

Want to sponsor a Child?



Sponsoring A Child Is Easy

Please visit our website by scanning the code below



On the ABC page you will find a link to the ABC Sponsor Application. Once we have received your information and preferred payment method we will send you the picture and profile of the child you have sponsored. Sponsors may choose to pay monthly via bank draft or check or on an annual basis. Please contact ABC Coordinator, Barbara Barnes, with any questions at bybarnht@aol.com

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The ABC Program



... an easy way
to give a child
a helping hand

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what is the ABC Program?

The ABC Program is dedicated to providing assistance to children of Christian families in Guatemala. Motivated by awareness of the extreme poverty that so many Guatemalan families endure, Health Talents designed a plan to provide eligible children with support and relief while offering an opportunity for U.S. Christians to care for the “**least of these.**” Currently, we have more than 800 children, the majority of whom are Mayan, being helped through ABC. At any given point, we have twelve to fifty awaiting a sponsor as we add children and communities throughout the year. Children in the program must be old enough to attend school, thus the age ranges from five to young adults. Many of the older students are attending vocational schools or university and our graduates are working as teachers, engineers, evangelists and many other careers. In fact, one graduate has finished medical school and another has finished dental school. ABC, and you the sponsor, make a difference!



how does ABC Program bring hope

How does it work?

Working through local churches of Christ, ABC is structured in a way that makes it much more than a welfare program. School aged children of active, faithful members, have been identified as being in need by their local church leadership. The children receive regular medical and dental care along with milk and food items to supplement their diet and provide better nutrition. From Mazanija to San Juan Maco on the coast, to Mactzul Quinto and Paxot Segundo in the highlands, we currently have more than thirty Guatemala churches partnering with us in ABC. The churches assist with the distribution of aid, monitor the child's progress and accept primary responsibility for their spiritual growth.

About the Children

UNESCO, EFA Global Monitoring Report 2010 Report...

“In Guatemala, malnutrition rates among the indigenous children are twice the level for non-indigenous children.”
“Almost half of the country's children are malnourished and in parts of rural Guatemala, where the population is largely Mayan, the figures reaches 80%.”

“In Guatemala, 49% of the children under age 5 suffer from moderate and severe stunting.”

“A recent study in Guatemala finds that the impact of being stunted at age 6 is equivalent in its test score effects to losing four grades of schooling.”



*And Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me... for such is the kingdom of God.”
Luke 18:16*

What does a Sponsor Do?

Each sponsor provides \$33 per month in financial assistance with 20% per month covering administrative and distribution expenses while 80% per month benefits the children in the program. Those benefits include food, clothing, educational expenses, medical, dental and surgical care. The children are encouraged to write their sponsor two to three times a year to say thank you and share stories about their life. These letters, along with a translation, are forwarded to the sponsors throughout the year. In turn, we encourage sponsors to write their children and will translate those letters for the children.

