

## 瓜地馬拉生命河靈糧堂

### River of Life Christian Church in Guatemala

成立 Started: 2013 年6月

加入成為分堂: 2019年 1月

地點 Location: Guatemala

主任牧師 Senior Pastor: Pastor Salvador

分堂: 共1間分堂

#### 簡要介紹 Brief Introduction:

瓜地馬拉位於中美洲。是古代瑪雅文化的中心。16世紀中成為西班牙的殖民地。1821年脫離西班牙的統治，但是直到 1840年才完全獨立。獨立後的統治者多以個人利益為重，實行獨裁統治。1957年反對政府獨裁的農民組織游擊隊，開始與政府軍展開了長達36年的內戰。內戰直到1996年結束，期間導致10萬人喪生，百萬人流離失所。同時原住民瑪雅人幾乎被滅族。今天，瓜地馬拉仍存在嚴重的貧富不均問題。全國一半以上的人口生活在貧窮線下。腐敗，犯罪，暴力，學童教育缺乏，兒童營養不良等問題都很嚴重。我們當地的分堂位於首都瓜地馬拉市，負責的 Salvador 牧師，原是一位出色的小兒科醫生，他於 1998年信主，信主後，他一方面在教會服事，一方面進入當地的神學院進修，用4年取得神學學位。他於

2009年按牧。2013年他與其他3個家庭，開始了現在的教會。期間他一直帶職服事，直至2018年，他離開醫院的崗位，專心帶領教會，也認識了前去拜訪的生命河短宣隊，並陪同短宣隊在瓜市走禱。2019年一月他拜訪了生命河靈糧堂，非常認同生命河的異象與負擔，在與同工們禱告尋求後，他們決定正式加入生命河的大家庭，成為我們在中美洲的第一個分堂。相信在神的保守和帶領下，他們在瓜地馬拉成長必能見證神的作為及神的榮耀。

Guatemala is in Central America. It is the center of ancient Mayan culture. It became a Spanish colony in the mid-16th century. It broke away from Spanish rule in 1821 but was not completely independent until 1840. After independence, rulers mostly focused on personal interests and implemented dictatorship. In 1957, the guerrillas, a peasant organization that opposed government dictatorship, began a 36-year civil war with government forces. The civil war ended in 1996, during which 100,000 people were killed and millions were displaced. At the same time the Aboriginal Maya were almost wiped out. Today, Guatemala still has serious problems of inequality. More than half of the country's population lives below the poverty line. Corruption,

crime, violence, lack of schoolchildren's education, and malnutrition of children are all serious problems. Our local branch is in the capital city of Guatemala. Pastor Salvador was originally an excellent pediatrician. After he believed in the Lord in 1998, he began to serve in the church and to study in the seminary. It took him 4 years in the seminary to obtain a degree in theology. He was ordained in 2009 and started the current church with 3 other families in 2013. In those years, he continued to serve and work at the hospital. In 2018 he left the hospital and concentrated on leading the church. At that time, he met with the ROLCC Mission Team visiting him, and accompanied the Mission Team to do a prayer walk around the city. In January of 2019, he visited ROLCC, and he very much agreed with the vision and burden of ROLCC. After praying with fellow workers, they decided to formally join the family of ROLCC and become our first daughter church in Central America. Under the protection and lead of God, their growth in Guatemala will be able to witness God's work and glory.

### 代禱事項:

1. 求神賜福 Salvador 牧師，及在他帶領下的所有牧者與同工，能在凡事上經歷神的大能與作為，也為每個小組的復興與成長代禱。

2. 教會現有的建築將要拆除改建，求神賜下一個合適且夠大的場地，使教會能夠繼續的成長和發展。
3. 教會聚會因新冠肺炎疫情而受限制，感謝神的保守，他們能繼續在周日聚會，求神賜下智慧，保守教會採取合適的措施，確保實體聚會的安全。
4. 在此新冠肺炎疫情全球蔓延的時期，求神保守瓜地馬拉，並請為教會中有困難的家庭代禱，求神加添他們力量與信心。
5. 求神幫助他們、光照他們，並為他們敞開大門，讓他們能夠在這個困難時期比以往任何時候都更多地分享福音。

### **Prayer Items:**

1. Pray for the blessing of Pastor Salvador, and all the pastors and co-workers under his leadership, to experience God's power and deeds in all things, and to pray for the revival and growth of each group.
2. The existing buildings of the church will be demolished and rebuilt. God will give us a suitable and large enough site so that the church can continue to grow and develop.

3. Church gatherings are restricted due to the new crown pneumonia epidemic. Thank God for their protection. They can continue to gather on Sundays. They ask God for wisdom and protect the church to take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of physical gatherings.
4. At this time when the new crown pneumonia epidemic is spreading globally, please God to protect Guatemala, and please pray for families in difficulties in the church, and ask God to increase their strength and confidence.
5. Pray that God will help them, enlighten them, and open the door for them so that they can share the gospel more than ever in this difficult time.