## Help us Welcome 10 Guatemalan Kids into the NAC Family!

In 2021 The Go Everywhere Fund will Sponsor 10 kids to meet some of their physical needs. But these kids are also hungry for encouragement and love! The Power At Work (PAW) team will visit each child and their family every month to give them much needed food supplies while also mentoring and disciple them.

Let's Bless them BIG this month by writing letters of encouragement to each child. Attached is a picture of each child and a bit of information about them. Simply grab an ordinary piece of letter size paper (8x11) and you're all set. Feel free to do some artwork if you prefer or just use words (template is attached for translation). There is actually no postal service in Guatemala so we will be relying on technology to send our letters to them.

When you're finished just email a copy to <a href="mailto:christinabonham@yahoo.com">christinabonham@yahoo.com</a> or drop off a paper copy at the church mailbox

## Some Interesting facts about what life is like for these kids in Guatemala

- All the children except the youngest help their family by working during the harvest. A 5 gallon pail of hot peppers picked is the equivalent to \$0.90 Canadian. On a good day each child can pick 6-10 buckets. This is hard work as they are working in the full sun and most don't have clean drinking water or sufficient food to eat
- Watermelon is another crop that is common for youth to pick here in Guatemala. They work from 6 am - 2 pm (minimum breaks) and make the equivalent of \$14 Canadian for those hours. (8 hours of hard labour). They generally do this work willingly because they are proud to help support and feed their families.
- Toilet paper is not something found in most households, children that go to school use their school papers ripped into small squares as toilet paper. Mango leaves are commonly used as toilet paper.
- It is cheaper to buy a big bottle of coke then clean drinking water or toothpaste. Babies that are no longer breast fed have a mix of coke, coffee and water in their bottles or cups. A high percentage of children and adults have rotten teeth, again because of the availability of coke.
- Corn tortillas are oftentimes what most people eat here in our communities. We are thankful to provide them with Ontario Gleaners vegetables. Beans and Rice would be the next most common food for these children and their families.
- Sugar diabetes is really high in adults, because of corn tortillas and coke or pop.

## Things you can Pray for:

- The Power at Work (PAW) team (Anthony, Carol, Grant, Nim and Estefania) who work daily to mentor and disciple
- In 2018 PAW began to dream about supporting 100 kids in the community with a sponsor program. Aimed at nourishing their bodies so they can have better outcomes at school and discipling them to bring HOPE into their lives. As of today, there are **96** sponsorships in place- **35** of these were received Dec 2020!
- The school year traditionally starts in January, but due to Covid they
  are unable to start their new year. All children have now been out of
  school since March 2020 (no homeschooling or technology to support
  other learning). This will have a negative impact on their education.
  Pray that they will return to school safely soon and that they will
  excel despite the setback.
- Children are at great risk of exploitation. Whether through labour, or by abuse; human trafficking is also a legitimate concern. Know that these are not bad people just adults making bad decisions during the most difficult circumstances. Pray for wisdom for these families and for the safety of the children. They need the Hope of Jesus now more than ever!
- Many of the kids have been abandoned by their parents, especially the men in their lives. Pray for healing in their hearts and minds and for restoration for the families.
- Pray that the children and their families will come to know Christ personally

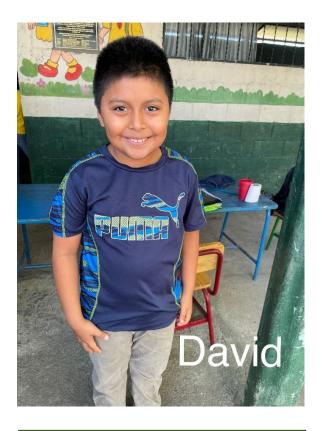
To:

**Espanol English** 

Para:

Una Carta de: A Letter from:







**Lives:** Llano Grande Community **Birthdate:** October 19, 2012

Age: 8yrs old Grade: 1st grade.

**About Me:** His favourite colour is Green and he enjoys soccer. His favourite food is Pollo Campero (AKA- Guatemalan KFC) though it's unlikely he has had this often in his life. David is a happy boy and very friendly.

When I grow up: He aspires to be an accountant.

**Family:** David lives with only his grandma, his mom died 4 years ago.



Name: Isai Adolfo Solares Vasquez

**Lives:** Llano Grande Community **Birthdate:** August 21, 2015

Age: 5 yrs old

**Grade:** Senior Kindergarten

**About Me:** Isai likes the colour blue and likes to play soccer (futbol). He likes fried

chicken.

When I Grow Up: He wants to be a cowboy.

Family: Isai has a brother and sister both

younger than him.



Name: Josue Ezequiel Hernandez Perez

Birthdate: March 16, 2009

Age: 11 yrs old Grade: 5th grade

About Me: Blue is his favourite colour, and

he likes to play futbol.

Creamed Chicken is his favourite meal.

When I grow Up: He would like to be an

accountant.

Family: He lives with both parents and is an

only child.



Name: Quenex Jonathan Lopez Valenzuela AKA- Kennix or Jonathan

Lives: El Cocalito Community – Power At

Work community

Birthdate: July 1, 2006

Age: 14 yrs old

**Grade:** 2nd year of highschool.

**About Me:** Kennix's favourite colour is green, he likes to play futbol. He loves to eat

meat!

When I Grow Up: Wants to be an electrician.

Family: He lives with his mom and 2 sisters

and his grandmother.



Name: Alejandro Edwin Martinez Cortez

**Lives:** Llano Grande Community

Grade: 4th grade

**About Me:** Favourite colour is green.

He enjoys futbol

When I grow Up: Wants to be an electrician

**Family:** He lives at home with his mom and dad and has 9 siblings. When Power at Work first met him his biggest complaint in life was

sharing a bed with 9 others!

Their family has since received 2 bunk beds, and there are 2 children sponsored in his

family now.

A team from Canada recently raised funds to build them another shelter as there are **16** people who live in their 12x12 house!



Name: Katlyn Vanesa Godinez Barrera

Lives: El Cocalito Community – Power At

Work community

Birthdate: December 26, 2004

Age: 16 yrs old

**Grade:** First year of High School

**About Me:** Purple is her favourite colour Katy loves to play soccer and is fearless and quite good at it. Creamed chicken is her

favourite food.

When I Grow Up: Hopes to continue her education into Business administration.

**Family:** She lives with her grandma & grandpa along with 3 other siblings. She has

4 siblings in total.

Katy's mom died 4 years ago, and the dad

abandoned them.



Name: Gresly Faviola Valladarez Godinez

**Lives:** El Cocalito Community **Birthdate:** March 3, 2006

Age: 14 yrs old

**Grade:**1st year highschool.

**About Me:** Favourite colour is purple and she also likes to play futbol and is quite good at it as well. Pizza is her favourite food.

When I Grow Up: Hopes to become a bilingual secretary

**Family:** There are 6 children in her household, she is the 3rd oldest.



Name:Claudia Raymunda Albeno Gonzalez

**Birthdate:** September 23, 2008 **Age:** 12 years old 4th grade

**About Me**: Likes pink and playing soccer. Creamed chicken is her favourite meal. **When I Grow Up:** Wants to be a teacher.

Name: Ninet Estephania Albeno Gonzalez

**Birthdate:** September 9, 2009 **Age:** 11 yrs old 4th grade

**About Me:** Likes pink and futbol. Favourite food is beans. Loves to go to the river. **When I Grow Up:** Wants to be a doctor.

**Family:** Live with their grandparents and 2 other sisters. They are praying their older brother will come back as their dad took him away. The girl's mom moved away and started another family.



Name: Jaun Alberto Trinidad Marin

**Lives:** Llano Grande Community

Birthdate: May 9, 2009

Age: 11 yrs old Grade: 5th Grade

**About Me:** Favourite colour is blue

He enjoys swimming as his favourite sport.

He likes salad.

When I Grow Up: Wants to be a soldier.

Family: Juan lives with both parents and 2

younger brothers.