



Global Faith Network

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AS THE SEASONS CHANGE,

it is a reminder that while the leaves might fall and the weather will change soon, God's presence will always be with us and among us. The world has experienced such change in the past several months that people have either gone farther away from God or come closer. Our job as a Church and members of God's family is to be light in the middle of darkness, as John 1:5 describes it, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

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JOHN 1:5

Some of our board members had the opportunity early in this pandemic to visit Guatemala. In January they were able to spend time with the leaders and pastors that are the hands and feet of Jesus in Guatemala. They were able to laugh, share a meal and cry together listening to the histories as the communities around were spiraling down.



While this pandemic hit hard around the world, we learned that many organizations were not able to send support as their churches were struggling themselves. Many of our Guatemalan partners were informed that their support was no longer available. All mission teams and vision groups were cancelled. Even still, our leaders in Guatemala were able to continue serving and ministering in their communities. The Guatemalan government has imposed various curfews throughout the year, including complete nationwide quarantine on the weekends. Now, the country has opened their economy and borders with restrictions.



NATHALIE'S STORY:

Global Faith Network has seen testimonies of light as darkness grew: we learned that little Nathalie needed to have urgent surgery as her smile was fading away from kidney cancer. Guatemalan pastor, Erwin Luna, from Tesoros de Gracia, and a group of generous Guatemalans helped her to get the money for surgery in-country along with donors in the USA.

As Nathalie recovers more and more each day, we see glimpses of hope. Today, 3 year old Nathalie continues smiling due to the generosity of the body of Christ.



Throughout these hard times Global Faith Network has been able to partner strategically with other organizations to raise, receive, and send money to buy food for the families impacted by COVID 19. It has been a wonderful partnership with people all over the USA and Canada to make sure the communities have something to eat in their homes as many of them have lost their jobs. We have seen several hundred families and communities receive a donation of non-perishable food items.



OUR MISSION:

ENGAGING PEOPLE AND CONNECTING RESOURCES.

Our mission is simple and clear. We understand the importance of connecting resources by engaging people. For the past 10 months during this pandemic, we have been connecting with donors in-country at one of the largest markets in Guatemala City: CENMA. They have been partnering with us by providing fresh fruits and vegetables every week to hundreds of people and families. We provide the labor, transportation, and all of the resources to make sure the communities that we serve receive this blessing.



OUR VISION:

EQUIPPING LEADERS TO HELP CREATE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES.

VISION TRIPS: As we learn more about the travel restrictions and requirements to get back to Guatemala safely, we will keep you updated on how it develops.

As of October 1, 2020, Guatemala has their borders open and the state of calamity/emergency is no longer in place, nor are curfews. Social distancing and the use of masks are still in place as a requirement to be able to walk freely with in Guatemala. We will let you know when and how will be a good time to visit the ministries in Guatemala again.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Pray for the safety for our Ministry partners; their spiritual, emotional and physical health as they continue working the streets of Guatemala.
- Help us provide Pastor Shorty and the rehab house with more materials for their bakery. These men have not only learned to bake, but also how to give back. They've done this by donating their bread to the pastors and community.
- A donation of \$500.00 per month will:
 - Provide 11,000 loaves of bread and cookies for 700 families from Pastor Erwin Luna's (Shorty's) churches and communities we partner with. This will also help the restoration of the men living at the rehab as they continue to learn a trade and work on the transformation of their own lives.
 - Help Pastor Rafa's son, Erick, with his carpentry shop to teach young people to learn the trade. This gives young people an income as they can sell what they make, and help restore the homes of the families of the communities that are in need.
 - Allow GFN to provide a bag of non-perishable food items to 30 families.
 - Allow GFN to distribute and deliver purified water to 750 families per month, especially the families that do not have access to clean drinking water in their communities.

THANK YOU!

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