

# A Biblical Response to Poverty



Mathew 5:1

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



# Guatemala



# How were the poor and needy cared for in the Old Testament?

## Leviticus 19:9-10

- 9 “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

## Deuteronomy 24:19-22

- 19 When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. 20 When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. 21 When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. 22 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this.











Meeting physical needs gives us opportunities to share the love of Jesus.



# What does Jesus say about caring for the poor in the NT?

Luke 14:13-14

- <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

# The Parable of the Great Feast

## Luke 14:16-23

- <sup>16</sup> Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. <sup>17</sup> At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’
- <sup>18</sup> “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’
- <sup>19</sup> “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’
- <sup>20</sup> “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

## Luke 14:16-23

- <sup>21</sup> “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’
- <sup>22</sup> “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’
- <sup>23</sup> “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.’

Go out and find those in need and  
compel them to come in.









# Making eternal investments



# Caring for the least of these



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# 1 John 3:17

- <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.





“My inheritance will not be money; it will be a legacy which is a treasure in God’s eyes.”

– Carlos Vargas

# Hope of Life Vision

## VISION

**From the moment Hope of Life started, our mission has always been to rescue the future generations of Guatemala and the world through the power of a practical Gospel. To never meet a physical need without meeting a spiritual need. Transforming generations from dependency to independence, to become strong leaders for the world and for the Kingdom.**

Hope of Life is making an eternal impact



# Together we can bring the hope and love of Jesus to Guatemala



Here we are Lord, send us.

