

## 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 City, Guatemala

全國主任牧師 National Director:

Rev. Salvador

分堂: 共3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。

瓜地馬拉分堂在新冠疫情的三年，仍然持續實體的聚會，同時扶持了很多遭遇困難的家庭。生命河靈糧堂也於2022年開始，恢復差派短宣隊前往瓜地馬拉，支援該堂的服事。他們的教會除了服事當地一般的百姓，更是進入當地著名的LA LIMONADA社區 (政府公認的紅區 (Red Zone)，意思是高危險社區)，該區裡充滿了暴力，幫派，毒品，及犯罪，但也充滿了貧困及各種需要。瓜地馬拉分堂於2022年開始，支持位於LA LIMONADA社區中的CAMINO de Salvación 教會，支援這個教會服事這個社區的居民。他們並於2023年4月在另一個省份聖盧卡斯薩卡特佩克斯 (San Lucas Sacatepéquez) 開始了另一個分堂。取名”神真好生命河靈糧堂“(ROL God is Good)，他們差派了 Antonio Rivera 牧師和他的妻子 Beatriz Bran前去牧會，這是一個非常需要的地區。2024年至今，已建立了三間分堂，且今年都新增了牧者團隊到各個分堂事奉，求神持續

保守瓜地馬拉的工作，願他們成為地區的祝福，來大大彰顯神的榮耀。

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.

During the three years of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Guatemala branch still continued to hold physical gatherings, and at the same time supported many families in difficulties. River of Life Christian Church in US will also resume sending a short-term mission team to Guatemala to support the church's service in 2022. In addition to serving ordinary local people, their church has also entered the famous local LA LIMONADA community (a government-recognized Red Zone, meaning a high-risk community), which is full of violence, gangs, drugs, and Crime, but also poverty and needs. The Guatemala branch started supporting the CAMINO de Salvación Church located in the LA LIMONADA community since early 2022. They partner together to serve the residents of this community. They also started another branch in April 2023 in another province, San Lucas Sacatepéquez, Named "ROL God is Good" and they sent Pastor Antonio Rivera and his wife Beatriz Bran to pastor in a very needed area. Since 2024, three branch churches have been established, and this year new pastoral teams have been added to serve in each branch. Pray that God will continue to protect the work in Guatemala, and may they become a blessing to the region and come to large-scale Divine glory.

## 代禱事項:

1. 請為各個分堂的新牧者禱告，分別為Edward de León牧師、Fabián Caruhapoma牧師與Antonio Rivera 牧師，感謝神親自揀選並呼召他們，求神賜給他們智慧和愛心，忠心地履行牧者的職責，並賜給他們策略和洞察力，能夠有效地教導和牧養教會。也求保守他們的家庭，使他們在新的環境中能夠適應並找到平安和喜樂。
2. 請特別為瓜地馬拉的空氣污染禱告，由於火災的發生，當地空氣污染已經影響許多人的生活，祈求上帝的憐憫和醫治，減輕這個國家的空氣污染，使那裡的人民能夠呼吸到清新的空氣。願上帝的平安和醫治臨到瓜地馬拉，使當地民眾能在乾淨和健康的環境中生活。
3. 請為瓜地馬拉各個分堂的聚會禱告，祈求聚會或小組之間，弟兄姊妹有智慧的見證分享，也求每一次的聚會，都加添力量給牧者與同工，來透過聖靈引導，服事每一位會眾。也讓瓜地馬拉分堂的弟兄姊妹的生命成為對上帝的見證。

## Prayer Items:

1. Please pray for the new pastors of each branch, namely Pastor Edward de León, Pastor Fabián Caruhapoma and Pastor Antonio Rivera. Thank God for choosing and calling them. Ask God to give them wisdom and love to faithfully fulfill their pastoral duties. responsibilities and give them the strategies and insight to effectively teach and pastor

- the church. Please also protect their families so that they can adapt and find peace and joy in the new environment.
2. Please pray especially for the air pollution in Guatemala. Due to the occurrence of fires, local air pollution has affected the lives of many people. Pray for God's mercy and healing to alleviate the air pollution in this country so that the people there can breathe fresh air. May God's peace and healing come to Guatemala so that its people can live in a clean and healthy environment.
  3. Please pray for the meetings in each branch in Guatemala. Pray that brothers and sisters will have wisdom to share their testimonies between meetings or small groups. Also, pray that each meeting will give the pastors and co-workers the power to come through the Holy Spirit. Lead and serve everyone in the congregation. Let the lives of the brothers and sisters in the Guatemala branch become witnesses to God.