

SEPAL GUATEMALA

(a mobilization center in the OC Global Alliance) is helping to give good, sound Bible training to pastors and their wives. Then they in turn are teaching and leading others in a wide range of ministries: discipleship, evangelism, sports, children, Bible storying, short-term teams, and much more! The Bible is now becoming available in many Guatemalans' primary languages in oral form (Mayan languages). Praise the Lord for this exciting time in ministry!



Opening Doors through Short-term Ministry:

Guatemalans are extremely relational, so short-term missions can build relationships. "When the people of an area receive medical care—or are visited by the teams in their own homes and prayed for—they sense the love of the Lord and are more likely to open their doors for the local churches that partner with Sepal," says Jamie Lopez, Director of Sepal Guatemala.

The impact of short-term missions in Guatemala has been great. "New churches, computer centers, libraries, Bible training programs, sports programs, medical clinics... have been started after the active presence of short-term mission teams."



Did You Know?

- Though a fairly high percentage claim to be Christians, only about 10 percent of Guatemalans have clear ideas about the gospel, salvation, and God. Their Catholic and Mayan beliefs are mixed in with bits and pieces of the Bible.
- In missions, the Guatemalan church is internally focused and has not yet adopted the mission concept as a church to impact their neighborhoods, country, and other nations.

Pray with Us:

- Pray that Guatemalan churches become more mission-minded, so more people can hear and respond to the truth of the Bible.
- Pray that the Lord continues to bless the ministries and give the leaders His wisdom and vision, to impact increasingly more people.
- Pray for safety as the team members travel. Crime, drug dealing, extortion, rape, corruption, car accidents happen every day in these communities.