

Baptist Children's Homes of NORTH CAROLINA

GUATEMALA MISSIONS

An international partnership providing an orphanage in Xela, Guatemala.



Infant Enma Carolina, who was abandoned and left to die, was the first child admitted to Good Shepherd Children's Home.

The Good Shepherd Children's Home is Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina's affiliate orphanage in Xela, Guatemala. Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) established the new orphanage in partnership with NC Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union of NC (WMU NC). **Together, we are able to share the hope of Jesus to orphaned children.**

The orphanage is a part of **Good Shepherd Ministries**. In addition to orphan care, the ministry operates the **Good Shepherd Clinic** offering low-cost visits and medications. Many of the clinic's patients, who live in the Xela region, have chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease which were untreated because of severe poverty.

Why an orphanage in Guatemala? Guatemala has the highest infant mortality rate in Central America and the highest rate of malnutrition in the Western Hemisphere. Daily, children and families are battling malnutrition, extreme poverty, early pregnancy and child abandonment. Baptist Children's Homes was offered the opportunity to use a facility in Xela, Guatemala for the purpose of caring for children in need.

Who are the children? In the beginning we will serve infants through five years of age. Most of the children in our care will come from the rural indigenous tribe of the Quiché.

Why do children come? Abandonment is rampant. In Guatemala City, a child is abandoned every four days; 75% of them are newborns. The estimated number of children abandoned in rural areas is even higher. Children are abandoned because their families do not want them, do not know how to care for them or cannot afford to provide for them. Many children are left to live on the streets to fend for themselves. Very few of these boys and girls survive. We will help care for these children and provide them with a loving and safe home.



50%

of children under age five are chronically malnourished ¹

1 in 5

Guatemalan mothers are between 10 and 19 years old, the highest adolescent fertility rate in Latin America ²

3,046

is the number of annual births to girls 10-14 years old ²

86%

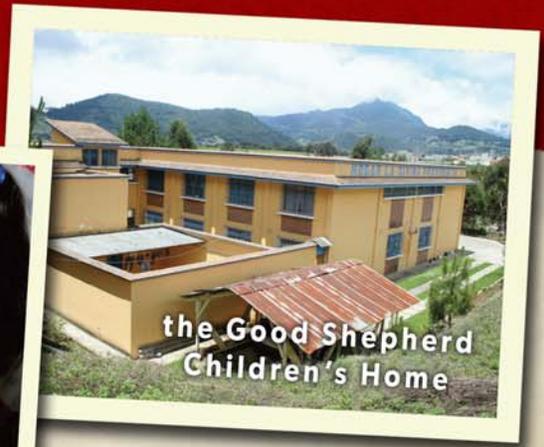
of all indigenous Guatemalans live below the poverty line ³

HOW can we HELP?



Reach out a hand of hope.

Prayer and financial support are vital for carrying out the mission of Good Shepherd Ministries. **Without ongoing support, caring for Quiché children is impossible.**



SPONSOR A CHILD. It costs \$11 a day, \$77 a week, to sponsor an orphan.

The \$4,000 annual sponsorship provides a child with a caring home at Good Shepherd Children's Home, nutritious food, clothing, medical care and other daily provisions. Most importantly, the gospel is shared with this precious child. A child sponsorship is a perfect outreach for a church, association or group. **To sponsor a child, contact BCH's Brenda Gray at 336-474-1230 or bgray@bchfamily.org. You can also make your sponsorship online by visiting www.bchnc.org/orphanreach**

MISSIONARY SUPPORT. Missionaries Roger and Vicki Grossman are passionate to see the people of Guatemala come to know Christ's salvation. The full-time missionaries have served in Guatemala for a number of years. The couple oversee both the orphanage and medical clinic. **Please support our missionaries.** Just as the Grossmans care for the needs of Quiché villagers and children, they need support so they can provide for the needs of their family. You can support them at www.bchnc.org/gmissions by making an online gift.

TAKE A MISSION TRIP. In partnership with North Carolina Baptist Men, work teams are put together to handle repairs and renovations on the building and property to ensure Guatemalan children have the best home and best care possible. **Work teams are needed to assist with:**

- Masonry work
- Evangelistic outreach
- Painting
- Building a security wall
- Window repairs
- General repairs
- Plumbing
- Light electrical work



GIVE ONLINE. Giving online is the fastest way to help. Any amount will make a difference! **To give, visit www.bchfamily.org/givenow and choose "Guatemala Orphanage" from the Designate your Gift menu. Scan the QR code to make a mobile gift.**

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