



JAMES PROJECT OF LATIN AMERICA

HISTORY AND TIMELINE

HISTORY

James Project of Latin America was founded in 2001, for the purpose of fulfilling the biblical mandate of James 1:27, "...caring for widows and orphans in their distress." JPLA is a Guatemalan nonprofit that houses, feeds, educates, and discipless approximately 95 children that have been rescued from abandonment/neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and trafficking. The organization also works with single moms and widows to restore hope to their lives, by providing spiritual and emotional counseling, education services, and business training.

JPLA TIMELINE

1999

- The idea for James Project of Latin America was birthed

2001

- JPLA filed papers to become an official Guatemalan nonprofit

2002

- JPLA was officially approved to receive children from the court system

2003

- Evangelical Freedom School began it's initial school year

2004

- The land for our current site, located in Monjas, Jalapa, was purchased

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2005

- Construction for the first duplex (Casa Ester and Casa Ruth) began

2006

- The first home was opened
- Construction on the 2nd duplex began (Casa Tabitha and Casa Deborah)

2007

- The administration office was built on-site

2008

- Evangelical Freedom School was built
- Construction on the 3rd duplex began (Casa Anna and Casa Abigail)

2011

- The transition program was implemented

2012

- Construction began on the 1st boys home (Casa Pablo)
- Received accreditation with the Guatemalan government

2013

- The founders (Joanne Hartley and Carroll Bishop) retired
- Bryon and Tiffany Applegate became Directors
- The University Program began and our first students were enrolled

2014

- The first boy's home was opened
- The self-sustainability program was launched

2015

- The aquaponics system began

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2017

- The Redeemed Women's program was launched
- The team house was built and opened on property

2018

- The first Redeemed small business opened

2019

- The 2nd boys' home was opened (Casa David)
- The foster program began for transition girls
- Tiffany Applegate remained the Executive Director and Gerber Rivera became the Operations Director

2020

- Yo Me Empleo, our work training program for our transition kids, was implemented

2021

- The Family Preservation program was launched
- The Community/Church Engagement program was launched

2022

- Casa Maria, our first pregnancy home, was opened.

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