

HEALTHCARE | NEBAJ, GUATEMALA

UPDATES: MAY 2023



Gratitude Beyond Measure: Thank You for Transforming Lives through Your Support



\$70,000 CAD was raised to purchase a heavy-duty generator!

Bridging Hope, Healing Lives

Words cannot express our heartfelt gratitude to all the generous donors who have provided invaluable support to **Servicios Médicos Vida y Esperanza**, the hospital in Nebaj, Guatemala. The hospital building is slowly taking shape, culminating in the dreams, hard work and dedication of Dr. Juan Pablo, Carolina Noriega, and their passionate team.

Since 2018, there has been a 27.5% increase in the number of patients seen in the Hospital. Your unwavering commitment and generosity have made a significant impact on the lives of countless individuals in need. Thanks to your contributions, we have provided vital medical care, lifesaving treatments, and essential resources to those who require them the most. Essential medical equipment has been purchased, and wards are being constructed.

Thank you for partnering with us, Dr. Juan Pablo and Carolina Noriega, to support an amazing ministry caring for Guatemala's most vulnerable and sick. With your continued partnership and support, you will be giving the gift of health, medical training, and Christian counselling to ensure a better and brighter future for the community in Guatemala!

Together, we are transforming lives and creating a brighter future for the people of Nebaj.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



The second floor is currently under construction. The dental clinic is located in the new building. Doors were placed in the tomography and laboratory area to prevent escape of radiation.

SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN OF HOSPITAL STAFF



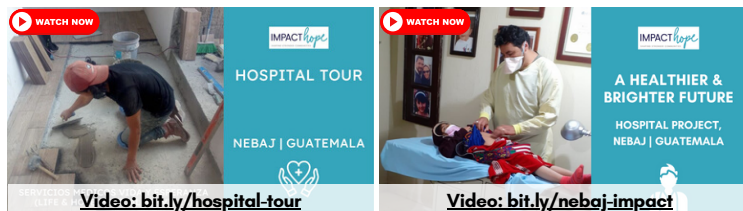
Carolina Noriega oversees a home school for her hospital staff's children so that they may gain a high-quality education. Her solid faith pushes her to serve the patients and community members that connect with her. Four teachers are supported

by external funding to help the hospital keep its staff. Access to an affordable, high-quality English-speaking education motivates the parents to continue in the hospital.

The Latest at Nebaj, Guatemala

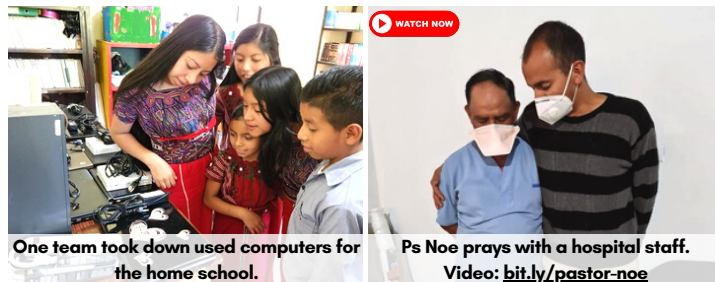
Hospital:

- Over 6.7% of patients in 2022 received free healthcare because they could not afford medical costs.
- Brian shot a short documentary about the project during his time there. This powerful and profoundly moving work highlights the project's history and impact on the Nebaj community.
- We are elated to have conducted THE HOUR with Dr. Juan Pablo and his wife, Carolina, on December 07, 2022.
- Three teams travelled to Nebaj from Ontario. Besides helping with construction projects, the teams accompany a local pastor on house visits in the community. Much construction work has been completed for the first and second floors.



Other Ministry: The team is supporting projects that offer sustainable solutions to the community:

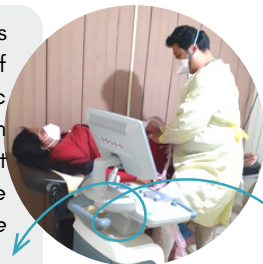
- *Men's Support Group* – The Maverick Men's Support Group gives men from different churches a safe space to pray for each other, have communion and discuss relatable issues.
- *Spiritual Mentoring* – Pastor Noé Martínez conducts bible studies and offers spiritual counselling to hospital staff.
- Pastor Noe sometimes prays with patients waiting for a consultation with their doctor. He offers spiritual counselling to patients struggling to come to terms with their diagnosis.



Praise Points

- *Hospitalito – The Little Hospital* authored by Bob Pauw was released in January this year! His many mission trips inspired him to write a book about his involvement with this project in Nebaj. Every donation above \$100 towards the Nebaj Hospital Project gets a free book. Get a copy at bit.ly/nebaj-book.

Agatha and her husband received the miraculous news that Agatha was pregnant at the age of forty. At eight weeks, Agatha received some tragic news. Dr. JP's staff ran the required tests with an ultrasound machine that helped make the correct diagnosis. Dr. JP was empathetic and caring as he helped her process this moment of grief. *Read the story on our blog: impacthope.ca/agathastory.*



Funding Needs

As the new hospital is being built, the next phase entails purchasing medical equipment and other construction costs, totalling up to \$300,000 CDN. The immediate need is the purchase of an X-ray machine. You can help us reach the goal of **\$180,000** for this equipment, and other construction needs!

Give to our X-ray Machine Fundraiser to empower accurate diagnoses TODAY!

Donation Link: bit.ly/xray-machine

Your compassion is saving lives!

Bringing Clarity to Care



Overcoming Adversity with Love: A Story

Prepare to be inspired by the incredible story of Pastor Noe and a remarkable family he encountered two years ago. This family consists of three strong women, namely Rita, Julia, and Cata, whose ages range between 50 and 70. Rita, having tragically become a widow at a tender age, found herself in the company of only Julia, her beloved daughter. Rita, since her childhood, has faced the challenge of being blind. As fate would have it, Julia too began experiencing a gradual loss of vision, likely due to her inability to afford timely medical attention. Despite their dire circumstances, they graciously welcomed Cata into their lives, as she had no family or caretakers. This family dwells in the depths of poverty, relying solely on the kindness and generosity of others. Fortunately, Cata serves as their guiding light, blessed with clear vision. Their humble house, does not belong to them, exemplifying the simplicity of their living conditions. However, their profound poverty extends beyond financial struggles; they also yearn for spiritual nourishment. Amidst their challenges, their unwavering support for one another radiates warmth and love. Thanks to your invaluable support, Pastor Noe has been able to visit them on at least three separate occasions, offering them much-needed relief and hope for a brighter future.



Rita, Julia and Cata, a remarkable family!

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