



# JAMES PROJECT OF LATIN AMERICA

## HISTORY AND TIMELINE

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### HISTORY

James Project of Latin America was founded in 2001, for the purpose of fulfilling the biblical mandate of James 1:27, "...caring for widows and orphans in their distress." JPLA is a Guatemalan nonprofit that houses, feeds, educates, and discipless approximately 70 children that have been rescued from abandonment/neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and trafficking. The organization also works with single moms and widows in the process of restoring hope in their lives, by providing spiritual and emotional counseling, education services, and business training.

### JPLA TIMELINE

#### 1999

- The idea for James Project of Latin America was birthed

#### 2001

- JPLA filed papers to become an official Guatemalan nonprofit

#### 2002

- JPLA was officially approved to receive children from the court system

#### 2003

- Evangelical Freedom School began its initial school year

#### 2004

- The land for our current site, located in Monjas, Jalapa, was purchased

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## 2005

- Construction for the first duplex (Casa Ester and Casa Ruth) began

## 2006

- The first home was opened
- Construction on the 2<sup>nd</sup> duplex began (Casa Tabitha and Casa Deborah)

## 2007

- The administration office was built on-site

## 2008

- Evangelical Freedom School was built
- Construction on the 3<sup>rd</sup> duplex began (Casa Anna and Casa Abigail)

## 2011

- The transition program and Casa Magdalena were implemented

## 2012

- Construction began on the 1<sup>st</sup> boys home (Casa Pablo)

## 2013

- The founders (Joanne Hartley and Carroll Bishop) retired
- Bryon and Tiffany Applegate became Directors
- The University Program began and our first students were enrolled

## 2014

- The first boy's home was opened
- The self-sustainability program was launched

## 2015

- The aquaponics system began

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## **2017**

- The Redeemed Women's program was launched
- The team house was built and opened on property

## **2018**

- The first Redeemed small business opened

## **2019**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> boys' home was opened (Casa David)
- The foster program began for transition girls

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Have you visited the James Project in Guatemala and are now feeling called to share the vision and support the organization in a bigger way? A Visionary has a heart for the Lord and the James Project of Latin America, annually donates personally, speaks to groups about JPLA, and commits to a minimum fundraising goal.

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