

# EMPOWERING HEALTH AND HOPE IN NEBAJ, GUATEMALA

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Under the leadership of Dr. Juan Pablo and his wife Carolina, the Servicios Médicos Vida y Esperanza hospital in Nebaj has become a beacon of hope for countless individuals in one of Guatemala's most underserved regions. Their unwavering commitment to serving vulnerable communities has created a sustainable healthcare system that not only addresses critical medical needs but also empowers the local population through education, compassion, and opportunity.

The hospital continues to stand as a testament to what faith-driven service and dedicated partnerships can achieve.



"Grateful for the blessing of our X-ray machine! Thanks to your support, this vital equipment is helping us diagnose and treat patients with precision and care.."



## The Proof is in the Stats!

### 1. Nursing Education:

- The Nebaj School for Nursing has graduated 806 auxiliary nurses since its inception, including 66 in 2022 and 34 in 2023.
- The Quiché School has produced 461 graduates since 2012, with 44 expected to graduate by the end of 2024.

### 2. Laboratory Services:

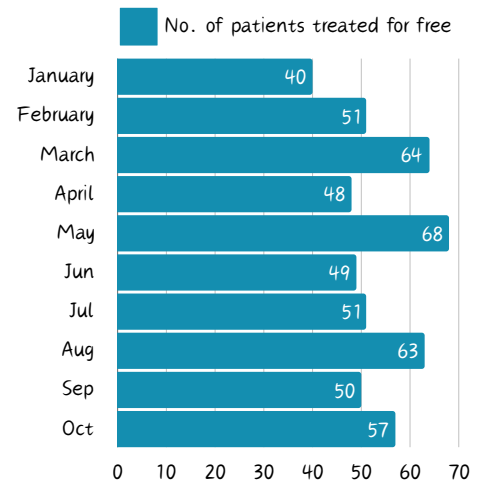
- A total of 184,588 tests were conducted between 2018 and 2024, with 28,885 tests projected for 2024 alone.

### 3. Medical Consultations:

- 541 patients were treated for free, reflecting a significant commitment to providing accessible healthcare services to the community.
- The demand for consultations continues to grow, with a projected 5,679 consultations in 2024.

### 4. Patient Care:

- From January to October 2024, 47 cases were in-patients, and 1,424 ultrasounds were performed.
- Between June and October 2024, 247 X-ray procedures were conducted, generating CAD 3,727.71 in net revenue.



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.

**1. Gregorio's Second Chance**

Gregorio, a man struggling with complications from alcohol consumption, arrived at the hospital in desperate need of medical care. Treated with compassion and dignity, he recovered fully and expressed his gratitude through a heartfelt gift to the staff. More importantly, Gregorio recommitted his life to following Christ and shared his determination to break free from his struggles. Stories like Gregorio's illustrate how the hospital not only heals physically but also ministers spiritually to its patients.



**2. Threads of Hope - Empowering Women**

The Threads of Hope ministry, led by Carolina alongside Sonia Musgrave and Cesia, continues to empower women by equipping them with skills to improve their homes and generate income. By creating sellable items, these women are gaining financial independence while fostering a sense of community and resilience. This initiative is a powerful example of how holistic ministry can transform lives.



**3. Through mission trips**, participants supported the construction of the hospital, and engaged in meaningful home visits that offered hope and encouragement to local families.

Praise Points 

- Praise God for the continued growth of the nursing schools, which have produced over 1,267 graduates combined since their inception.
- X-ray services generate surplus revenue for reinvestment.
- Lives are being transformed not only medically but spiritually, as seen in the stories of patients like Gregorio.

Prayer Points 

**Special Fundraiser for 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.



**Transform Lives Through Nursing Education**

In the remote villages of Guatemala, access to skilled healthcare professionals can mean the difference between life and death. The Nebaj Nursing Scholarship Fund provides a full scholarship for aspiring auxiliary nurses, equipping them to bring essential healthcare services to rural communities.

**With \$3,000 CAD, you can fully fund one student's journey to becoming an auxiliary nurse.** This scholarship covers tuition, uniforms, and training, enabling students to assist in pediatric care and deliver newborns, support surgical teams in operating rooms, create vaccination plans for entire communities, and provide critical first-line care for pregnant women and infants.



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

We invite you to join us in sustaining and expanding this vital ministry. Whether through serving on a mission trip, sponsoring a nursing student, funding medical equipment, or supporting patient care, your gift will make a lasting difference in the lives of families who desperately need hope and healing.

