

Building Hope, Changing Lives: A Transformative Week for Mission of Love Guatemala

Kathleen Price's most recent visit to Guatemala marked a turning point for Mission of Love Guatemala. During a week filled with hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment, we witnessed how dreams begin to take shape when people are willing to serve with love. Without a doubt, many things changed for the better. Just as in life itself, we were reminded that growth requires change, the courage to embrace new challenges, and faith that God can open doors where there once seemed to be none.

One of the most significant projects launched during Kathleen's visit was the construction of a greenhouse—an initiative that represents hope, sustainability, and a brighter future for our foundation. This project became possible thanks to the support of our dear volunteer, Nehemías Pérez, who has devoted many years of his life to growing and cultivating flowers. After witnessing the work we do and the love with which we serve our community, he generously offered not only his knowledge and experience, but also his time, guiding us as we embark on this new journey.

This opportunity means far more than simply learning how to grow flowers. It represents a sustainable way to generate income that will help cover part of our foundation's operating expenses, allowing us to continue serving those who need us most. Running an organization like Mission of Love Guatemala comes with many financial challenges. Our desire to serve never fades, but every outreach effort, every project, and every act of compassion requires resources. Thanks to Kathleen Price's generous support in providing the materials needed to begin this project, this dream is now becoming a reality.

Watching this greenhouse rise from the ground in just one week was nothing short of extraordinary. Every board that was placed, every post that was installed, and every detail that came together reflected the combined efforts of people who gave their very best. Our international volunteers worked tirelessly under the blazing sun and through the rain. There was exhaustion, long days, and countless challenges, yet no one lost their enthusiasm. Everyone understood that they were building much more than a structure—they were creating opportunities that will allow countless families to receive support for many years to come.

Alongside the greenhouse, construction also began on a storage building that will house the tools, equipment, and materials needed for growing flowers. We know this project will require dedication, learning, and hard work, but we also know the harvest it will produce will become a lasting blessing for our mission.

At the same time, construction began on a new storage building to safely house the donations that Kathleen works so hard to collect and send from the United States. Every box that arrives represents the kindness, generosity, and trust of people who believe in our mission. Having a dedicated space to properly store these donations will allow us to organize and distribute them more effectively, ensuring they reach the individuals and families who need them most.

Another exciting milestone during the week was the purchase of concrete blocks to continue building the second story of our foundation. It was a truly memorable day. Five volunteers worked together to carry each block up to the second floor. Although we were exhausted by the end of the day, our hearts were filled with hope because every single block represented another step toward a dream that began many years ago in my mother's heart.

After witnessing countless families spending the night outside Tecpán Hospital—enduring the cold, the rain, and the intense heat while caring for a loved one—she dreamed of creating a place where they could find rest and dignity. At that time, there were no financial resources to make that dream a reality, and it seemed far beyond our reach. But God always works in His perfect timing. Thanks to the support, trust, and extraordinary generosity of our director, Kathleen Price, that dream has finally begun to come to life.

Our vision is to build small guest rooms that will provide temporary shelter for patients' families traveling from remote communities—families who often have nowhere to stay while their loved ones receive medical care. Knowing that this project will offer comfort, safety, and hope to so many people fills our hearts with joy and reminds us that no dream is impossible when it is pursued with faith, love, and perseverance.

This week was about much more than construction. We also experienced deeply moving moments that reminded us of the true purpose behind everything we do. We were blessed to donate two wheelchairs to two very special individuals. These gifts represent far more than mobility—they offer renewed independence, dignity, and a better quality of life.

We also shared a meal with our beloved blind friends. Together with our director and volunteers, we distributed food and hygiene packages that had been carefully selected and packed especially for them. It was a beautiful time filled with smiles, heartfelt conversations, and genuine fellowship. Once again, we were reminded that one of the greatest gifts we can offer another person is simply our time, our presence, and our love.

Another special moment was celebrating Ixcan's birthday alongside our talented group of women weavers. These remarkable women transform simple threads into beautiful works of art through their creativity, dedication, and skill. Spending time with them was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their lives, thank them for their hard work, and remind them how deeply valued they are within our community.

Without a doubt, it was an intense week filled with challenges and long days that never seemed to have enough hours. Yet every obstacle was overcome through the dedication, commitment, and selfless service of each volunteer. None of what we accomplished would have been possible without the invaluable support of Kathleen Price, whose unwavering belief in our mission continues to bring hope to countless lives throughout Guatemala.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ashton from the United States, and to our dear friends and volunteers, Silvia and Juan from Mexico, who left behind the comfort of their homes and precious time with their families to come and serve with willing hearts. Their example of compassion, humility, and generosity continues to inspire all of us.

Our sincere appreciation also goes to every volunteer in Guatemala. Through their hard work, sacrifice, and dedication, each project continues to move forward. They are the

heartbeat of Mission of Love Guatemala and remind us every day that when many hands and hearts unite for a common purpose, miracles truly happen.

Finally, we want to thank everyone who is part of this mission. To those who pray for us, make financial contributions, share our work with others, volunteer their time, or support us in any way—please know that no act of kindness is ever too small. Every donation, every prayer, every hour of service, and every encouraging word becomes food for a hungry family, hope for a child, comfort for someone who is suffering, and a new opportunity for a person in need.

We will continue serving with the unwavering belief that love always finds a way to transform lives. When we serve with open hearts, we discover that we are not only changing the lives of those we help—we are changed as well. At Mission of Love Guatemala, we firmly believe that every act of kindness leaves a lasting impact, and together we can continue building a future filled with hope for those who need it most.

As we reflect on this extraordinary week, our hearts are filled with gratitude. Every project that moved forward, every smile we witnessed, and every life we were privileged to touch became possible because of the love, generosity, and compassion of so many people. Yet there is one person we would especially like to recognize.

Thank you, Kathleen Price.

Thank you for believing in Guatemala, for believing in our foundation, and most importantly, for believing in the people we serve. Thank you for being so much more than our director. You have become our mentor, our greatest supporter, and a constant source of encouragement. Your compassionate heart, your unwavering faith, and your selfless dedication remind us every day that the greatest purpose in life is found in serving others.

Many people see the completed projects—a greenhouse, new storage buildings, wheelchairs being delivered, or construction moving forward—but behind every one of those accomplishments is someone who chose to believe, to give, and to walk alongside us. Without your vision, your generosity, and your steadfast support, many of these dreams would still exist only in our hearts.

We also want to express our deepest gratitude to every volunteer and every supporter who has become part of this mission. Whether you travel across countries to serve, make a donation, offer your professional skills, pray for our work, or simply share our story with others, you are making a difference. Every act of generosity creates a ripple of hope that reaches far beyond what we can see.

To everyone reading this, we have one heartfelt request: **please don't let us walk this journey alone.**

Behind every project are families waiting for hope, children longing for a brighter future, elderly individuals in need of care, and people who simply want to know they have not been forgotten.

Every contribution matters. Every volunteer matters. Every prayer matters. Together, we are building something far greater than buildings or programs—we are building hope, restoring dignity, and changing lives.

As long as compassionate people like Kathleen Price, our volunteers, and our faithful supporters continue to stand beside us, we know this mission will keep growing and touching lives for generations to come.

From all of us at Mission of Love Guatemala, thank you for believing in this mission. Thank you for serving. Thank you for giving. And above all, thank you for proving that when love is put into action, it has the power to transform the world—one life at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Jhonatan Garcia















Every now and then, a person with no agenda, no ulterior motive and no self-interest will take pleasure in helping you to succeed, grow and live your purpose. This person will operate in love, will seek no praise and will want nothing in return.