

# OUR GIVING PHILOSOPHY

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We are thrilled for the awesome privilege of being able to give. We are thankful to God for His faithful children who abundantly provide items and donations with which we are able to carry out His mandate of helping those in need.

Our giving always has a purpose and the purpose is to open doors. We are called to share the Gospel and God's love to needy people. By reaching out with a gift of love, interest is sparked and hearts become open to receive the Giver behind the gift.

The Word of God tells us that God so loved that He gave... and He gave in order that all who would believe in Him would be saved and not perish. He gave with a purpose and a desired end result.

We give in the name of Jesus Christ with the prayer that many will come to know the Lord and give their lives to Him. Giving in the context of "relationship" strengthens the impact, so many of the donated items are given to pastors, teachers and leaders to give to the people, making the gift more meaningful.

## **VERY IMPORTANT**

**Gifts brought to Guatemala by Short Term Missions teams are a blessing and we are truly thankful. These suggestions are provided to help you if you choose to bring a gift. Please do not feel any obligation to bring a gift when you come to Guatemala.**

**Impact Ministries discourages gifts for Guatemalan cooks, hosts and drivers. They enjoy a greater exposure to North American guests and the additional gifts they have received in the past sets them apart in their community. It is important to be sensitive to the many people who work in the background and don't have this exposure. All of our staff are fairly paid and cared for by Ministerios Impacto. Thanking the people who serve you during your time in Guatemala with your love and heartfelt thanks is sufficient, but if you wish to give one of them a VERY small gift please get permission to do so from Les.**

## **Hospital Visit:**

40 Small soft toys with pleasant faces for children's ward visit

40 Layettees for the new born babies in the ward which should include:

One receiving blanket

One sleeper

Two or three disposable diapers

One rattle or baby toy

Could also include a small shampoo or soap.

### **Sponsor Child Visit:**

If you already have a sponsor child you may wish to bring a special gift for him/her and the family. A small package could include some of these kinds of items: towels, tea-towels, pillow cases, combs, scissor, kitchen utensils, tool sets, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap, warm sweater, socks, underwear, touque, for your sponsor child (remember the children in Guatemala are smaller than North American children.

We invite teams to bring along items that are very useful and necessary in the Impact Ministries work in Guatemala. Upon arrival in Tactic, **these items will be taken to the Impact Ministries' warehouse** where Impact Ministries' staff will sort and organize for distribution.

All of these items may not be given out while your team is still in Guatemala, but will be stored and handed out throughout the year by pastors, teachers and leaders as the most appropriate giving opportunities arise. Please ensure that these items are packed in garbage bags within your suitcases in order to separate them easily from personal team luggage.

Within the first 24 hours of your arrival in Tactic, these items will need to be taken to the Impact Ministries' warehouse.

### **Items For Our Schools:**

Pencil cases and individual student supplies (pens, crayons, erasers, etc.)

Classroom wall pencil sharpeners

Wall maps

Educational posters

Spanish books, Spanish dictionaries

Colored paper

Construction paper

Card stock colored paper

Journal or fancy notebooks

Special pens of all types

White Board Markers

White Board Brushes

Educational or Christian Spanish DVD's

Spanish Coloring Books

Sports equipment including: Soccer balls, Basket balls, Sports jerseys, etc.

### **Items For Our Offices:**

Staplers

Pens

Tape dispensers

Scotch tape - wide and narrow

Masking tape

Scissors

Paper clips

Note pads

### **Items For Our Warehouse Use:**

Electric tape  
Zip lock bags - all sizes

### **Items For Our People:**

Clothing: Please bring only new or used clothing in VERY good condition. If you are paying to check extra bags filled with clothing, this money may be used more effectively by buying used clothing in Guatemala. \$25 can purchase 200 pieces of clothing in Guatemala. If you are interested in this process, please be in touch with the Teams Coordinator

Children's clothing  
Children's shoes  
Baby clothing and items  
Aprons  
Ladies' clothing  
Men's clothing

#### Toiletries:

Soaps  
Mini-sized shampoos, hand creams, etc.  
Tooth brushes (you can't get too many of these)  
Tooth paste

#### Toys:

Small pleasant toys (not aliens, scary figures, movie characters that don't have a pleasing appearance)  
Lego and Duplo

#### Specialty Items to be used for special outreaches:

Ball Caps  
Scarves  
Jewelry

Team members may also consider leaving towels or personal clothing behind; using it, wearing it and then leaving it to be washed and given away to a needy family.

Partially used tubes of toothpaste, shampoo bottles, etc. that team members leave behind will also be used to bless needy families of the ministry

### **Items for our Missionaries**

- 1) Cell phones – Ministerios Impacto cell phones are fading fast. Cell phones that accept a SIM card are needed.
- 2) Plastic Snack Ziploc bags for dispensing medication
- 3) Corn Meal ( a couple of bags would be nice....interesting that we can't get this in a country where corn is the principle crop)
- 4) Sunny Boy Cereal (a couple of boxes...Les misses this.)
- 5) Canning supplies:
  - 24-30 large wide mouth jars and 24-30 small, wide mouth jars for jams. The lids and a few more bands (we have some bands so we don't need as many) and a few boxes of canning wax. Some pickling spices would be wonderful as well.

- These are things that we can't buy here in the country.
- Perhaps a team could bring one doz of one size (each person wrap up one jar in their personal luggage)....and after several teams, we would have this taken care of.

### **Items For Our Mission Guesthouse**

- Plastic containers/Tupperware type that seal tight, ideally one liter size or bigger
- Twin and queen sized mattress protectors (Plastic) that completely enclose the mattress and zip closed on the side.
- Shower Curtains (good quality).
- Dish towels
- Table clothes to fit tables approx. 72" x 30" (plastic, cloth backed)
- Coffee mugs
- Sharp knives for cutting fruit and vegetables

### **Items For Our Medical Clinic**

For Medical teams, there is a comprehensive list of suggested items to bring and items not to bring. Please contact the Teams Co-ordinator

- Snack size zip lock bags for use at the medical center for dispensing pills.
- sandwich size zip lock bags
- Scissors
- Masking tape
- Pillar 2" or 3" type candles (they only have the very tall thin candles that are not very safe to use when the power is off.)

### **Special Need**

\*\*\*A special need in our construction projects in Guatemala are **roles of 14-2 wire**. They cannot be bought in Guatemala. IF each team can make a donation of one such role, that would be of great help. We have a big NEED for this wire.