

Our Mission...

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.

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2016 Ministry Report

Guatemala

- In the country of Guatemala, people are isolated into 23 people groups.
- Many are bound with polytheistic religious traditions and a syncretism of religious beliefs.
- They live in a 24-hour survival mindset.
- In the midst of poverty and oppression, hearts are open to hear the Gospel.



Education



- In 2016 we had 1522 students in our 10 schools. We served 8110 meals each week to our students and staff.
- Through our **Child Sponsorship** and **Support a Class** programs, we are able to provide high quality education in our Vida schools.
- The Support a Class program has been growing, with 311 class supporters. Our goal is to have 10 supporters per class, and there is room for many more class supporters at \$50/month.
- In 2016 we were so blessed to see students growing, learning and graduating. There were 135 students who graduated from Grade One, 100 from Grade Seven, 80 from Grade Ten and 15 from Grade Twelve! We are so proud of them, and we pray that seeds of God's Word that have been planted in their hearts will continue to grow.
- **New School** – In November 2016, we had the official sod turning ceremony on our Chijulhá property for a new school! Donors have stepped to the plate, providing funds to begin this project, including first year operation costs. Construction is underway!

Church Planting



- The Rio de Vida Church has three congregations. These are in Mochán, Chamché, and Purulhá. Every six weeks all three congregations meet together numbering approximately 600 people.



- There were 22 baptisms in the Rio de Vida church in 2016!
- In September of 2016, it was a tremendous honor to have Hector Beb become the first ordained national pastor of the Rio de Vida Church!



STM Teams

It was our joy to host 22 short-term mission teams from Canada in 2016! Our mission statement states that we impact North American Christians for world missions. We seek to accomplish our mission by hosting teams and giving them the opportunity to 'get their feet wet' with a mission experience. Through this, we know that God is working in hearts to prepare people for His purposes around the world!

Orphan Care

The first phase of the Fountain of Life Children's Home is progressing well, with the baby home nearing completion. The first phase also includes staff housing, for which construction is well under way.



Baby House – December 2016

Health Care

- In 2016, we had twelve medical teams and three dental teams serving in our clinic in Tactic.
- Patients not only received the physical care that they so desperately need, but each patient was also prayed for when they visited the clinic. It is our priority to show them the love of Jesus and the hope that can only be found in Him.
- Over 900 patients were seen by medical teams, and over 100 patients were seen by dental teams, receiving quality medical and dental care. We were also blessed to have nurses, nurse practitioners, dental assistants, a respiratory therapist, a chiropractor, and an optometrist serving in the clinic in 2016.

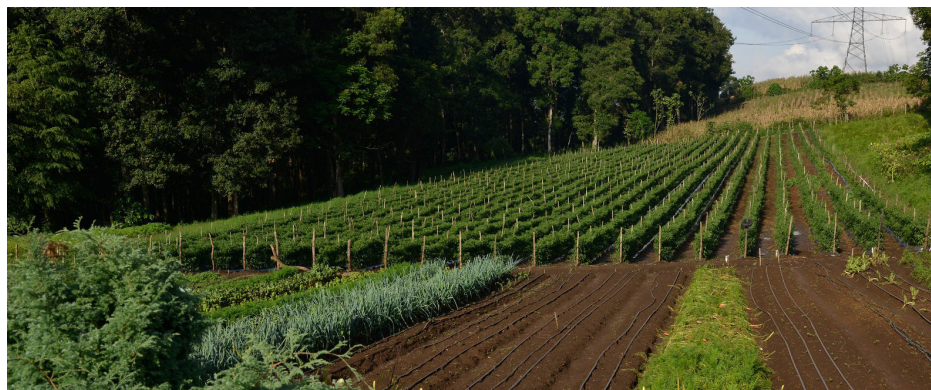


Health in Action

Our "Health in Action" program, a public health initiative was piloted in our Chicoy school. The program continues, with the habit of hygiene being engrained through a structured tooth-brushing and hand-washing program. We are already seeing a difference in the lives of our students, their families, and the community.

Agriculture

We have about 16 acres of land dedicated to agriculture. Crops are being harvested on a weekly basis, providing nutritious meals for the children in our schools. Some of our main crops at this time are tomatoes, celery, cabbage, and peppers, plus the twelve other vegetables and herbs we regularly grow for our school kitchens. In addition, vegetables are sold locally and in Guatemala City.



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