



ChildCare INTERNATIONAL
Breaking the cycle of poverty - one child at a time

GUATEMALA UPDATE

ChildCare International is committed to bringing positive change to children and families living in Guatemala. In the city of Chimaltenago, many children living in the landfill outside the city did not have the opportunity to attend school. In 2009, the Lopez family responded to God's call with a vision to go out to the landfill and share the Word of God. They began with literacy classes for the mothers. They saw the great need for children to receive the good news of Christ and began teaching at the landfill.

In 2013, they moved to a small rented building and now the school has grown. Hundreds of children are attending and receiving Christian education at *Mi Especial Tesoro* (My Special Treasure) Christian School.

ChildCare International has registered 50 children attending *Mi Especial Tesoro*, into our scholarship program. We have started sending support for all of them thanks to donations received for our 'Un-sponsored Children's Fund' as we wait for sponsors. We are grateful for this opportunity to be God's hands and feet in Chimaltenago.



The Hope of Easter

"I know that my Redeemer lives." Job 19:25

I was born and raised in a third-world country. Being called to serve children many years ago, I have seen many suffering and struggling with serious diseases. Quite often, their families battle severe situations, including the death of loved ones.

However, there is one thing that I always find in the churches and Christian schools that I visit around the world: Hope. Now as we celebrate Easter, we have a fresh reminder of it. There is nothing like Easter to bring hope back to life. There's nothing like the hope of resurrection to lift the agonizing spirits of the heavyhearted. As pastors, leaders and teachers proclaim the story of our risen Redeemer to the children we serve, their fears will fade, their grief will diminish, and a hope transfusion will occur.

Your situation may not be as grim as someone living in poverty in a third-world country, but perhaps Job's words are all you need today to revitalize your faith and be encouraged by the words of the old hymn: *Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone.* We dare not allow Easter to pass without rejoicing and declaring our hope. It is Jesus Christ—the miraculously resurrected Son of God—who is forever the object of our worship and praise.

Jose Prem, *Executive Director*
ChildCare International

PROJECT UPDATES

Thanks to the help of our thoughtful donors, we are excited to share that the new computer lab in the Philippines is completed. Students of all ages are learning new skills such as typing, data entry, scheduling, bookkeeping and design. Now, they will have more opportunities for better employment in the future.



Our generous donors from Manitoba have funded a boy's dormitory in Northern Uganda. It is nearly completed and will provide a safe place for them to stay as they study.

On behalf of the boys at *Faith Alive Academy*, thank you so much!



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BE ENCOURAGED

We are thankful to God for your partnership in breaking the cycle of poverty in the lives of children around the world. We are so grateful that you have chosen ChildCare International as your partner to care for these children. We rejoice that with your commitment, we are continuing our mission one child at a time.

In these unprecedented times as we practice social distancing and isolation, please know our staff cares for you very much. We have been praying that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy amid the spread of COVID-19. We invite you to send us your prayer requests which we will lift up to the Lord.

We also pray that all of us will lean into Jesus now more than ever and rest in the confidence of His sovereignty over all things. We may not fully understand things happening around us, but we are confident in Him. Let us take comfort in these verses from the Word of God:

- God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (*Psalm 46*)
- He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. (*Psalm 91*)
- I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (*Matthew 28*)

May these promises from God's Word bring you fresh hope, renewed stability and a calming reassurance during these challenging days. Thank you again for being part of our ChildCare International family.



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