

## December Service Project - Be a Helping Hand

Matt. 25:40 "...whatever you have done for the least of these, you have done it unto me."

### **H. O. M. E. (Homes. Orphans. Ministry. Education)**

This orphanage is in the heart of the country of Guatemala, in Chimaltenango, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city. It was founded and is operated by Christians in the United States who saw an urgent need. These children have been removed from their parents by the government for dangerous situations like drugs, abuse, sex trafficking and human trafficking for child labor. They either have no other living family to take responsibility for them or no one that the court deems responsible. Many of these children have never had a bed, toys or any personal items to call their own. They have come from extreme poverty and harsh conditions which have denied them normal childhoods. When a child is placed in the orphanage they are welcomed with a backpack containing clothing, personal hygiene items, school supplies, a blanket and a stuffed animal. Even the oldest of children is overwhelmed to receive these gifts because it is the first time that they have had personal possessions.

The ministry of this orphanage is that the children receive love, support, legal assistance, Christian counseling and Christian education. Their headquarters is in Florida and that allows them to receive United States charity status. They receive no financial support from the government at all. And yet, they receive full support and assistance of the government in rescuing and placing these children. The property currently has 10 homes. Each home has the capacity to house 10 children. Sadly, only one home is filled with residents because they are waiting on funding to be able to operate the second home. The current residents are ages 3-8 years old. It costs approximately \$250.00 US Dollars to support a child per month.

#### **Here is how we can help:**

- Boys/Girls clothing
- School supplies
- Hair accessories for girls
- Educational toys/games in Spanish
  - Books in Spanish/English
  - Monetary donations

\*We have a connection with the mission team that visits the orphanage twice a year. They are able to deliver our items for us without any cost of shipping.