

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.

## A God Who Gives

**As we approach the Christmas season, our hearts are filled with joy to know that God has sent His Son Jesus as a gift to humanity.** Isn't it wonderful that we have a God who gives? He gives freely, abundantly, mercifully. This is something very unique about our God. No other religion is centered around a loving God and no other religion provides the free gift of forgiveness of sin.

When people follow God's example and begin to give, they are demonstrating God's presence in their lives. Giving is AMAZING!

The Bible says we are more blessed when we give than when we receive. Think about it... we actually GET the better end of the bargain when we give.

Because of YOUR faithful giving through Impact Ministries, in 2017 we have:

- built our seventh school facility in the central highlands of Guatemala
- registered 1355 students in 10 Vida school programs\*
- hosted 26 short-term missions teams and 18 medical/dental teams
- served over 3000 patients in the our medical clinic
- Finished construction on our home for abandoned babies, the first phase of our Children's Home
- employed 125 Guatemalans in our departments of agriculture, construction, carpentry, mechanics and block production
- maintained 18 vehicles (not a simple task when they serve daily as workhorses on roads that are less than ideal!)
- harvested 635,000 pounds of tomatoes and 37,000 pounds of peppers
- nurtured three growing and vibrant church congregations with an average aggregate attendance of 600 each week



*Chamché Río de Vida Church Service*

- seen 54 of our former students and current staff members registered in a university degree program
- employed 42 of our former students to serve as certified teachers in our schools.

BUT...we must remember that ministry is not measured by buildings, property or programs. These are necessary, but they simply facilitate the real end goal... lives impacted and changed by the power of Jesus. All the programs and accomplishments listed above are a HUGE blessing, but they pale in comparison with the glorious changes we have seen in the lives of our staff, students, church members, and their families!

Because of your giving, we have seen decisions for Christ and baptisms, marriages restored, individuals redeemed from a life of immorality and occultism, and young leaders ordained and serving in full-time pastoral roles.

These people, who have been changed by the power of the Gospel, are bearing testimony that we serve a God who is RICH in mercy, a God who is POWERFUL and MIRACULOUS, a God who TRANSFORMS the human heart and comes to the aid of anyone who calls upon the name of Jesus.

May you experience that same power in your life this Christmas Season.

*Les + Rita Peters*  
Les & Rita Peters

\* In Guatemala, children attend school from 7:30 a.m. until lunch time. We have received special authorization to run an afternoon program in four of our facilities – hence 7 facilities with 10 school programs.



*Maintaining an Impact vehicle*



*Mission Team at Chijulhá School Site*



*Local worker at the Impact carpentry shop*



# Double your Impact when You Build a Brighter Future!

**We're excited to share a special year-end giving opportunity!** Until the end of the year, donations to our *Build a Brighter Future* campaign for school construction and educational programs will be matched dollar for dollar (up to \$75,000!), so your dollars will stretch twice as far!

For our students, having a school to go to is so much more than just an education.

Vida schools provide academics, health care, nutrition, a loving community, and an introduction to God's faithfulness.

**Will you help build a brighter future for the children of Guatemala? Donate today at [www.impactministries.ca/build](http://www.impactministries.ca/build).**



## On-going Vida Construction Projects

Current school construction is ongoing with our Vida Nueva and Vida Chijulhá schools. In Chijacorrál, construction includes completing the second level. Future construction will see us rebuilding the oldest parts of our very first school in Chamché.

## What does attending a *Vida School* mean to you?

I feel very blessed to study in the Vida school, because the Lord made a great change in my life.

~ Gloria



I thank God for the school, because it is a blessing for our village

~ Vilma



Studying at the Vida School is a beautiful blessing, since I learn about and know the Lord. I receive classes with my teacher who loves us and I enjoy a delicious breakfast every day.

~ Ixchel



The Vida school is a blessing to me, because he has taught me great things that I need to know, It is my great hope to continue to know more about God's plans for my life.

~ Marelin



I feel blessed to be attending school every day, since I have the opportunity to know God. I learn more from Him, worship Him every day at the devotional and acquire knowledge that helps my spiritual and academic formation. It's exciting being here!

~ Kevin





# This Christmas, Give Gifts that Make an **Impact!**



## Grow your Gift

The harvest from our greenhouse and fields help our students grow strong and healthy!

\$25 can buy local seeds that grow into an abundant harvest.



## Bridge the Gap

We have many faithful child sponsors and class supporters – but matching students takes time.

\$100 can bridge the gap and provide the necessities for a student to be in school.



## Resource a Class

Your gift of learning resources helps provide a quality education for our students!

\$35 can buy a textbook for our students, while \$875 can outfit a whole class.



## Give Health

Your gift of health helps us treat the injuries and common illnesses of our students and their families, as well as the indigenous people in the surrounding villages.

\$20 can provide first aid kits for our schools.

\$350 can provide the medications for a week-long clinic.



## Protect our Property

Fencing is a necessity rather than a nicety in Guatemala. Give the gift of security by providing a wall around our children's home.

\$120 can put up one section of wall.



## Benefit our Teachers

Our teachers are our front-line missionaries reaching into the lives of our students, and we want to make sure they have the employment benefits they need!

\$75 can provide one month of national health care for a teacher and his or her family.



## Span the Digital Divide

Give our schools the gift of technology to allow our students to learn computer skills vital for future opportunities.

\$250 can buy one computer, while \$6000 can outfit an entire class.

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Select your gifts at [www.impactministries.ca/christmas](http://www.impactministries.ca/christmas).

When your order is complete, you'll be able to download a printable gift card.

## A Month in Canada

by Rita Peters

What wonder! We were absent from Tactic for about a month, and everything continued to grow and run well! Our young leaders have stepped to the plate and are hearing the voice of the Lord as He continues to guide, to teach, to shower with His favour. We are so blessed!!

Les, Tim and I spent four weeks in Canada. It was the first time in nine years that we had all our family together in one place. What a joy! Our son Jonny was married and we welcome Alaina to the family. We were also highly encouraged by the welcoming churches that invited us to share.

## Looking ahead to 2018

### Mission Fests

Look for Impact Ministries at the following Mission Fests early in 2018:

- **Vancouver** (January 26th-28th)
- **Winnipeg** (February 2nd-4th)
- **Edmonton** (February 23rd-25th)

Watch [www.impactministries.ca/events](http://www.impactministries.ca/events) for more Impact Ministries events

### Sponsorship/Family Trip

It's not too early to think about joining our 2018 Sponsorship/ Family Team scheduled for August 7th-17th!

Apply at [www.impactministries.ca/teams](http://www.impactministries.ca/teams)

## Have you donated to Impact Ministries in 2017?

We need your middle initial! We've recently discovered that to be in compliance with CRA regulations, our tax receipts are required to contain a middle initial along with the first and last name. Please help us by updating your information at [www.impactministries.ca/update](http://www.impactministries.ca/update)



### Photo updates



*The kitchen in the Baby Home has its appliances and is looking great! Thank you, Foothills Alliance Ladies team.*



*The Chijulhá School Building was used for the first time for Children's Ministry, in anticipation of the school opening in the new year.*



*Construction at Vida Nueva is ongoing as we work on building the next classroom.*

## Serving in Guatemala

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