

"And you will be **my witnesses**, telling people about me everywhere-in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and **to the ends of the earth**." Acts 1:8

Jesus commanded us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and that is what this is.

## **VISION**

CONNECT HSM – our High School Ministry at Connect Church – has planned a week to go and Partner with Hope of Life International this summer to serve the community and people of Zacapa, Guatemala.

## WHAT ARE WE DOING?

• Guatemala is in a time of need right now where 49.8% of the population is malnourished and in the rural areas of the country that percentage shoots up to close to 80%. So Connect Youth will be partnering with Hope of Life International to help provide food for the people of Guatemala and help the fight of hunger in a country that needs its dearly.

• In Guatemala 75% of people live below the poverty line. So much so that they do not have places to live or even can afford food for their families to eat. Connect Youth will be repairing homes and painting them so the people of Guatemala have a safe place to live and one less thing to worry about as they continue their journey on making a better life for them and their family.

• In addition we will be painting and repairing a school that Hope of Life International has built so the kids of Guatemala have a chance at education that they normally would not have. In Guatemala the Government only pays for kids to go to school through the 6th grade. After that they have to pay for private school which most cannot. Hope of Life International makes this a possibility for kids no matter how poor to have an education and a future.

• Throughout the week we will also be praying with families, running a youth service for their church, visiting and helping out an elderly home and many other projects around the village of Zacapa.

• Our goal is to help jump start the movement that has already begun in Guatemala by giving the people of this beautiful country a hope they have never had, a Hope of Life. We hope you can be a part of giving that hope to someone who has never had it.

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

 $\cdot$  Pray for our team as we plan and prepare for the trip.

• The cost is \$1,700 per person. Please consider sending in a donation to help financially to make an impact on a life that deserves it.

You can send checks to:

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Please put my name in the memo of the check. Checks should be made out to Connect Church.

Thanks so much for your support!