

Faith Beyond Imagination

“He encouraged me to think big. To look up far beyond my surroundings. To see things from God’s perspective. I thought I had, but since then I have learned that the Kingdom of God has no limits. It is beyond my imagination.”

Pastor Mynor Toc serves the Tactic congregation of the Rio de Vida Church and also teaches Bible classes for the Junior and Senior High students at our Vida Schools. As he talks about his own faith and those who have encouraged him on the journey, it’s easy to see why he has been used so powerfully by God to raise up other young men in the ministry.



Pastor Mynor Toc

“He is a worshipper and spends time alone in worship with the Lord,” Les Peters explains. “He hears from God and has a wonderful way of relating what God has taught him. This closeness with the Lord makes him an ideal leader.”

Many of our leaders came to Impact as Vida students, but Mynor was already a teacher when he heard about the ministry. “I only went along to accompany my brother,” says Mynor about that first visit to Tactic from Cobán, “but I became very excited to find out what God was doing here.”



Mynor accepted the school worship leader position that was offered to him. Over the years, he transitioned from being a teacher to being a vice principal, then a principal, and now a pastor with Impact Ministries. “We have seen that wherever Mynor serves, the people who serve under his care feel nurtured, encouraged, challenged, and blessed,” says Les.



Mynor has received discipleship and is continuing to disciple future generations

Mynor is equally grateful for the discipleship he has received through Impact Ministries. “Les and Rita’s leadership has taught me to be willing to give my life to the service of the Lord,” says Mynor. “They have taught us, corrected and challenged us to seek more of the Lord.” And Mynor has shared this challenge with those he pastors and mentors. “I have seen in each of these areas the opportunity to reach out and help the youth and the brothers of the church to develop the character of Christ in their lives.”

Pastor Mynor continues to disciple those in the Rio de Vida congregation, as well as the students in his classes. “I never imagined that God wanted to use me to shepherd and take His Word to so many children, youth and adults,” he says.

Please pray for the leaders in our schools, in our churches and throughout the ministry, as they disciple others and as they grow their own faith beyond imagination.

Sharing Hope in Crisis

To even better equip our leaders to provide spiritual care in their communities, Impact Ministries is partnering with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to bring their *Sharing Hope in Crisis* training to Guatemala this November, along with two intensive crisis intervention courses.

Leaders like Mynor are often asked to respond in times of crisis. This training teaches them how to offer hope while listening to and praying with people, along with in-depth strategies for assisting individuals in challenging situations and supporting grief following a crisis.

Will you help us equip leaders to offer God’s hope in difficult situations? Donate at impactministries.ca/hopeincrisis to help with our portion of the training costs.



Mynor and a church member pray with a mother affected by Tropical Storm Eta

Visiting sponsor children, delivering gifts, and experiencing the love of Jesus through true Guatemalan hospitality was such a cool experience. It taught me that Jesus smiles when we are hospitable and generous. The people in Guatemala gave, gave, and gave some more despite the fact that (by North American standards) they had nothing to give.



Once I came home, I did my best to emulate Guatemalan hospitality and generosity, adopting the mindset that my physical wealth is not my own but rather a gift of the Father. I can decide each day to thank God for the gifts He has given me and use them well.

~ Micah / Impact Trip: 2019

My time in Guatemala broadened my perspective about priorities in life and helped me see more of how big God is.

I learned more about trusting God and being courageous.

The things I learned still impact me today greatly. I pray more about all my worries, and trust God more.



~ Emily / Impact Trip: 2018 (& 2019)

Faith Out Loud

Can 10 days in Guatemala really make a lasting difference in the faith journey of those who go? We asked a team leader and a few students from Linden Christian School who have been on Impact Trips to weigh in.

Sometimes going on this trip transforms someone's entire trajectory for life. Moving away from self-focus and instead toward other-focused ways of living. This is amazing and encouraging and rewarding.

Impact shapes the hearts of our students to love God and others better. Time and time again I see our students have these "aha"-type moments where they realize that they can make a tangible difference in other people's lives with the goodness of God.

This perspective change is awesome. It actually happened to me. It is one of the main reasons I am in ministry. We've now had three students return to serve or teach at Impact. A life of service is modeled there; that is what changes our students.

I am beyond thankful for the work of Impact and the way it has influenced both my life and the lives of many students I value.

~ Mr. Dalzell

My time in Guatemala impacted my faith journey in a huge way. The most memorable thing to me was that the people there lived their faith so much more out loud than I've ever seen in North America.



The contagious joy they have is something I've really tried to adopt in my own life. Learning to be a joyful person was definitely a challenge, but more than a year later, it's made a big difference in how I view the world. I've learned that being joyful doesn't mean you're happy all the time. It means that you have joy for the things to come, and joy in the peace of knowing that God is always with you.

~ Alyssa / Impact Trip: Early 2020

Want to grow your own "out-loud" faith? Most travel restrictions have lifted, and we welcomed our first short-term mission team back to Guatemala in August! We're once again scheduling teams, accepting applications for our Sponsorship and Open Medical Teams, and looking forward to seeing many of you in Guatemala! Now is the time to reach out to schedule your team or to start the process of joining an Impact Trip. Learn more at [impactministries.ca/teams](https://www.impactministries.ca/teams).

Longing for More

Impact Ministries has always been about training, impacting, and growing. Everything we do, from our schools and churches to our short-term mission teams, is designed to equip disciples to follow Jesus anywhere, anytime and at any cost.

That's why we're so excited to be launching the VIDA School of Discipleship! "Often, after a ten-day mission, we hear participants wishing they could be further involved with what God is accomplishing in Guatemala," says Founder and Field Director, Les Peters. "They taste of God's goodness and long for more!"

The VIDA School of Discipleship invites North Americans to spend three months in Guatemala, living in intentional community and participating in intensive discipleship opportunities. They'll apply lessons learned by engaging in local churches, interacting in our Vida Schools, and participating in outreach opportunities in the local community. But the discipleship journey doesn't end after Guatemala; participants continue connecting with their class via weekly online meetings and continued mentorship for nine more months back home.

"We anticipate that students will emerge transformed, having discovered their calling," says Les, "with a fresh relationship with Christ, a Kingdom perspective, and a love for the lost, for God's Word and for the Body of Christ."

Right now, Impact Ministries is working on renovating and repurposing the Chicoy Campus to house the very first VIDA School of Discipleship cohort in 2022. We're changing classrooms into dorm rooms, adding bathrooms, and renovating the kitchen and dining areas. Will you consider investing in this project that will pay dividends in lives changed for years to come? Donate at [impactministries.ca/repurposechicoy](https://www.impactministries.ca/repurposechicoy) to help us lay the groundwork for this wonderful new component of ministry.

If you or someone you know is looking for an intensive disciple adventure, you can learn more or apply at [impactministries.ca/schoolofdiscipleship](https://www.impactministries.ca/schoolofdiscipleship). The application deadline for the January session is November 15th.

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"Equipping Disciples"



Impact is again welcoming teams to Guatemala! Our first team back spent lots of time at the medical clinic, as well as participating in outreach programs and class visits. Check out impactministries.ca/teams to find out how you can come to Guatemala too.



◀ **It's been a bit of a chaotic year, but** with less than a month of classes left in Guatemala, we can confidently say that through it all, God has provided. Vida Schools saw over 1700 students registered this year and over 90% of these students have a sponsor. We also successfully piloted a weekend extension program.

The Impact Medical Clinic is being revitalized, with Dr. Chris Brandenburg pioneering the role of Medical Engagement Coordinator. Dr. Chris is working with Guatemalan and North American medical personnel to ensure the medical clinic is consistently staffed. Check out impactministries.ca/medical to see how you can help by giving or going.



◀ **Join us in welcoming Paul Haberstock (left) and Dr. Alex Mazurek (right) to the Impact Ministries Canada Board.** Paul lives in Alberta and has been to Guatemala many times with his classes from Living Waters Christian Academy, and Dr. Alex, a medical doctor from BC, has been on our Finance Committee for the past year. They are a fabulous addition to the team!

Have you joined VidaLive "on location" in Guatemala yet? Since this summer, we've been hosting short interactive online events streamed live from our various ministry locations in Guatemala. Learn more (& join the next one) at impactministries.ca/vidalive

