

GUATEMALA ➤

PEOPLE

Population: 15 Million

Life Expectancy: 71 Years

Literacy Rate: 76%

Religion: Roman Catholic, Protestant, Mayan

Over 5 million rural poor

13% of children under the age of 5 are underweight

LANGUAGE

Official Language: Spanish

There are 23 different ethnic groups and languages

CULTURE

Strong influence of Spanish and Mayan cultures

Favorite national foods are rice, beans, and tortillas

Visiting is important to building strong relationships with relatives and friends

Known throughout the continent as one of the politest societies

Guatemala means, “land of forests”

Guatemala is a culture still recovering from a 36 year civil war, ending in 1996



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Administered through an innovative, four-way partnership between AMG Guatemala, World Orphans, Guatemalan churches, and US churches, Home Based Care (HBC) is a family-based program that prevents the rise of the orphan population by caring for children in a home environment. We partner US churches with Guatemalan churches that each wholistically care for families that are caring for orphaned and vulnerable children. Caretakers include single mothers, extended family, neighbors, friends, and church members.

The goal of the program is to equip, inspire, and mobilize the local church to build relationships with at-risk families within their communities. Relationships grow through frequent visits to families in their homes to offer prayer, biblical training, counseling, and overall encouragement. To empower this wholistic approach to orphan care, AMG, World Orphans, and the US church connect with Guatemalan churches to provide Gospel-centered training and funding.

Funding for the HBC Program comes through our Church Partnership Program and AMG's Child Sponsorship Program and ensures that these children receive the following care:

- **Food:** meals served daily at school, and food baskets provided to the family
- **Medical Care:** monitoring of health and access to medical and dental services
- **Education:** school fees, school supplies, and tutoring
- **Emotional Care:** counseling and mentoring at school and through home visits
- **Spiritual Care & Restoration:** fellowship, prayer, discipleship, and encouragement

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HOW IT WORKS

HBC Committee

Selected and administered by the Guatemalan pastor, the committee consists of 4-5 local church members who are qualified and have a passion to serve and wholistically care for children in need.

Planning and Budgeting

The HBC Committee proposes a ministry plan and World Orphans/AMG work with them to provide a budget for how the funds will be appropriated.

Child Selection Process

The HBC Committee collaborates to identify families in the community who are in the greatest need. From there, they meet with caretakers to determine if the family is a good fit for the program. The due diligence process includes completing a Child Intake Form, providing detailed information about each family, family/caregiver history, and reasons for being selected for the program.

Home Visits and Child Assessments

Each family in the program receives monthly home visits from the HBC Committee to ensure the children are properly cared for. The visits provide encouragement, discipleship, support, and prayer. Further child assessments are made at school and at church.



Program Accountability

With long-term care of each child as our goal, we are serious about ongoing accountability. AMG staff members frequently communicate with the Guatemalan pastors and HBC Committees to monitor and assess each child and the overall structure of the program. The pastors are required to provide monthly financial reports on how funds are appropriated, as well as quarterly reports assessing the overall HBC Program as it relates to the impact on the church, the children, and the community.



WHOLISTIC CARE MODEL

We believe that transformation and restoration in every aspect of life is best accomplished through the limitless power of the Gospel. Against the darkness of poverty, hunger, abandonment, injustice, and sin shines the bright light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the hope of full redemption for those who believe.

OBJECTIVES

AMG and World Orphans take a wholistic approach to caring for children through the church by addressing their physical, educational, emotional, social, and spiritual needs.



Physical – Protection, shelter, food, nutrition, access to clean drinking water and medical care

Educational – Access to and support of education and vocational training

Emotional – Prevention, detection, intervention, and restoration

Social – Family restoration through relationships and home visits

Spiritual – Discipleship toward a relationship with Christ, transformation, and a restored image of dignity and true identity in Jesus Christ

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