

The Servant's Heart was founded in 1992 as a ministry to the "poorest of the poor" in Guatemala. These were the people who lived and worked in the garbage dump of Guatemala City. Beginning with visits to the shanty towns inside the dump and Bible studies with twelve families, the ministry has grown to include a Lutheran day school, daily VBS and Bible study classes, medical clinics both at the ministry sites and in the squatters area near the dump, a daily soup kitchen, and an economic development department which teaches marketable skills in handcrafts as well as Christian work ethics and business skills. Our short-term mission teams come year-round from the U.S. to spend nine days with us. These volunteers bring much-needed supplies as well as hearts full of the love of Jesus to share with our people.

Our approach is one of relationship building. Our people of Guatemala have lived for years without hope and without trust. By building these relationships through basic acts of human care, we are able to point them to that truly life-changing relationship with our Heavenly Father.

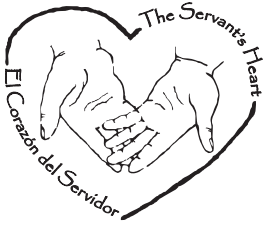
The Servant's Heart is in need of aid for our school and students. Due to financial reasons, we are closing our private school for the coming year, with plans to open for the 2009 school year. We are, however, completely committed to providing our children with a Christian education, and we are seeking tuition assistance to continue sending these children to private Christian schools within the city. We will continue our after school and enrichment programs as well as our VBS and Saturday programs that compose the academic areas of our ministry.

We also run a program of monthly sponsorship in which an individual can sponsor a child or ministry worker at levels of \$30, \$50, or \$100 per month. These funds help provide the necessary resources for schooling, meals, medical care and spiritual development. It also provides the opportunity to build a personal relationship through letters and little tokens of love that are carried between here and Guatemala by our sponsorship coordinator.

We are looking for people willing to partner with us as we reach out to these people with the hope that only God can give, as we proclaim to them that He has a plan for their lives, a hope and a future, as seen in Jeremiah 29:11. These generous gifts of financial resources, in-kind donations and volunteer service are a blessing not only to the people of Guatemala, but to those who serve there as well.

More information on the work of The Servant's Heart may be found on our website: www.TheServantsHeart.org or by calling 219-616-8232.

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The Servant's Heart - El Corazón del Servidor

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

October 8, 2007

Dear Friends in Christ,

This letter comes to you with all of the joy that our people in Guatemala have come to know from a relationship with Jesus Christ. These hopeless ones are now growing in a new life, a life that is full of loving relationships, education for themselves and their children, jobs, medical care, and hope for a life with a purpose given them by a loving Heavenly Father. It is the faithful giving of people like you that has allowed the ministry of The Servant's Heart to continuously meet the needs of the Guatemalan people by building relationships, which form the foundation for every other type of ministry we undertake there.

At this time, our school, El Colegio Luterano El Corazon Del Servidor, serves nearly 150 children of kindergarten through grade nine. As you might imagine, the financial resources required to operate a school are great. Through the donations brought down by our short-term mission teams, our children are provided with many of the school supplies needed for creative learning; backpacks and pencils, paints and markers. We are thankful for these generous gifts and are blessed to see each one being used by a very grateful student. At this time, however, the school is in desperate need of financial assistance for things that do not travel in a duffel bag. Tuition for each child, teacher salaries, and the operational costs of the school are threatening to close what we have worked so long to keep open. Education provides opportunities, and this is an opportunity we do not want to take from our kids who lived so long without the dream of going to school or knowing the love of Jesus.

I am writing to you as a friend and as one who loves each and every child at The Servant's Heart. Would you consider giving a financial gift for the support of our ministry? Your gift of \$100 would help pay for a month of school for a child. \$200 can provide 1400 much-needed meals. \$500 gives us the means to pay a teacher's salary. A gift of \$1000 dollars could pay the rent on our school building and ensure heat and proper maintenance. Please pray and seek if the Lord is directing you to make a difference in the life of our children. Perhaps your congregation would consider taking a love offering for the month of November. Any amount you feel led to give is most thankfully received.

If I can answer any questions for you, please do not hesitate to call me at 219.616.8232 or email leslie@theservantsheart.org. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

In His amazing grace,

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