

# Country Director's Update



## Greetings from Guatemala!

It hardly seems possible that the year is more than half over, until we look back and see all that God has already accomplished in Guatemala through your gifts in 2018!

At Kids Alive Guatemala we talk a lot about justice, about economic empowerment, and about education. And sometimes it may seem like those are our goals. They are not. We receive children who have been brutalized by a fallen world, and we create an environment where they can respond to the call of Jesus. Satan attacks and assaults; Jesus calls with love...and that love wins.

Love wins in lives like Marta's. I had the privilege of accompanying Marta to a criminal hearing where she told her unimaginable story of rape and a forced abortion. When she was asked in court why she had changed her story from her original testimony after being in Oasis, she answered that God would not want her to live a life based on lies. She is coming to know the reality that "The truth will set you free."

The call of Jesus won for Carol. Carol came to us at 10 years old, pregnant as a result of incest. Tragically, her baby died, but her spirit did not. And just as we were getting close to finding an adoptive family for her, extended family members who had not even known of her existence came forward and joyfully welcomed her into their home. Hard as it was for us to say goodbye, she is now strong in faith and we know that she is much better with a forever family than she would be if she remained with us.

We will soon have the first girls placed from our residential program into our Kids Alive Guatemala Families Together program, so that they can have real family and free up space that will quickly fill with other hurting young women. Your support gives us the resources so that we can innovate and seek the best for each girl who comes to us.

At Zapote, our staff is doing amazing work in discipling kids and their parents, helping to preserve fragile families and strengthen this community so hard-hit by poverty and even by the recent volcano eruption there. Hope is taking hold in Zapote and your gifts are the instruments God is using to make it happen.

We are grateful for an inspired national staff, talented missionaries and interns, dedicated church partners, Service Teams, and the many, many child sponsors and site partners who support transformation from afar. Thank you for all you do to bring hope, both earthly and eternal, to the precious children of Guatemala!

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# How can I pray for Kids Alive Guatemala?

## Rejoice with us, and praise God for...

- Approval and movement forward in our program to place children who are ready into loving, trained, accountable Christian "forever" families
- Partnership with International Justice Mission to provide legal, medical, and pastoral care to abused girls in the city of Escuintla
- Construction of a second level on the Casa Ester home, making room for more young women still healing and moving toward independence
- Preserving our staff and kids at Source of Hope during the recent eruption of the volcano



## Join with us in asking Him for...

- Wisdom, discernment, and courage as we deal with girls who have experienced deep trauma and need the healing of Jesus to move forward
- Guidance as we help young ladies who cannot live independently due to emotional and developmental problems
- Development of our Families Together Escuintla Care Center in a dangerous area under-served by resources to help abused girls
- Raising up of student leaders at Source of Hope who will strengthen discipleship programs
- Site partners who will invest in the long-term health of programs that transform lives

*Thank you for providing the cold water - and so much more - that means good news for vulnerable children of Guatemala!*

***"Like cold water to a weary soul, so is good news from a distant land."*** Prov. 25:25 (NASB)

Source of Hope School

