

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Martha and I send an affectionate greeting from this land of lakes and volcanoes, always loaded with our deepest gratitude for your moral, spiritual and financial support.

Just eight weeks ago (June 2023) the whole world witnessed the sad story of the implosion of the submersible "Titan". The price of a seat to go see the Titanic as we all know was exorbitant (\$250,000) Billionaires died instantly. It was so sad that even today I still think about what for me are the 2 most important lessons of this sad event: 1. Our life is extremely fragile. 2. We can all die at any moment, even when we least imagine it. Jesus alerts us all with love reminding us: ***"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"***

Thank you very much to all of you, because we are sure that you are treasuring in heaven, through helping in many ways this work of the Lord in Guatemala!

In this report we want to share with you the story of Jose Martinez. Jose came to Kyrios school in 2001 when he was 4 years old. His father had just left the family, and his mother worked washing other people's clothes and ironing them. Jose was always diligent in his studies and also wanted to know the Bible. He was baptized into Christ at the age of 13. After finishing the program at the Kyrios school, Jose started a job at a gas station and continued his studies at night as an accountant. Today Jose is a successful young man. He is the accountant of a supermarket in the south of the city and continues as a faithful Christian in a congregation in the south of the city. We sometimes see him in some general activities of the city's congregations and he continues to be very grateful to the school.



Three things are important to us -at the Kyrios school- to help these children achieve success:

1. Helping the poorest boys and girls in the community.
 2. Provide excellent education, because the fact of being poor does not make them deserving of receiving a bad education.
 3. May the hundreds of children who pass through the school know the love and grace of Jesus!
- Jose is just one of the thousands of boys and girls whose lives have been transformed through this Christian education program.

Really, thanks to all of you for helping us save the lives of the poorest boys and girls in this community! Please keep the 48 teachers at the school and the nearly 900 children who attend the school in your prayers.

We also want to ask for your prayers because three weeks ago a hurricane hit the Pinares area and the roof of the children's play area was destroyed. We thank God because the roof did not fall on people, but on the surrounding houses. However it has been a hard blow for the school because the children do not have a space to play. We keep them in our church's meeting room, but we need to build a new roof as soon as possible.



The cost of the new roof is \$11,230. Martha and I thought about taking a loan from a local bank, but the interest is 36% and this makes it inaccessible for us!

Any support will be a great blessing for the children and a new miracle in their lives. Why is the roof necessary? Because as those who have come to visit us know, in their homes the children do not have a garden, or a patio, or an area to run or play. It is on the roof that we have enabled, that they have that necessary space for their development. Thank you in advance for your prayers for us.



The good news is that from March to July, 21 souls from the school have been baptized into Christ. Glory to God!

Now we want to report news about our work in the great commission through the BICA school of evangelism where we are passionate about reviewing the vision for which the school was founded. In one of the paragraphs of the original vision it reads:

“While studying at the Central American Bible Institute for two years, the student becomes an excellent evangelist. Without passion for vision, our work is in vain. Throw a BICA student out of a plane with a Bible and a parachute, and they're going to have a church meeting in two weeks”

This vision has made us responsible before God to form and train excellent evangelists for the church.

In this report I want to briefly tell you the story of Cesar Cotz. Cesar studied at BICA Guatemala in 2020-2021. He was always a diligent and passionate student of the Bible.



Upon graduating he started a small business selling cell phone accessories - this with the financial support of the school- and at the same time he started the church in Amatitlan, in the south of Guatemala. Cesar started the services at his cousin's house. After 7 months they already had 30 members, so the new Christians dreamed of having a specific place for their meetings. After almost two years the church in Amatitlan has approximately 70 members, and its own meeting place. Cesar has trained a group of 8 leaders to work alongside him. And this church continues to grow for the glory of God!



For us three things are important for the development of the great commission:

1. Train excellent and passionate evangelists
2. That they return to their own culture
3. That they plant works that can be reproduced by local people.

To the glory of God these objectives are being achieved. Remember that the school in Guatemala in 2023 celebrates 20 uninterrupted years of training and sending excellent evangelists to their own culture. We have graduated close to 500. They have returned mainly to the entire country of Guatemala, but also to El Salvador, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Honduras and Panama.

We can no longer calculate the impact of the school in all of Latin America, for example when I went to preach in Colombia and talk about the school, a preacher approached me and asked me to "help me get a graduate to come to Colombia" Gerson, graduated in 2020 is now preaching in Colombia! Just last week I was preaching an evangelistic campaign with the Hispanic church in Goldsboro NC, (we had 8 baptisms) and what a surprise to me: I met Andres, a graduate of BICA Guatemala in 2018, he has a job and preaches in a local church in Pennsylvania!



Beloved brethren, to conclude this part: this impact is only possible because all of you spiritually and financially support this work of the Lord. Through your support, there is -at this very moment- a student man or woman, marriage or single for now, who upon graduation will impact their own culture. And all thanks to the fact that you were generous and committed to the great commission of our Lord. Thank you so much!

MARCH 2023 Report:

Classes: Ministerial Counseling-History of the Church-Homiletics

Evangelistic campaign in La Campesina (South of Guatemala) Results in campaign: 29 baptisms

Evangelistic Weekends work: helping 15 small churches= 53 baptisms

APRIL 2023 Report:

Classes: Christian Evidences-Juanine Theology-Spiritual Life 2 evangelistic campaigns in the same week: **1st Campaign:** We had the pleasant invitation of the Church of Christ that meets in San José de la Vega, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. This congregation is located practically next door to the Baxter Institute. Our last evangelistic campaign with them was about 10 years ago. This time they asked us for 6 students to support a week of evangelism in their annual campaign. Our 6 students did a wonderful job baptizing 12 new souls and restoring 7 fellow believers. **2nd Campaign:** *The rest of the students traveled to the church in La Comunidad (eastern Guatemala) where we had a harvest of 39 baptisms!*

Evangelistic Weekends work: helping 15 small churches= 71 baptisms

May 2023 Report:

Evangelistic campaign with the church in Salama (north-eastern Guatemala) 19 baptisms.

Weekend evangelistic work with 15 small churches: 67 baptisms in the month.

Classes taught to students: Hermeneutics, Poetic Books of the Bible and Basic Hebrew.

June 2023 report:

Evangelistic Campaign with the church in Jicaro (eastern Guatemala) 22 baptisms.

Weekend evangelistic work with 15 small churches: 49 baptisms in the month.

Classes taught to students: Galatians, Philippians, James

July 2023 report:

Evangelistic Campaign with the church in Chimaltenango (western Guatemala) 8 baptisms.

Weekend evangelistic work with 15 small churches: 61 baptisms in the month.

Classes taught to students: 1, 2, 3 John and Jude

Baptisms generated by the "Power of God for Salvation" program on the radio in 2023: 63

Baptisms as a result of evangelistic campaigns conducted by Roberto on 2023: 19

Baptisms in churches planted in our dream "Eastern Guatemala for the Lord" on 2023: 39 (16 churches reporting)

Our beloved brethren, I hope this report has not been too long. There are hundreds of things we would like to share! We only need to add that we give all the glory to God for what you do for His work in this place. It is not easy, but we serve with joy, it is your love and support who make it easy, and God's blessing makes it possible!

Grace and Peace,

Roberto & Martha

