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Stories of Transformation Through the Galatians Course

In communities marked by poverty, violence, broken families, and hardship, God is quietly transforming lives through His Word. Through the study of Galatians and the learning communities formed around iTEE University courses, students are not only gaining biblical knowledge—they are experiencing healing, purpose, and a renewed calling to serve others. The following stories from Guatemala show how God's Word is changing hearts, families, and communities.



A Calling Discovered Through Hardship

Joselin grew up in what many call “Garbage City” in Guatemala City. When she was only seven years old, she witnessed both of her parents being shot and killed in front of her. She and her siblings were raised by their grandmother in the garbage dump community, where survival meant scavenging for recyclable materials to sell. Life was hard, violent, and uncertain.

Years later, local missionaries shared the message of God’s love with Joselin. After many invitations, she eventually surrendered her life to Christ and began growing in faith while continuing to work in the garbage dump. Over time, she began to sense that God might be calling her to something more. When missionaries Fito and Nanci invited her to receive biblical training, she enrolled in the *Galatians* course through iTEE University.

As Joselin studied the life of the Apostle Paul, especially his calling and transformation, she began to see her own life differently. She realized that God could use her experiences, even the painful ones, to serve others in her community. She said, “I did not know that many things I learned while scavenging would now be important in my missionary work. I am glad I can study this wonderful

letter so I can tell others that the things they are facing, God is using because He loves each one of us.”

Today, Joselin is serving as a local missionary, leading a young women’s group and sharing the message of hope and salvation in the very community where she once struggled just to survive.

Pray that:

- Joselin will continue to grow in wisdom, humility, and spiritual maturity.
- God will protect her as she ministers in a difficult and often dangerous environment.
- Many young women under her leadership will come to know Christ and become disciple-makers themselves.
- Others living in poverty and violence will discover that God has a purpose for their lives.
- More local believers will respond to God’s call to ministry through biblical training.

A Mother’s Heart Changed by God’s Word

Norma grew up feeling bitter and unloved, always competing for attention and affection. When she became a mother herself, she worked long hours to support her children, believing that financial security was the greatest gift she could give them. But in doing so, she became distant, harsh, and angry toward them.

Years later, Norma became sick and realized that her problem was not physical, but emotional and spiritual. Her sister Nanci and brother-in-law Fito invited her to reconcile with God and begin serving in the community. She eventually left her job and became a full-time missionary in Garbage City.

When she began studying *Galatians*, Paul’s story deeply impacted her. She realized that God could transform hearts—including her own bitter heart. Through the Life Notebook questions and Bible study, she began rebuilding her relationships with her children and encouraging other mothers in the community to spend time with their children, love them, and teach them about Jesus.

Norma now tells other mothers: “The best thing you can do with your children is to know Jesus together.” She often says with joy, “I am forgiven.”

Her story shows that biblical training not only prepare missionaries but also restores families and heals hearts.

Pray that:

- Norma’s relationships with her children will continue to deepen and flourish.
- The mothers she mentors will experience God’s love and become spiritually healthy parents.
- Families in Garbage City will be strengthened through the gospel.
- God will continue to free people from bitterness, shame, and hopelessness.
- Churches will become places of healing and restoration for broken families.



Faith in Action: Carrying One Another's Burdens

The *Galatians* course not only changes individuals—it creates communities that put their faith into action.

One week, a student named Leslie shared a Bible verse in the class WhatsApp group: “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)

This simple message sparked a discussion led by the course facilitators, who challenged the students not only to understand the verse but to live it out. Leslie and her husband Allan decided to visit a man they knew, Luis Marín, whose leg had been amputated due to complications from diabetes.

They visited him, prayed with him, and brought groceries. But they felt God calling them to do more. They returned the following week with their daughter Abigail and began helping Luis apply for assistance from an organization that provides prosthetic limbs. They also committed to helping raise funds for his treatment.

What began as a discussion of a single Bible verse became a tangible expression of Christ’s love. Reflecting on the experience, Leslie said, “I am beginning to understand what head, heart, and hands mean. We put our faith into practice by walking in faith, serving with love, and walking alongside those who are experiencing difficult times.”

Pray that:

- Leslie, Allan, and Abigail will continue to be faithful examples of servant-hearted discipleship.
- Luis will receive the medical care, prosthetic limb, and encouragement he needs.
- Students will increasingly move from learning God’s Word to living it out.
- God will create many opportunities for class members to serve their communities.
- Local churches will become known for compassion, generosity, and Christlike love.

The Bigger Story

These stories show the true impact of biblical training. Through studying *Galatians*, students are learning not only theology but how to live out the gospel in difficult environments—violent neighborhoods, broken families, poverty, and suffering.

God's Word is:

- Giving purpose to those who grew up in violence
- Healing broken relationships
- Building communities that serve one another
- Raising new disciple-makers in difficult places

What began as a Bible course is becoming a movement of transformed lives—one heart, one family, and one community at a time.

Pray that:

- God's Word will continue transforming hearts, families, churches, and entire communities.
- More pastors and Christian leaders will receive accessible biblical training.

- Every iTEE course will produce not only knowledgeable students but obedient disciples.
- God will provide the financial resources, partnerships, and volunteers needed to expand this ministry.
- The gospel will continue to spread through indigenous leaders who are equipped to serve their own communities.
- Many lives will be transformed as students become faithful disciple-makers who multiply what they have learned.



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Graphic Artist

Supports the graphics needs for Curriculum Development, Communications, and Public Relations areas of the ministry.

Translation Manager

The Translation Manager (TM) works primarily with each language translator team to provide them with the resources they need to translate course materials. The TM coordinates activities of each translation team that includes: translators/translation company, editors, graphic artists, and course publishers for the smooth translation of courses for iTEE Global.

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