

# STEPS OF HOPE GUATEMALA



*Christian Learning Resource Center*



## Changing Lives THROUGH EDUCATION

*Santa María de Jesús,  
Guatemala*

Steps of Hope-Guatemala is a Christian learning resource center that supports the children of Santa María by empowering them and their families to live an abundant life filled with educational opportunities.



### WHAT WE DO

#### Sponsorship Program

- Provide children with necessities to attend public school
- Purchase required school supplies, backpacks, uniforms, and shoes

#### Tutoring Program

- Provide scheduled sessions several times each week
- Address learning gaps for those who attend public school
- Offer learning opportunities for children unable to access public education
- Promote mastery of basic math and reading skills
- Encourage recreation and interaction with classmates

#### Language Learning

- Teach English to improve future employment opportunities
- Tutor in Spanish and Kaqchikel, the native languages, required to graduate from public school

#### Community Outreach

- Provide professional dental care through a local clinic
- Organize surgery for children through medical mission teams
- Meet emergency food needs
- Provide bunk beds to encourage healthy family environments

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## FREDY'S STORY

Eight-year-old Fredy Morales Simon clearly wanted to learn. Unfortunately, his family did not have the resources to send him to public school. After working with him for several months, and seeing his special spirit, we provided a school sponsorship.

An additional challenge for Fredy was that his neck was severely tilted to the side – making it difficult for him to see straight and turn his head without moving the whole upper part of his body. We coordinated his medical treatment and corrective surgery by a visiting U.S. medical team – all generously funded by Steps of Hope supporters.

Fredy is now 11 years old and we have seen a dramatic positive change in him. Not only does he have confidence from a straightened neck, he is doing well in all of his school classes. He enjoys being at the Learning Center for assistance with difficult subjects, as well as to play with his friends. We are thankful that the course of Fredy's life has been changed for the better through the help of our sponsors.

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### Donate

- Visit [www.stepsofhopeguatemala.org](http://www.stepsofhopeguatemala.org) to use one of our official giving portals: PayPal Giving Fund or Network for Good.
- Give a tax-deductible donation by check to Steps of Hope-Guatemala, Inc., 2208 Rockwell Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228.

### Volunteer

- **Individuals:** support daily activities for as little as one day or as long as several months.
- **Mission Teams:** visit and participate in Center improvement projects or outreach to local families by assisting in projects such as bunk bed builds or roof, floor, and plumbing repairs.
- Join us in sharing the love of Jesus with the children and families in Santa Maria de Jesus!

### Pray

- We believe that the purest and most powerful source of HOPE is our faith in Jesus Christ.
- Our vision for Steps of Hope is to "Bring God's Hope to the Children of Guatemala."
- We thank you for being a part of that by simply including our mission in your prayers.

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