

Spring 2016

OPERACIÓN JABEZ

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Stronger Together!

THANK YOU!!!

We want to say a special thank you to everyone of you! Your prayerful and financial support **throughout 2015** has accomplished so much in the Kingdom of God! Because of you and the faithfulness of our great God, we were able to end 2015 strong! *Together, we are stronger!* Thank you for your sacrifice and prayer every step of the way! Just as God led us through this past year, we believe that He has incredible things ahead! We will continue to trust Him, answering the call to build His kingdom in Guatemala. And we pray that you will continue to join us for the journey!

YOU ARE VITAL to all that we are doing to spread the name of Jesus! Without you, so many things would not be possible! Because of you, there are **INCREASINGLY MORE** children, teens, and adults who are regularly hearing the Gospel, receiving an education, learning a life skill, and being discipled. There is no better investment that anyone could make! And as a new year is in progress, there is still so much work that the Lord has for us to do!

In this newsletter, you will discover many of the **EXCITING** things that God has been doing so far in 2016. We are beyond grateful for what He has done, and we look forward with great anticipation of even more - more *blessings*, more *miracles*, and more *lives being transformed by the truth and love of Jesus Christ!*

THANK YOU for being a part of the incredible journey that the Lord began with Carol! We are excited that you are still along for the ride, and we cannot wait to see how God continues to build His kingdom throughout Guatemala and beyond! **God bless you as you invest and pray with us!**

-Operation Jabez Staff //

GZMC Visited Operation Jabez

We have kicked off 2016 with a visit from Groundzero Master's Commission! We had an amazing **3 weeks** of ministry! During the first week, we had the opportunity to share Christ in several public schools (elementary through high school)! GZMC did stomp, dramas, shared testimonies, and were able to pray for the students and teachers of each school!



While the team was here, we also had a special meeting with all of the staff and volunteers of Operation Jabez. We met inside of the ministry building, where we had a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement. Pastor Mike shared a devotional, encouraging us all to continue and press forward with perseverance towards Christ. We are not just a team doing ministry, we are a family in the body of Christ building the kingdom!

During GZMC's trip, they came alongside of us in the ongoing daily ministries as we engaged in *evangelism, discipleship, education, and relief work!* It was amazing to see how God enabled us to bless various schools, churches, communities, and families! We praise God for the time we had together, and we look forward to doing more as God enables us! We also look forward to many others that God will bring to Guatemala as we *reach more people for Christ TOGETHER!*



So far, in 2016...



The Sewing Class Is GROWING!

We are so excited to report that God has been increasing our reach to TWICE as many women this year! We began 2016 with over 20 women enrolled in classes happening twice a week, and God is opening up even MORE doors for women to come. We even have some women from San Antonio learning with us weekly! Also, 5 new sewing machines were donated. What a blessing!

Sewing Class Needs:

10 More Sewing Machines - \$150 each
15 New, Sturdier Tables - \$40 each

Pray For:

Changed Lives, Salvation in Christ,
Each Woman's Family, Provision,
Protection, Healing, Strength,
Wisdom, Courage, Hope, and Peace.



Making Puppets

While the GZMC team was here, we brought to life 3 new puppets for a local church in need of tools for their children's ministry. We had a blast diving back into this craft! Olga taught the "How to Make Puppets" seminar and a church called "Príncipe de Paz" received them as a donation. Since then, several other churches have asked us to come to their church and teach them how to make puppets too!

Evangelism Needs:

Spanish Bibles
Materials for Puppet Making
(fabric of various skin tones,
black felt, red felt, pink felt, foam,
glue, googly eyes, and synthetic hair).

Pray For:

Increase of the reach of the Gospel,
People to come to Salvation in Jesus,
The church of Guatemala to have
boldness, unity, and sensitivity to the
Holy Spirit.



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God is doing GREAT things!

We Love San Antonio!

Many years ago, God connected us with the community of San Antonio. It is a very dry area, and farmers have a difficult time producing crops. San Antonio is made up of approximately 60 families, and Jesus is making Himself known to each of them! He is transforming this community!

Over the years we have been able to get to know the names and faces of the children, youth, and adults. We visit them weekly and do special events where we are meeting various physical needs and teaching the truth of God's word. Each family is so special to us! God has been doing amazing things in San Antonio, and we are so blessed to be a part of it all!



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What Have We Been Up To?

- **Feeding Programs.** We cooked special fortified rice prepared with meat, beans, and delicious spices! This is a special meal that brings the community together where we can continue to fellowship and present the Gospel of Jesus Christ!
- **Giving Picnic Tables to Families.** Not every family has a place in their home to sit and eat meals together. Missionaries Grant and Carol Lamb are dedicated to making that possible! So, Operation Jabez has linked arms with them to bless the families of San Antonio! Our goal is to give a table to every family by the end of 2016!
- **Splash Day!** This is a special day that we hold annually for the kids. We bring water balloons and play water games to give them a break from the hot weather during the dry season. Also, many of these kids are facing extremely tough situations. It is an incredible blessing to see them smile and laugh, having so much fun!
- **Building Latrines and New Water Tower.** Our dear friend Caitlin Terry is back in Guatemala! Her first clean water project was in San Antonio several years ago building a few latrines, a pila for laundry, a water tower, and some water filtration systems. Now she is back leading the community in building more latrines for each family and constructing a new water tower for their new water tank! She is working shoulder to shoulder with the people living in San Antonio, and they are constructing these things together!



Please Pray for Us!

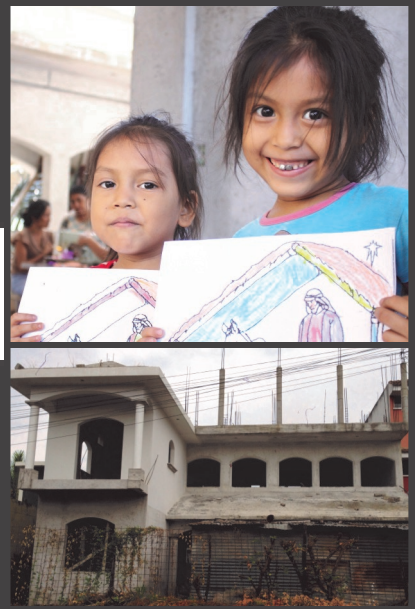
Prayer is essential to what we do EVERY DAY! Included in this newsletter is a prayer card. Put it somewhere to remind you to pray for Operation Jabez daily!

Will you commit to praying for Operation Jabez?

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN PRAY SPECIFICALLY:

1. God's Protection
2. God's Provision
3. God's Presence

PRAY that God would surround us with His protection within the ministry, within our team members' families, neighbors, visiting teams, etc. *PRAY* that the Lord our Provider will supply all the resources necessary to accomplish His will to meet the needs that are material, financial, relational, or other. And *PRAY* that the name of Jesus would be lifted up so that people will not only hear His name, but also come to know Him personally!



We are on Amazon Smile :)

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What is Amazon Smile?

Amazon introduced a new program called **Amazon Smile**, which automatically donates 0.5% of your purchases to the charitable organization that you select. It costs you (and Operation Jabez) nothing!

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1. You must go to www.smile.amazon.com for each purchase.
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3. Search for Operation Jabez and select the New Jersey location as your charitable organization.
4. Start Shopping!

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How to Give:

1. Fill out the **Connection Card** included with this letter with your updated information.
2. Send your **Connection Card** with your gift to the following address:

**Operation Jabez
P.O. Box 88
Marlton, NJ 08053**

3. **Online giving** is also available!

Visit our facebook page (www.facebook.com/operationjabez) or our website to give securely through **PayPal**.

Please make checks payable to "Operation Jabez." All donations are tax-deductable.

** All donations go directly to the work of the ministry. Any donations that are not specified will go into the general fund and will be distributed where needed.*

THANK YOU!!!