

2021 Ministry Report

Dear Ministry Partners,

2021 was another year of adjusting to ever-changing circumstances as we ministered in Guatemala. But God was not surprised. His plans - far greater than we could have ever hoped or imagined - used those same circumstances for His glory!

While Vida Schools did not meet consistently in person, teachers were able to minister to our students and their families through home visits and on-line opportunities, as well as by meeting practical needs. We've seen amazing growth in the Rio de Vida Churches, especially the Mocohan congregation, and the Chamche congregation was able to move to Chisac at the end of the year. The Impact Medical Clinic was able to arrange for a Guatemalan doctor to attend the clinic regularly to better serve ongoing needs. The Vida Children's Home nannies continued to welcome little ones who needed care. Our Guatemalan leaders were able to receive training to help them lead even better.

And you, our Ministry Partners, have continued to give so very generously throughout 2021. You have been the hands and feet of Jesus. When you meet needs in Guatemala, the families respond with "God sees me" and "God hears my prayers".

Thanks you,

Les Peters CEO Impact Ministries USA



Vida Schools

Despite the uncertainties of this school year, Vida Schools had 1749 students registered in 2021! We were able to provide hybrid classes for 3 months, then reverted to alternate delivery methods such as education packages, home visits, and online learning for those who had access. The teachers were very appreciative of the computers installed in each classroom which allowed them to give virtual classes to students who could connect - and the teachers worked hard to ensure students who didn't have online access were still able to continue learning.

Despite the challenges, we saw 146 students graduate from Grade 1 in 2021, 130 from elementary school, 67 from junior high, and 18 from high school - 15 from the Vida Teacher Training Program, and 3 through the new Vida Weekend Extension Program. The Weekend Extension Program had 32 students registered in various junior high and high school programs.

Sponsorship

Donors from the United States sponsored 119 Vida students in 2021 and provided 133 units of class support for our Vida schools. Teacher visits doubled as opportunities to share correspondence from sponsors, and over 8000 food baskets were delivered in 2021.

Rio de Vida Churches

The Rio de Vida Churches were able to meet in person throughout 2021, with weekly attendance between 300 and 400. At the end of the year, the Chamché congregation officially moved to Chisac!

Orphan Care

18 little ones have been cared for at the Vida Children's Home in 2021, and we ended the year with 12 children in the home. A highlight of 2021 was the provision of playground equipment for the Vida Children's Home through donations and a partnership between Impact Ministries, Another Child Foundation and Kids Around the World.

Medical Care

In 2021, the Impact Medical Clinic was able to hire back two full-time nurses, restock the pharmacy, and hire a Guatemalan doctor to provide regular, monthly clinic hours in addition to the care provided by medical teams.

Short-Term Mission Teams

We were excited to host a medical team, a team that did evangelism and assisted in the playground installation and a team that provided Hope in Crisis training for our staff. Many hospitality staff were redeployed into other areas of ministry in 2021.

VidaLive

In 2021, Impact shared about different aspects of ministry from Guatemala at 5 online events. We averaged about 45 participants per event and appreciated connecting with our ministry partners.



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Mission Statement

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.

Thank you for Growing Godly Leaders!

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Building into Families

Carlos lives with his mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and nephew. He began studying at Agua de Vida Chijulhá School as a Grade 1 student, just before Covid disrupted classes. But even in the short time that Carlos attended in-person at a Vida School, his mother commented on the positive changes she had seen in her son. Before, she said, he spoke with rude words and didn't obey, but Carlos was learning to be more obedient and more respectful.

This year, Carlos' teacher made frequent visits to Carlos' house to help him as he learned from home. Carlos is learning to read, and his teacher helped him with the lessons from his reading and writing book.

But visiting Carlos' home has also opened other ministry opportunities. One time, Carlos' little nephew was seriously ill, and the whole family was distressed because they didn't know what to do. The teachers prayed for the family and the baby - and, praise God, the baby's health improved!

The teachers returned another time to bring a food hamper and to take some time to pray for the family and praise the Lord together. The family was very grateful, and were happy to report that the baby was continuing to get better.

While Carlos' family doesn't know God yet, we are thankful for these opportunities to build into their lives and allow God to showcase his power. Please pray with us for Carlos and his family.



God Cares about Me

Impact programs don't work in isolation from each other they are all part of God caring for the needs of the whole person. Like Jose Juan.

Jose Juan had multiple chronic medical concerns. Because Jose Juan's children attended Vida Purulhá, he was able to participate in a medical clinic being held at the school in August. The medical team was able to provide some treatment, and, like they always do, they offered to pray with Jose Juan. As they talked, they learned that Jose Juan's family had been attending the local Rio de Vida Church for many years. He'd even come with them a few times, but he hadn't committed his life to Christ and wasn't sure he would. The team invited him to the upcoming service that they would be a part of. Jose Juan decided to come, heard, once again, the message of salvation - and decided to give his life to Christ!

Jose Juan later said that receiving care in the clinic and seeing how much the believers there cared about him showed him how much God cared about him - which helped him make the commitment to give his life to Christ. We may see Jose Juan at the medical clinic again - but we know we will continue to see him at church as his faith grows!

Update on Support

More detailed financial information will be ready later this year and will be shared on our website. In the meantime, this is a summary of donations provided in 2020.

> Construction and Agriculture - \$26,500 Child and Class Sponsorship - \$121,000 Feeding Program, Orphan Care and the Vida Medical Clinic - \$40,000 Missionary Support - \$3,750

General Fund - \$33,000

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