

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP REPORT

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A ministry of Kids Alive International, Oasis provides redemption, justice, and reconciliation for abused girls. Oasis is a place to feel safe and a place to heal. Girls leave a life of poverty and sexual abuse and arrive at Oasis. There they receive healing for their hearts, support to learn a career, and encouragement to attend church. They also hear the Gospel. Christ-centered therapy and health care are also provided.

Our first two days were spent on a plumbing and electrical project. We also poured a slab for a new building for older girls who need to learn independent living. We worked with two long-term missionaries and four nationals to move eight tons of material. In less than five hours, the floor was done!



Days three and four were spent making a storage space and changing table for the nursery. Crafting trundle beds for the "baby house" was a creative challenge. Two trip members served in the nursery most of the day. Fourteen Oasis girls are moms to children ranging from two weeks to four years old.

One day we traveled to a Kids Alive site in the remote village of Zapote. We visited the Source of Hope school, which provides 220 students with two daily meals and quality education. We toured the school, the church, and a farm all associated with Kids Alive. The drive to Zapote required forging four rivers without bridges! Later, we toured the beautiful city of Antigua.



God is using Oasis to rescue and heal precious girls. Because Oasis has been so successful in restoring girls and bringing perpetrators to justice, Oasis staff has been asked to train national social workers and staff members of other children's homes. Oasis staff is not just helping a small group of girls; it is impacting the entire country! What an honor to serve such a dedicated staff, which has accepted God's call to serve Him in a hard place.

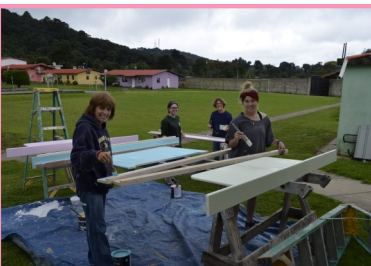
These trip members summed their week up well:

"Observing how God is using Oasis to give hope and healing to the girls was awesome and inspiring." (Maria Hodgson, Valley Avon)

"Just having a small chance to be part of Oasis was a privilege." (Joyce Olson, Valley Bristol)

"God is moving through Kids Alive, Guatemala! Everyone needs to go. Sign me up for every year." (Kent Robbins, Valley Simsbury)

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