



JAMES PROJECT

OF LATIN AMERICA

QUICK FACTS

JPLA PURPOSE

We are committed to restoring childhoods and instilling hope for abandoned, abused and trafficked Guatemalan women and children through spiritual, physical, emotional and educational support.

GUATEMALA STATISTICS

- Guatemala has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in Latin America
- 25% of the children in Guatemala are born to adolescent mothers
- 88% of girls that were in school abandon their studies after becoming pregnant
- 45% of women in Guatemala are victims of abuse, with the majority being under the age of 18
- 43% of Guatemalan population is considered indigenous. Women in this group have a 48% illiteracy rate.
- Average level of education for those over 15 years old is 6.5 years (6th grade level). Only 30% graduate 6th grade.
- Indigenous women, on average, only study for 3 years. Non-indigenous women, on average, study on 5.3 years.
- According to the UN, Guatemala ranks among the countries with the highest rate of violent deaths among women.
- According to the World Bank, 59.3% of the population lives below the poverty line. 23% live in extreme poverty
- 79% of indigenous people live in poverty. 40% live in extreme poverty.
- 8 in 10 indigenous children suffer from chronic malnutrition.
- Income inequality is extremely high. 260 Guatemalans own 56% of the national economy. This means that 0.001% of the population owns more than half of the country's wealth.
- According to the World Bank Group, Guatemala has the 3rd highest chronic malnutrition rate in the world
- 2/3 of the population lives on less than \$2/day.
- Almost 50% of children under 10 are chronically malnourished.

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- 3 main programs: Shadow of His Wings Children's Home, Redeemed Women's Program, and Evangelical Freedom School.
- Shadow of His Wing's Children's Home (SOHW) is a government approved and accredited organization in Guatemala.
- SOHW has been recognized by various judges as the one of the best children's homes in the country.
- SOHW is family centered. We put children into family-style homes with a mother and a father. There are no more than 12 children per family.
- SOHW is currently home to approximately 70 children.
- Evangelical Freedom School (EFS) is an award-winning school that has won 3 national championships and various local and statewide championships in a variety of competitions, including art, language, presentation, sports, academics, etc.
- EFS includes grades pre-school through high school.
- EFS currently serves approximately 150 students, including many students from the local area.
- Since it's launch in 2Q 2017, Redeemed Women has launched 5 women into their own micro-enterprise, with more small businesses coming soon.
- Through the Redeemed Program, several women have been able to return to their studies, one even completed her secondary education during 2018.
- There are 50 staff members working at JPLA, including parents, teachers, psychologists, social workers, kitchen staff, substitute house parents, specific program staff, and missionaries.
- The JPLA campus sits on 15.5 acres of land in Monjas, Jalapa.
- The annual operating budget for JPLA is currently \$450,000.
- JPLA focuses on self-sustainability and has invested in solar panels, live stock, agriculture, an aquaponics system, fish farming, water purification, bio-fuel bio-digester, and other sustainability projects.

BECOME A VISIONARY

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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