

EMPOWERING HEALTH AND HOPE IN NEBAJ, GUATEMALA

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The past few months in Nebaj have been filled with significant milestones and heartwarming stories. ImpactHope Director Brad's recent visit to Guatemala, in February this year was particularly special.

Brad's visit included exploring the hospital facilities, meeting the amazing staff, and even spending time with a team from ImpactHope on a mission trip. Every moment was filled with warmth and camaraderie. This trip gave us a newfound respect for all the hard work done by Dr. JP, Carolina, and their team, as well as a renewed sense of purpose for ImpactHope's mission.



Dr. JP providing a thorough check-up for a young patient, ensuring quality care and comfort at the Hospital in Nebaj.



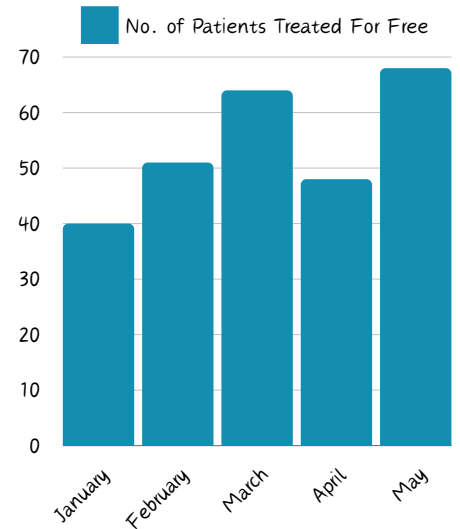
Snapshots from Brad's trip to Guatemala this year!

The Proof is in the Stats!

The ongoing commitment to providing quality healthcare and community support is evident in the diverse range of activities and services offered. From educational advancements and patient care to spiritual growth and community support, the team at Servicios Medicos Vida y Esperanza continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of many.

Under Carolina's direction, affordable, high-quality English-speaking education is provided for children in the community. The Mavericks Men's Ministry provides a safe space for men to discuss their struggles, and grow in their faith

This **graph** visually demonstrates the hospital's financial assistance efforts over the first five months of the year, showcasing how many patients received free healthcare each month.



- Auxiliary Nurses Graduated from Quiche and Nebaj (2012-2023): 971
- No. of In-Patients (Jan-May 2024): 20
- Cost of Patients Unable to Pay For Healthcare (Jan-May 2024): 12,750 CAD
- Patients Treated For Free (Jan-May 2024): 271
- Patients Seen (Jan-May 2024): 2,814
- Ultrasounds Conducted (Jan-May 2024): 623
- No. of Students at Hebron Vida y Esperanza School (2024): 43

Despite the challenges, the hospital has successfully graduated numerous nursing auxiliaries, treated a significant number of in-patients, and provided substantial financial aid to those in need. The high number of consultations and ultrasounds performed underscores the hospital's role as a vital healthcare provider in the region.

Diagnosing Hope: A Journey with Liver Cancer

A man from Nebaj, with very limited resources, had been to several private clinics and a national hospital but didn't receive a proper diagnosis. He came to Servicios Medicos Vida y Esperanza, hoping for help. Thanks to the hospital's high-definition ultrasound, the team discovered that he was in the early stages of primary liver cancer.

The hospital team quickly arranged for him to start treatment with an oncologist in the capital city. They are grateful to have been able to help him catch the disease early, giving him a fighting chance to recover. Your support has provided the advanced technology and diagnostic equipment, making a huge difference in the lives of low-income patients, and providing them with the care and support they desperately need.



Your support has provided advanced technology, saving lives!

A Life Saved: Battling Anaemia with Precision Care

A young woman in her 30's with severe anaemia came to the Hospital. Her hemoglobin level was extremely low, making it hard for her to walk. The doctor on duty called for blood, and the hospital's blood bank provided it. Carolina provided the needed blood but also wanted to understand why the woman's anaemia was so severe. She discovered that the woman's condition was caused by an autoimmune disease, where her body was producing antibodies against her own red blood cells. She shared this finding with the doctor, who was grateful for the advice.

With this new information, the doctor could now treat the woman appropriately. The woman's story is a testament to the hospital's commitment to providing thorough and compassionate care!



The hospital is committed to compassionate & thorough patient care.

Praise Points 🙌

- **Improved Patient Care:** Advanced diagnostic equipment, funded by donors, has significantly improved patient care, allowing for early and accurate diagnoses.
- **Growing Bible Panorama Study:** The Bible Panorama study for staff members is thriving, strengthening the spiritual lives of the hospital staff and enhancing their service to patients.

Prayer Points 🙏

Special Fundraiser for Operating Room: The Hospital needs your help to take the next critical step - equipping the Operating Room.

- **Budget:** \$125,000 (CAD)
- Your support will ensure we can purchase essential items for the operating room, including LED OR lights, a phlegm aspirator, generators, an OR bed, trays/tables, oxygen piping, and the installation of the LED lights.



17 scholarship students, 4 of whom are fully sponsored.



Started in 2018 with 3 students; now, 43 students in 2024.

Hebron Vida y Esperanza School

Your donations are allowing us to shape compassionate, capable leaders who will drive positive change. The children of hospital staff are getting great opportunities, inspiring their parents' important work. Thanks to you, students now have computers for online classes.

However, it costs **\$12,000 yearly** to support the 7 dedicated teachers who are shaping these students' futures. Without continued support, the school may not be able to keep these teachers and provide the life-changing education.

By joining this journey, your gifts will make a real, lasting impact. Together, we can unlock the potential of these young minds.



We need your help to provide critical surgical care to more patients.

We need your help to begin making our **operating room** fully equipped and functional. Imagine the lives you can save by providing the tools doctors need to perform surgeries. Every donation, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal. Please support our OR fundraiser today. Your generosity can make a huge difference for many families in Nebaj. Thank you for being part of this mission.



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