



# GLOBAL SHORE

## O P P O R T U N I T I E S

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TRANSFORMING GUATEMALA THROUGH CHRIST-CENTRED EDUCATION

Dear Global Shore family,

What a year this has been. We do not know what your situation will be when you read this (nor ours), but since the middle of March, our school has been closed. After the Easter break, our teachers began sharing instructional videos from their homes, and students and parents are responding and working together in Facebook groups to continue learning from a distance. (*Heather, pictured to the right, Senior Kindergarten, is currently working hard on the letter "M".*)

Cases have continued to be identified in Guatemala, and ongoing preventative measures are in place: mandatory masks, a 12-hour daily curfew, closed borders, restricted movement and closures of non-essential businesses.

Like all of you, this is not where we thought we would be at this time. We miss our students and staff deeply. We miss gathering for devotions in the morning and the laughter of children in the courtyard. However, we remain firm in our confidence that the Lord is in control. He has good plans and purposes for us and for you, and we know that he is faithful to finish what he started. **We continue steadfast in our conviction that God will bring us back together to this place with rejoicing.**

Please join us in praying for all of our students. Like Heather, many of them come from healthy and loving home environments, but many do not. We pray that the Lord would keep and protect them



and their families while they are at home during this time. We continue to pray for you as well; that the Lord would strengthen and protect you, and that you would receive everything God has for you during this period of global crisis. **Although the nations are shaken, the children of God stand on a firm foundation, an inheritance that cannot be stolen.**

While our school begins to function remotely through this crisis, our financial future is less certain. We're preparing for many families to be unable to pay the \$20/month tuition contribution for their children's education. We also have canceled several fundraising events which would have provided for our ministry. We thank God that

every single one of our monthly student sponsors and teacher partners have continued their support, but with canceled events and trips, and anticipated losses in tuition, **we are projecting a loss of \$75,000 for the coming season.**

We know that God has called us to continue in ministry, not just so that our 48 Guatemalan staff members can provide remote learning for our students, but so that there will be a ministry for our students to return to when this crisis has passed. We are working on several initiatives which will help us move forward. We know that God has called us, we are confident that He will provide, and want to invite you into this process of prayer and provision.



### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Join us in prayer**, asking God to provide as He has done time and again over the past 15 years
- **Give a one-time gift of any amount** towards the shortfall of \$75,000, standing in the gap with us
- If you are a student sponsor, **consider increasing your student sponsorship from \$38/month to \$50/month or \$60/month**, which helps offset the monthly tuition that many Guatemalan families are unable to give
- **Become a Vision Partner** whose regular gift immediately helps and also covers ongoing ministry costs

Thank you for your part in the ministry of Global Shore Opportunities. We know this season will pass, and believe God will see us through.





*A Vision Partner gives any amount monthly to Global Shore, investing in the Christ-centred education and transformation in Guatemala.*

From the very beginning in 2004, God has been working through Global Shore. We've built houses, supported families and started businesses, all in Christ's name. After we started a school in our community, **God gave us a powerful vision that has led to transformational experiences for hundreds of students.** Our new Vision Partners monthly giving program is an invitation to our friends, sponsors and partners to join us in growing the work of transforming Guatemala for Christ.

As we look to the future, our vision is of a ministry with an eternal impact:



Every student daily **encountering the living God**, being equipped for their divine purpose



A network of **alumni making a radical difference** in their families and communities



**Trusting God to expand our reach** to students in need of quality education

This vision relies on the generosity of those who believe in the ministry of Global Shore Opportunities. Our Vision Partners believe in the vision of GSO and believe that the best is yet to come. Vision Partners give generously so that our ministry can be well-established, secure in the present and confident as we plan for the future.

Join us in transforming Guatemala.  
Visit [globalshore.org/visionpartner](https://globalshore.org/visionpartner) to sign up.

# THANK YOU

FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!

We know that this is a difficult time for many, and we are deeply grateful to God that you continue to believe in Global Shore and the vision that God has given us. May God bless you and care for you in this time.



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