



*Lifting Children to Life*

# ***“Beyond Our Walls” Leaders Vision Tour***

**San Cristobal, Guatemala**

**Sept. 29- Oct. 3, 2025**

## **TRIP AGENDA**

- Stay at our secure and comfortable Mission Team Housing compound**
- Tour our Children’s Home (orphanage) and meet all the children and staff**
- Visit a family who has been blessed with the gift of a new house**
- Visit the City Dump & slum areas of greatest need**
- Visit baby Seidy’s grave and hear her story**
- Build a cook stove and install a water purifier for a Guatemalan family**
- Meet with local Guatemala church leaders on most critical needs**
- Tour our new 10-acre permanent mission property and its long-term vision**
- Tour the Spanish Colonial city of Antigua**
- Whatever the Holy Spirit guides us to do as well as He leads us all week**



# *Reflections on the* **“Beyond Our Walls” Leaders Vision Tour**

**From a few of our many previous Attendees**

*“What a great, great mission trip! Thanks to each of you making it what it was. What a lively, flexible, fun group to be with! In just four short days, we were able to see and experience what few North Americans or even Guatemalans ever see or experience. I'm already missing the camaraderie, fun repartee, belly laughter, and rare opportunities to see such powerful ministries of the Spirit and Word lived out in deeply broken, desperate settings. Truth is... it restored my faith that hope and healing is possible in such dire situations. We were eye-witnesses to the Spirit of Jesus healing, renewing souls and bringing girls back from the brink of soul death. I loved every minute of it. God knew I needed it at this particular juncture of my life and ministry, i.e., getting old and world weary.”*

**DCO Clint Souligny** Trinity Lutheran Church – Hillsboro, OR

*“I found my week with CBI an eye-opening and heart-wrenching experience, seeing not only poverty and great need first-hand, but also the faith and hope of the Guatemalan people and the wonderful agencies striving to do as much as they can to reflect the love of a merciful God. It was exciting to see the beginnings of the CBI Children's Home, and being exposed to the work of other partners working to lift people up was an inspiration to me.”*

**Rev. Ted Mueller** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, - Vancouver, WA

*“The staff and children at Child Beyond International in Guatemala give us a vivid view of Jesus taking a child in his arms, blessing him, and saying “Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me.” Anyone wants to live these words in the flesh should pick up and head to Guatemala City. My life was touched powerfully by these children.”*

**Rev. Bo Baumeister** Concordia University Campus pastor

*“Guatemala was a great opportunity for me to witness how a human can react in the face of extreme adversity when exposed to the love of Christ. I am humbled after seeing children abandoned and families living in extreme poverty, yet the love of Christ is so strong there. Mission work at its finest is what I took away from this amazing trip.”*

**Vicar Travis Wright** Redeemer Lutheran Church – Fresno, CA

*“Just wanted to send out a hearty thanks to all of you for making the last week fruitful, beneficial, and blessed. I met some new folks with a passion for populating heaven, and we all saw ways which impact the lives of people, and those touches are filled with grace and God's love – and importantly, spoken into their ears.”*

**Rev. Paul Mueller** Executive Director – Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership (CALL)

*“What does the love of God wrapped up in care for orphaned children look like? It looks like God's Grace children's home. I would encourage anyone to come and see for yourself what God is doing in Guatemala and get involved. The need is great; and by God's grace, we can make a difference in the lives of the children that God loves. Such a trip has the power to change the way we see our own ministry opportunities.”*

**Rev. Langdon Reinke** St. John Lutheran Church & School - Salem, OR

*“The week in Guatemala with CBI was a tremendous eye-opening experience to be able to see all the different ways God is working through His people to serve the poor and vulnerable. Seeing all the children at Holy Cross Lutheran in Amatitlan excited to be together and to learn about Jesus was a great testimony to God working in a difficult situation. Visiting the children's homes in the squatter area on the train tracks showed the joy and resilience and perseverance of the children and their families. I look forward to discovering ways to come alongside to help support the great work of Child Beyond International in Guatemala.”*

**Rev. Kevin Jud** Immanuel Lutheran Church & School - Hamilton, OH

*“I had always wanted to go on a mission trip and this opportunity came up and I really felt like I was being called to go. Best thing I ever did. To be able to witness firsthand the needs of others who live under such dire circumstances but are still able to accept God's Word and His grace was amazing. Child Beyond International and the other missions are fulfilling God's desire for all to know Him by serving those in such need. Showing God's love by their words, deeds, hearts and actions. Incredible! I had such an amazing time both interacting and getting to know not just the children and the people we visited, but also the other mission team members. I, for one, would love to go again.... and again!”*

**Sharlene Boesenberg** St. Matthews Lutheran Church - Port Angeles, WA