



Annual Camp Report:



CHOSEN CAMP 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



Once again we were blown away by our National Pastors! They brought inspiring messages to the attendees of Chosen Camp about the call of God; each one of us is chosen.

Some of the messages included the call of Jonah and his rebellion, the call of Moses and his journey, the call of Isaiah and his prophecy. These men of God brought messages to the Deaf that were relevant, timely and powerful in their own language.

The presenting pastors this year were Jonathan, Esteban and Rodrigo from Guatemala and Mark Truitt from the US.

We welcomed 72 Deaf to this year's Chosen Camp! With the momentum from this year's camp, we are setting our sights even higher for next year. Our goal is to welcome **100 Deaf participants for our next camp**, ensuring that even more Deaf individuals in Guatemala and beyond have the opportunity to learn, grow, and experience the love of Christ in a language they fully understand.



The camp was a life-changing experience for many, filled with Bible Instruction, chapel sessions, teamwork exercises, and spiritual growth opportunities. One of the most exciting highlights was that **10 Deaf individuals made the life-changing decision to accept Christ**, marking a powerful movement of faith within the community.

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A major milestone for this year's camp was the arrival of our first-ever Deaf missions team from the United States. Their presence was a tremendous success, as they connected deeply with the campers, shared their experiences, and provided invaluable mentorship. Seeing Deaf leaders from the U.S. minister to the Deaf in Guatemala was inspiring and reinforced the importance of cross-cultural Deaf ministry. Their involvement not only strengthened our teaching efforts but also gave the campers role models who understand their unique challenges and potential.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who prayed, donated, and supported this mission—your impact is felt in the lives of each camper, and we can't wait to see how God continues to move in the years to come!

But right now we have an **URGENT NEED!** Donations have dropped off substantially and we are struggling to keep the mission doors open. Please prayerfully consider giving to help us meet the rent and pay our staff.



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Yovani's Story: Long Term Impact



Yovani's story is a testament to the power of education, perseverance, and a community that believes in the future of Deaf individuals. Born in 2007, Yovani was five years old when he joined the Deaf classroom at Nueva Vida, a school for children with disabilities in Santa María de Jesús, located on the slopes of the dormant Volcán Agua. This Deaf class was started by Roy and his staff, providing Deaf children with something extremely rare in Guatemala—a chance to learn and communicate in a language of their own.

After completing sixth grade, Yovani faced the same challenge many Deaf students in Guatemala do: a lack of access to further education. However, two of his teachers at Nueva Vida, Nisza and Manuel, had a vision for something greater. With training in sign language from Roy and one of our Deaf Staff members, they went on to establish an advanced school for high school-level education, ensuring that Deaf students like Yovani could continue learning. Today, Yovani is enrolled in this school, thriving in an environment designed to support and challenge him academically.

While our early work involved training teachers to equip Deaf students like Yovani, our primary focus today is reaching Deaf adults who have never had the opportunities he has had. Many Deaf adults in Guatemala have grown up with no schooling, no communication, and no community—isolated and without access to language. Our mission is to redeem these lost years, offering them the gift of communication, a sense of belonging, and the hope of Christ.

This year at The Chosen Camp for the Deaf 2025, Yovani's journey took an even greater step forward. After years of learning and growing, he made the life-changing decision to accept Christ as his Savior. Roy had the privilege of leading him to a saving knowledge of Christ, marking a new chapter in his story. Yovani's testimony is a beautiful reminder that education opens doors, but only Christ brings true transformation.

As we continue to serve the Deaf community in Guatemala, we celebrate Yovani's story while staying focused on our mission—bringing language, education, and the hope of the gospel to Deaf adults who have been left behind.

