

2019 NEWSLETTER

THE WORD FOR 2019 IS HOPE!

Friends, the **HOPE** you have given to the ministries and their communities in Guatemala this year has been amazing! Your financial and spiritual support continues to make life-long impacts. You are making a difference in the lives of so many people and we cannot thank you enough. Our **HOPE** is that you will continue to see

the hope in the lives of the people we serve in Guatemala. There is always going to be a need. There will always be difficulties, however, our ministry partners are making a difference one life at a time.



PERSONAL TESTIMONY:

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Tammy Wolters from Immanuel CRC in Hudsonville Michigan saw it too:

“It’s hard to sum up 10 days of a Vision trip in just a few minutes but if I have to pick a few words to describe what we encountered, it would be hope and perseverance. The Guatemalan people do not have weak muscles of perseverance. Despite all the poverty, we saw joy and hope. We saw a desire for Heaven. I met Jesus again in Guatemala.”





I MET JESUS AGAIN THROUGH:

- *Pastor Rudy of SIGO VIVO who lost his entire congregation & physical church because he welcomed homeless men in.*
- *Pastor Shorty who cries for one of his rehab men who returns after weeks of being gone & is unrecognizable due to a disease & addiction that has ravaged his body.*
- *Pastor Rafa who risks his life every day to preach in the slums of La Limonada. Who endured 13 minutes of gunfire while huddled in a doorway because nobody would let him in their house for shelter.*
- *Gary & Rachel DeLeon who are bringing hope to people who have lost everything in the volcano last year.*

So, thank you for continuing to support all these grass roots ministries in Guatemala and remembering to pray for the people that we left behind that don't have a life of luxury but risk their own life for Christ everyday."

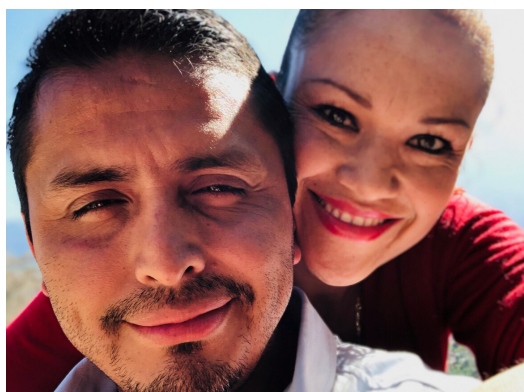
- Tammy Wolters



MINISTRY UPDATES

TESOROS DE GRACIA-SAKERTI - JORGE & MARLEN HERNANDEZ

God is using Pastor Jorge ("Little Gee") along with his wife Marlén as they are the hands and feet of Jesus in Sakerti! Their love and commitment is to live out the Gospel from young to old! From building an addition to their growing day care and preschool, to supplying the elderly people with meals, shelter and healthcare. Through Gee's and Marlen's humble servant leadership, many lives are being touched and saved!



Their Christian preschool and daycare programs are at capacity. The children in the preschool program are starting school already knowing how to read! The after school program, in the neighboring community of Granizo, is growing weekly. This shows the not only the great need, but also that the children are experiencing the love of Jesus on a daily basis. The Elderly Program lost three of its residents this year, however there are more homeless men and women grateful for the opportunity for a place to live.





TESOROS DE GRACIAS CANALITOS-PASTOR ERWIN "SHORTY" LUNA

Pastor Erwin "Shorty" Luna was able to bless many people in his community this year. He took families on an unforgettable excursion to a farm where they picked fruit, enjoyed being out of the "concrete jungle" of the city, felt safe and at peace, played and had an experience of a lifetime. This is the same community where Pastor Shorty, Pastor Rafa serve. This community lost 8 members of their families in recent months due to gang violence.

Shorty regularly shares his testimony on the Drug Free Tour and has spoken to over 10,000 students this year. He has six church plants he ministers to weekly.



GARY & RACHEL DE LEÓN-TAVA PROJECT

Gary and Rachel have spent the past year working with a community of refugees that were displaced from their homes over 18 months ago due to volcano Fuego's massive eruption. Their project is called "The Tava Project". Initially, the plan was to run a vocational school for the youth, but after seeing the needs in the community, in addition to new partners, Tava has expanded. The Tava Project celebrated its inauguration on October 24, with an official ribbon cutting ceremony! Last month they had the honor of attending the official inauguration of TAVA. They are serving 176 children, ages 6-11, in an after school program with a nutritional meal, tutoring and biblical teachings..

They also have 60 older youth that are able to attend vocational school. They can use the new computer lab for vocational on-line training, biblical studies, spiritual counseling, English classes, and life skills; all to better equip them for internships at local businesses that could lead to potential employment.





PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For the safety of all of our ministry leaders as they work in their communities.
- Physical, spiritual and emotional strength for our ministry leaders.
- Pastor Rafa as he has lost two family members this year.
- For the people they serve to feel the hope that only Jesus can give.
- For TAVA students to stay committed to the program, focused on their career choices, and motivated to reach their dreams.

NEEDS:

- Support for tuition and school supplies for 138 students starting school in January. \$65.00/student pays towards tuition, books and school supplies.
- Funding for Shorty and Little Gee's Ministry for Christmas Baskets in each community. \$25ea.
- Support towards construction of the third floor at Pastor Gee & Marlen's church so they can equip more students.
- Funds for a new vehicle for Pastor Shorty & Rafa.

THANK YOU & MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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