



Mesoamerica World Region

Caring for Children with Disabilities - Guatemala

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

In Guatemala, the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Council coordinates the Disability Project, training local Nazarenes to integrate children with disabilities into the life of the church, and assisting families with providing medical and dental care, prescriptions, testing, and therapy for children with disabilities. No longer are these children hidden away, without hope.

PROJECT IMPACT

Lilian was born blind and deaf, and has been diagnosed with cardiac issues as well as malnutrition. The Disability Project has connected her family with an institution for blind and deaf children. Twice a week Lilian's mom takes a 4 hour bus trip each way with her for therapy (leaving at 5 am!).

Erika suffered a fall when she was an infant. At the age of 10 she had to stop going to school because of frequent seizures; she also has learning disabilities. The Disability Project has enabled her to be under the care of a neurologist, and now she also has weekly therapy. Erika, her grandmother, and her sister now attend a local Church of the Nazarene.

Carlos is developmentally disabled. Unlike most children with disabilities in rural Guatemala, he is able to attend school and loves playing soccer. The Disability Project assists with medication and doctor's visits.

PROJECT FUNDING

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