

Our hearts have been heavy lately. We are seeing so much unrest all over the world. There seem to be so many different causes going viral these days and so many campaigns persuading so many. So here is our challenge for you as these times continue: Share the Gospel for one day. That's it! Don't share opinions, don't talk facts, just share Biblical truth in love and kindness. Share with words and actions because the world needs Jesus more than ever. So let's all share about Jesus and the salvation He offers, remembering that He already paid the price.



- We praise God for your life. Those who pray for Impacto, send us uplifting messages, and have donated during such hard times all have a special place in our hearts. You are such an important part of Impacto's ministry and we are forever grateful for your life.
 - We praise God for allowing us to use this time to plan. We are planning and putting many things into action. Some you might not see right away as a lot are behind the scenes. Yet, we know God is doing big things.
 - We are grateful for Guatemala. On September 15 we celebrate our 199th year of independence! We praise God for the privilege He has given us to serve the people here and to share the Good News in this country.
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**"Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit."
Psalm 32:1-2**



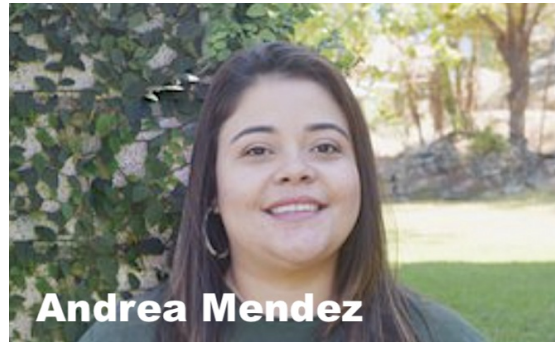
- As you know the Coronavirus situation is not over. In many of the areas where Impacto has the privilege to serve people are being affected in many different ways. We are seeing the more rural areas outside Guatemala City taking a bigger hit the last couple of weeks. They are on their way to reaching their highest peak, but we are hoping to see the numbers go back down in the weeks to come.
- Impacto feels strongly about continuing with relief efforts and we have many plans for the weeks and months to come. We especially want to do something great for Christmas and you'll hear more about this soon! However, as of now we hope to re-open Happy Tummies To Go in the next few weeks while taking more drastic measures to keep every single person involved healthy and virus free.
- We're also working on purchasing COVID-19 care kits. These are kits that will allow people, who don't need to be at the hospital, have, what we hope will be, a faster and easier recovery at home. We are working

closely with doctors in the area and hope to help as many people going through this awful illness as possible. We will also continue to help with food bags as often as we are able as well as other medicines for different sicknesses and emergencies when needed.

- For this reason we ask that you continue to graciously donate towards our Compassion Ministries, this covers Emergency Relief. Remember, in the lake area many live from tourism and with everything being shut down they are now walking through hard times.
- We are so thankful for your giving hearts and pray that God will bless you. Every little bit helps as we walk alongside some of those who need it the most during this time. Our staff wishes we could do so much more, but we are so glad you have joined us to aid our little corner of the world.

MISSIONARY MINUTE

When I was 13 years old my dad let my younger sister, Ana, and I know we would not be spending our entire summer in Guatemala with our grandparents and cousins like we had in years past. He let us know we were traveling with him to Lake Atitlan and would help him translate for the teams Impacto was hosting that year. I remember Ana and I cried and told our mom that's not what we wanted to do. We lived in the US at that time and a few weeks out of the summer was our only time to see our family for the year.



I remember riding to the lake that first time, the view was gorgeous, but I was not happy. I did not want to be there. We spent a total of 4 weeks at the lake that summer, working closely with the locals, translating for the teams, and making lots of new friends. When those 4 weeks came to an end and Ana and I had to get on the bus one last time we cried. We didn't want to leave the beautiful people we had met and that gorgeous place that stole our hearts. After that summer Ana and I went back every single summer for almost the entirety of our vacation to volunteer with Impacto Ministry.

Years later when I got to college my heart rebelled against God and my parents. I still spent a great amount of time each summer at the Lake. Ana would tell me how she wanted to marry a pastor and work in ministry, which she did. I would tell her I would bring my family to Guatemala as often as I could but I did not want to be a part of any ministry. Well, as you can tell God has a sense of humor. After going through some difficult times in college my parents brought me home. I remember those first few days being home I couldn't stop crying. I'm not sure if I was mad, sad, regretful or a little bit of everything. Yet, what I remember the most is the love, patience, mercy, and wide-open arms that my parents received me with. I didn't deserve it but they held on to me and walked me through an extremely difficult time.

A few months after this is when Tony, whom I had known for a few years but never really took the time to get to know, and I became friends. From there our relationship blossomed, to everyone's surprise, including us, again, God has a sense of humor. Tony always knew he had been called to ministry and I had

been ignoring this call for many years. Tony helped me accept that and helped me when I felt unworthy of being in the ministry full time. After we were married we came on full time with Impacto Ministry. I am so thankful to God for the family He has given me, Tony, our 3 kids, my parents, my sister, her husband and their kids, and of course my Impacto Family. They all inspire me to be a better version of myself and to always fix my eyes on Jesus. There have been hard days and hard seasons, however when I look back I see God with me every step of the way. I praise God for Impacto and though I never thought I would be here full time, I am so grateful He brought me back to work for Him full time.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

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