

Merry Christmas

Dear Friends and Family,

I would like to wish you all a warm Christmas greeting from Vida y Esperanza school in Santa Lucia Milpas Altas, Guatemala. I want to start by thanking each of you for your prayers as well as for the support you have provided to the ministry that God continues to allow me to lead along with the teachers, students, and parents of Vida y Esperanza during the year of 2020. It has been a year of trials and tribulations. However, I can say once again that God has been faithful.

In January, we were very excited to start the process of teaching and discipling our students from kindergarten through high school, not knowing that in mid-March it would be necessary to make modifications to our planning due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has affected many people around the world, including our mission organization.

March was such a stressful month for me as I had to make many decisions on how to continue teaching our students, but with the help of God and the support of the school's leadership, we made the decision to have the staff continue attending to our students through different internet means—Zoom, Google Meet, and WhatsApp. We also made home visits to deliver work guides to families who did not have internet or a computer to receive classes from home. We have managed to attend to all of our students, so I can say that God continues to be faithful to the vision that He put in my heart over 22 years ago.

The staff's commitment to our students was key to achieving our goals, since the students, in addition to receiving their virtual classes, continued to also receive their devotional time once a week. Pastor Danny, who directs the pastoral care of the school, conducted a devotional every weekend aimed at the parents, in order to motivate the spiritual growth of our students and their families.

Thanks to the donations we received from our supporters, we were able to visit some families who lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic and we were able to deliver bags of groceries to each of them. We also supported families who suffered directly from the virus.

As for my work at the University on Saturdays, God has allowed me to continue teaching my students online and, on many occasions, to be able to encourage them to keep moving forward. Because of this, I have had the opportunity to not only teach classes, but also share experiences of God's faithfulness in my life.





On October 2, I had the opportunity to share the topic "The Importance of Values in Education" which was organized by the Chiloé Foundation in the country of Chile, where teachers from different Latin American countries participated. I was also able to share the topic "The Importance of Values in the Work Environment" with a commissariat of the PNC (National Civil Police) of Guatemala with whom I will continue to do on a monthly basis. Please pray that God continues to provide me with wisdom to continue working with them in this new area that has just been opened to me.

Regarding my health, it was a stable year, however, in December I will be undergoing surgery for a hernia, so I ask for your prayers for a speedy recovery and that I may be ready to start my work at Vida y Esperanza the third week of January 2021.

This year, we had to take my parents to the emergency room several times, which allowed me and my siblings to be more united as a family. Once again, I want to thank each of you for being part of what.

God allows me to do here in Guatemala through your prayers and financial support for my ministry within Mission Impact.

Many Blessings,

Wally Estrada

Thanks

- To God for His financial provision during the year of 2020.
- For wisdom in both personal and ministry-related decisions made over the past year.
- The teachers' commitment and work with Vida y Esperanza's students and parents.
- For the students' health and their families' health.

Petitions

- For my surgery: may everything go well and may God provide the necessary finances to cover the cost of the surgery (\$2,300.00).
- Provision of a computer to continue with my classes and virtual conferences.
Approx. cost: (\$1,278.00)
- May God provide jobs for the students' parents who lost them.
- Provision of finances to purchase the land for the recreational area for the school



"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14



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