



We look back and testify whole-heartedly, that without God, we would never have been able to accomplish all that has been done through Impact Ministries in Guatemala.

Our many students are not only learning truth and coming into God's kingdom; they are also carrying the light of Jesus into their homes. As the parents of our students listen to their children relating lessons from God's Word, they too, become hungry and open to the Gospel. As a result, there are now eighteen home cell groups that make up three vibrant congregations. In turn, new believers are reaching out to spread God's light to others who still sit in darkness and despair.

We give thanks that our healthcare program is growing by leaps and bounds providing great relief and support to hundreds of families in need. Also, a state-of-the-art greenhouse, which grows strong seedlings, supplies the freshest of produce to feed delicious meals to all of our school children.

Impact Ministries is blessed to be able to employ more than 180 people in areas of construction, agriculture, nutrition, medical, education and support staff. Best of all, almost half of our teaching staff consists of our very own school graduates.

Many of the young people who have chosen to remain after graduation are taking places of leadership to carry the vision of Impact Ministries forward. We are so thankful to the Lord for each one of them.



North American donors, short-term mission workers and child sponsors all provide the funds and encouragement we need to continue to put our hands to the plough.



The challenges are many and the need we have for God's wisdom is constant and great. As the Lord brings us to your mind, please lift us up in prayer. Our hearts' cry is that we would continue to be available to the Lord, with our eyes on Him, following where He leads, fulfilling His desires and constantly giving Him all honor and glory.

Thank You to the 2015 Teams,

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| Esperanza Medical Center Visitors of Pennsylvania | |
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For info. about joining a 2016 Short-term Mission Team visit www.impactminusa.org and click 'Get Involved' or email Tim at teams@impactminusa.org

THE FAITH OF A CHILD

BY ELAINE WAT

Seven year old Mynor, his mother and three year old sister were together in their quiet home. All of a sudden, their father violently burst through the door. He was angry, drunk and began abusing his family. Amidst shouts and cries the father raged, and his anger amplified. He took out a gun and shouted, "I'm going to kill all of you!" Little Mynor bravely stepped in front of his mother and younger sister in their defense. He cried out to his father and said, "Father! God has a plan for you! He has a purpose for your life!" In the midst of his tears, the little boy began to repeat to his father what he had learned in school from his teachers and principal. He shared all of the biblical principles and lessons he had learned each day for the past three years, while attending the Impact Ministries Purulha School. Miraculously, the father lowered the gun and left the home.

The next day, the mother of this young boy trekked 45 minutes to school along a narrow dirt path. In tears, she sat in Principal Jaime's office at the Purulha School, thanking him for allowing her child to attend Purulha Impact Ministries School. She stated what had happened in their home and how her son's confidence and boldness in God, taught and instilled in him at this school, saved their family from a terrible fate. As little Mynor sat beside his mother and watched his mother cry out in great pain and suffering, he turned to her and said, "Mom, I will protect you for the rest of my life. When I grow up and have a wife, I will never treat her the way you have been treated."

This young child, just seven years old, has incredible amounts of courage and faith. Why? Because deep in his heart he knows that when he stands before an abusive and angry father, when he stands before a gun pointed to his head, when he stands before any trials that will face him in his life, he never stands alone.

The child is learning to read, write, calculate, and explore God's world. Most importantly, Mynor and many others, are discovering the greatest gift of all, the power of believing in our Lord Jesus Christ and how it can change lives - at home, in the community and in relationships. THIS is what will truly change the lives of the Guatemalan people. Education is a significant part of this change, but the much larger element is the life changing power of Jesus Christ

in these young children, building up a strong foundation to support them throughout their entire lives. It is the teachers and principals in the Impact Ministries schools who work tirelessly every single day, not solely teaching these children, but also being a shepherd and pastor to them.

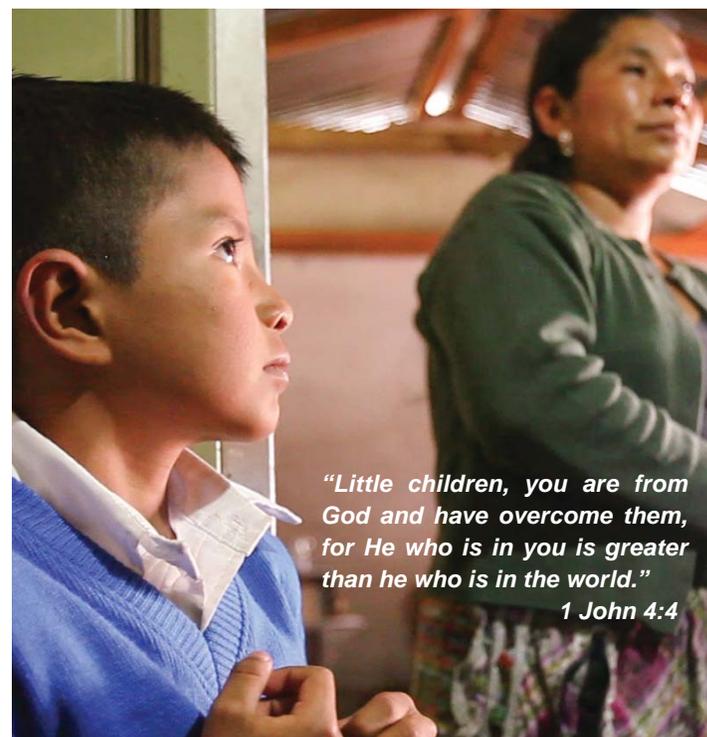
The staff arrive at 7am, welcoming the children into school and worshipping the Lord together in song. They are committed to visiting each and every child's home throughout the school year. Many of these young teachers do not own a mode of transportation, so they often walk up dirt paths high into the mountains to do these home visits.

Our Vida school teachers are dedicated to their students because they have a deep passion and belief in what they do. Although at times it is a struggle, as many of the teachers have families of their own to support, they make the commitment to pastor their little congregation every day in the classroom. In Mynor's case, it saved his life and those of his family.

Impact Ministries' mission is 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. After 15 years of working the ripe soil, the fruit is showing. Many of these teachers are past Impact Ministries students, previous sponsor children who have grown up loving the Lord, believing and experiencing the power of Jesus Christ in their own lives; now as adults they are passionately teaching the next generation.

Impact Ministries has begun a program called "Support A Class" to help these young teachers in the classroom, further their education and theological knowledge, as well as grow in this role of training up future leaders. What a blessing it is to see past students dedicating their lives in leadership to affect their society by bringing the light of the Word of Jesus Christ into these young lives.

Steve and Elaine Wat served as field workers in Tactic for 10 months. Steve served in the medical clinic, and Elaine in photography and communications.



"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

1 John 4:4

Have you ever heard of #GivingTuesday?

Well, Impact Ministries is looking for you to join a team of volunteers to get the word out about this special day of giving on Tuesday, December 1st!

It is easy! You just re-post the (at most 6) communications from Impact Ministries during that day to your friends who may not have any idea about Impact Ministries.

Here's the cool part! Anyone can facebook post all throughout the day, linking posts to the IMUSA facebook page. Donors, we'd love to hear why you donate. Or maybe you're a past short-term team member; post photos and talk about your personal experiences with Impact Ministries staff and students.

Maybe you're interested in being a giver that day? If so, look for the launch of Impact Ministries' #GivingTuesday as early as 7am EST on December 1st!

Go to <http://www.impactminusa.org/GivingTuesday.html> for info

Imagine waking up every day wondering how you will survive the struggle – to feed your family, to care for your sick child with no money to access a doctor, to battle the systemic poverty that crushes you at each and every turn? You know that the only way your children will escape this same cycle is through education and yet, you cannot possibly afford their schooling needs.



Imagine the excitement and hope when you hear that a new school is being established in your area that will not only provide academic education for your children, but also much, much more!! Through minimal tuition fees or volunteer work, your children receive a Christ-centered education, as well as nutritious meals, clothing and access to medical and dental care. Through all of this, the cycle of poverty is broken. How can this be?

Impact Ministries Vida schools provide a means for us to speak words of hope, life and love to those who are in turmoil and who feel that they have no hope and no future. These children, so hungry for the truth and the hope that Jesus provides, rejoice as they encounter His love and grace. They bring the message of the Gospel back to their homes, spreading the Good News to their parents, relatives and friends. Through the witness of these young ones, entire communities are transformed by the love and mercy of Jesus



SUPPORT A CLASS

support a generation of leaders

BY TIM WEAVER



as the Truth is proclaimed through Impact Ministries Vida schools.

Today, Impact Ministries is at an important crossroads. Over the course of fifteen years, the ministry has raised up the first generation of leaders in Alta and Baja Verapaz. We are awe-inspired as we contemplate how God has transformed the lives of our young leaders, who hear His calling into their lives as they pursue Him with their hearts and minds. Now, the time has come that we ask for your help to firm the foundation for the next fifteen years and beyond!

Our challenge is that we have an increasing gap between the income from sponsorship dollars and school program expenses. With ever increasing living costs for our staff and with the current demands placed on our ministry by new government regulations, our overall expenses have grown. We urge you, our sponsors and future supporters, to assist in closing this gap, thereby making our foundation a solid one upon which to build His Kingdom.



There are a variety of methods by which you can bless our students as they grow in Christ and receive a quality education.

If you are a recent or long-term sponsor and are prayerfully considering a deeper commitment, please consider our request. Our young people need you to join with us at this significant point in their lives to minister to Guatemala and beyond.

Tim and Candy Weaver served as field workers in Tactic for 7 months this year as well as handling the U.S. Office. Tim serves as Director of Impact Ministries USA, and Candy in the area of office administration and finance.

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For \$50 per month, you can be a supporter of a class at an Impact Ministries School. Because of generous donations to this project of \$85,000 in matching funds, each new monthly supporter at \$50 a month to the Support a Class Program releases an additional \$400 of matching funds.

Our initial goal is to secure our first 250 class supporters by: **December 31, 2015.**

Also, all one-time gifts are welcome! We will use any size one-time gift to bridge the gap until enough monthly supporters are found for every class.

Go to <http://www.impactministriesusa.org/classes-to-support.html> to donate or use the enclosed form and envelope.

Did you know that Impact Ministries USA can accept gifts of stock and appreciated securities?

Visit <http://www.impactministriesusa.org/non-cash-gifts.html> for more details on non-cash giving.



Mario David serves with Impact Ministries as a worship leader, teacher and bus driver.

MARIO

how God leads

TRANSLATED BY ELI QUIRING

months; I was in so much anguish that I could no longer play soccer. Although I continued to attend church, my heart was no longer in it and I didn't truly see the point of being a Christian. However, God was about to show me something that I could never have imagined!

At the church that I attended, there was a piano that was never played. Seeing my interest, the pastor asked me if I wanted to learn to play. He enrolled me for piano lessons. I soon began to discover that the Lord wanted to use me in a very special way. The Lord changed my desire for soccer into a longing for worship. Within merely six months, I was playing, singing and leading music at church! Soccer was set aside, and although I still enjoy playing the sport, I understand that it was not God's purpose for me. Perhaps soccer would have led to a life with worldly riches, but without the Lord, I would have had a great emptiness in my heart.

I now work with Impact Ministries and it is so amazing to be able to worship the Lord every day at school. I can see the glory of the Lord in the children as He blesses each of them when we come together to worship during devotional times each morning.

I never dreamed that God would lift me from a deep and vile place to make me a worshipper of His name. The Bible says that He created us to give Him honor and glory and I thank God that I can serve Him in this way.

My name is Mario David Lopez and I am thankful for the opportunity to tell you how God's hand has led me to where I am today.

When I was just eight days old, my father was travelling home from Guatemala City to see me for the very first time. On the way, he was robbed, brutally assaulted, and died. I never did meet him. This left my mother as a jobless and depressed single parent. However, the Lord did not forsake us. God's powerful hand helped my mother find a job at which she worked diligently and excelled. In spite of her continuous depression, she provided all of the essentials we needed, including an education for me.

As a fatherless, school-aged child, I faced many challenges. I walked to school alone, even when I was in first grade; and sometimes with only a cup of coffee in my stomach. We often had no food. I also did not have money to buy any food and would often spend the entire day at school without eating anything.

It was during sixth grade that I had a teacher who first spoke with me about the Bible and told me what God desires for each of our lives. The following year I gave my heart to God and came to know Him personally.

As I began to learn to follow the ways of the Lord, I also worked, training daily, toward fulfilling my dream of becoming a professional soccer player. At the age of fifteen I was given the opportunity to play on a team; however, I could not afford to travel to the city of Cobán for training. As I was also becoming careless with my studies, my mother decided that I was no longer allowed to play soccer. She wanted me to focus on school. This filled me with depression for



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