

Love and Provision

Daylan's mom was sad. Despite working hard at a bakery, she was struggling to provide for her son's needs. Since her husband left, finances had been tight, and even though most of Daylan's tuition was covered by sponsorship, the extra expenses of the new school year seemed overwhelming.



Daylan and his mom are so grateful

Daylan was going into Grade 2 at Vida Chamché School this year, and she wanted him to have a backpack and his school supplies when school started. She asked God to help her and she went to a relative to borrow some money, even though she wasn't sure how she would pay it back.

The phone call from school came just in time. Daylan had a special gift waiting from his sponsor. Tears of joy rolled down her cheeks as she realized that God was continuing to show them His love and provision through Daylan's sponsor from Canada. Daylan received his gift of a beautiful backpack, school supplies, and even some groceries.

Daylan and his mom are so grateful to Daylan's sponsor, and they pray blessings for her. They have seen God's faithfulness through the tuition, shoes, food hampers, health care, and other benefits that sponsorship regularly provides for Daylan. Daylan is enjoying Grade 2. He likes to paint and do his homework, and he has a big smile every morning when he goes to school (and even when he's learning from home). Through his sponsor, Daylan has seen that God is indeed a loving Father who never forsakes His children.



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Thank you for Reaching Homes in Need

Just like Daylan, many Vida children and their families have been blessed by their sponsors in a great way. Daylan's teacher says, "Thank you for loving Guatemala and for sponsoring our children, and thank you for reaching those homes in need and showing God's love through your gifts."



Daylan has been sponsored since preschool

Daylan has been sponsored since he started in our program as a preschooler, but there are over 130 students in our schools still waiting for a sponsor. For \$45/month you can sponsor a child in Guatemala. You can see the Vida children who are still waiting for a sponsor at impact.sponsorsoft.ca

Click on their names to read more of their stories and pray with us that through the month of May, we will find a sponsor for each one of them.

Connecting with Eduardo



Rowena and her family are excited to sponsor Eduardo through Impact Ministries

One day, my coworker asked me if I was willing to sponsor a child through Impact Ministries. I remember feeling so delighted hearing the question. Growing up, my husband and I had experienced being recipients of the kind and good works of missionaries in the Philippines, and now we would be able to help a child go to school in Guatemala!

After our first sponsor child left the program, Impact Ministries asked us if we would be willing to sponsor Eduardo. We gladly said yes!

A team from the school I work at went to Guatemala the same year we started sponsoring Eduardo. We were excited to send a card along for him. We also love receiving updates through Impact Ministries, both by mail and through the online system. We've saved all the artwork and photos we've received!

Eduardo has such a big smile! Every time we see a picture of him, it brings extra joy to our hearts. One day, my little boy asked, "I wonder what toys he has that he seems so happy?" It was such a great moment to share with him that it's not toys, but a content heart and a determination to please God that brings true joy.



Sponsorship helps Eduardo go to school

Our prayer for Eduardo is that he would continually enjoy going to school and that he would serve the Lord in whatever capacity he can. We would love to see him achieve all his goals in the future, loving the Lord and his family!

Sponsoring a child gives our heart so much fulfillment, knowing that we are a part of making an impact on a child's life.

Connect with Your Sponsor Child

Rowena says: **"Invest time in knowing your sponsor child better. Take time to write them notes of encouragement or try to learn a few basic words that you can use to greet them when writing them letters"**

Vida students love to hear from their sponsors! And they're great at writing back too. Through your Sponsorsoft account, you can send a digital message to your sponsor child at any time. You can even attach a picture. Our volunteers will translate your message, and then our teachers will make sure it gets to your child!

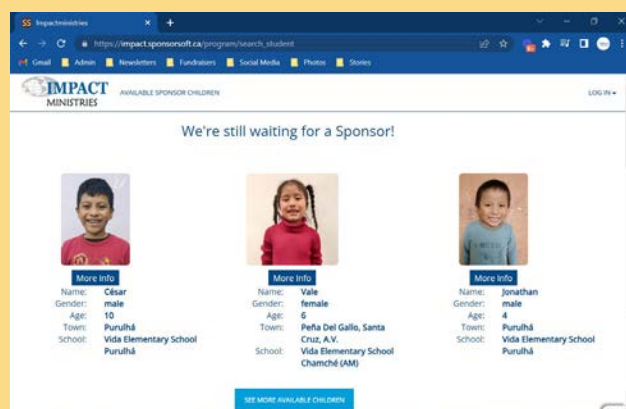


Go to www.impactministries.ca/writeyourchild for instructions on how to send a message to your sponsor child, along with some ideas on what you can write about!

"When my students receive a letter or gift from their sponsor, they feel very excited and happy and above all, very thankful! Their faces have such big smiles," says Teacher Gabriel (see Gabriel's story on next page).

Delighted to be Asked

Rowena was delighted to be asked by a coworker to sponsor a child! Which of your friends or family members, like Rowena, might just be waiting for an invitation? Will you share the excitement of sponsoring a child with someone you know? You can find our children still waiting for a sponsor at impact.sponsorsoft.ca.



Dreams Fulfilled

My name is Gabriel. Before I started attending school, I used to help my family by looking for and selling firewood. I thought that this would be what I would do for the rest of my life.

But my life changed when I began to study at what is now Vida Chamché School at the age of eight. God blessed me through the school and through my sponsor. There were times when I didn't have clothes and shoes, but thanks to my sponsor, I received the shoes and the school uniform that I needed.

As I grew up in the school, I also learned about the Word of God and about worship. These teachings filled my heart, since my family had many difficulties. I began to share with my parents about the good, faithful and powerful God that I was learning about in school. It took many years, but, through the grace of God, my parents have become children of God too!

Before they became believers, there were times when my parents wanted me to work with my dad rather than go to school. I always asked the Lord to help me and to also give my parents wisdom. The Lord was always there, and I managed to finish high school and even post-secondary education.

Today, rather than hauling firewood, I teach Junior High at Vida Mocohán School. I thank God for the life He has given me, and I also give thanks for the life of each sponsor.

Thank you for the effort you make every day to bless our children and young people.

Many of my students tell me that it is truly a miracle when they get groceries, blankets or warm clothing. Their parents tell me that they receive so many blessings because their children study at our school. They marvel at the many ways in which God sends them help and they thank Him for the sponsors.

Through the help you send, many dreams have been fulfilled and many goals achieved, just as mine were.



*Photo above: Instead of hauling firewood, Gabriel now teaches Jr High
Below (l to r): Gabriel (back row centre) as an elementary student; Gabriel worshipping at school; Gabriel growing up as a Vida student*



I want to help children fulfil their dreams!

☐ Sponsor a child for \$45/month

☐ Sponsor _____ children for \$_____/month

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News and Updates

This year we have over 1750 students registered in our Vida Schools. While in-person classes are still tied to local Covid rates, teachers continue to reach out to their students in whatever ways they can to teach and nurture their students.



We are so excited to have Dr. Rivas seeing patients at the Impact Clinic on a monthly basis, and to have Medical Teams back in Guatemala supplementing the health care that we can provide locally. Check out www.impactministries.ca/medical for ways to get involved.

◀ **We had a great time with our January VIDA School of Discipleship participants,** and are already looking forward to the summer cohort. Want to live life intentionally and experience intimacy with Jesus? We're now accepting applications for January and July 2023 at www.impactministries.ca/schoolofdiscipleship



◀ **A generator has arrived in Guatemala** for the Chisac property and the Vida Children's Home! A big thank you to those who donated and helped with the logistics of getting the generator here. This will be a huge help when the power goes out!

Our VidaLives are now happening on the 17th of each month, and we've so enjoyed personally introducing you to some of our Guatemalan leaders via Zoom. In May we'll be connecting with this Vida sponsor child who is all grown up now, and in June we'll be at one of our schools! Details at www.impactministries.ca/vidalife



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