce you to all the children whose lives are being impacted in Guatemala - but 1500 stories are a lot to share. So let us just share one with you. Let us introduce you to Elvira:

Elvira lives with her older sister because her mom died when she was just a baby. Elvira and one of her sister's children take the younger ones to and from school every day. They guide the little ones from their impoverished village to Vida Nueva School - about an hour's walk. The path is steep and rocky, and so slippery when it rains, but that doesn't stop them from attending.

We've seen so many changes in Elvira in the last few years. She's been doing her homework and helping in the classroom. She's found community among her classmates and she's learning to worship God with all her heart!

Elvira doesn't have much, and she's gone through a lot at a young age, but her courage and her reliance on God are becoming evident.

Her goals are to finish each school year with good grades and to learn more about God. Eventually, she wants to become a doctor so that she can give back to help the people in her village.

Volunteer from Home!

Translation: We have lots of children who love hearing from their sponsors (and vice versa!). Our translation team helps translate this correspondence. High intermediate Spanish and English required.

Graphic Design: Do you have access to and experience with InDesign? We need a few volunteers for design updates and occasional projects.

These are just a few of our volunteer positions. You can visit www.impactministries.ca/volunteer to find more opportunities, or email volunteer@impactministries.ca.

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