# Vida Nueva Guatemala

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## 2024 IS OFF TO A GOOD START! Welcoming new families and... 2 services!



Due to the excellent year that was 2023, we have started 2024 with 2 services every Sunday! Now, there is more space to invite more people to VNGT; the first service is at 9:00 am and the second at 11:15 am, leaving a space of 45 minutes between each service, which has become a meeting point between both congregations... an excellent time to greet each other!

### We turned 16!

On January 20, Vida Nueva Guatemala celebrated its 16th anniversary as a church. We are grateful to God for His grace and mercy despite the many adversities we have faced over the years.



#### **Baptisms**

Hekaterina and Edgar Garcia tell us that they lived a very monotonous and empty life, even though God had given them three precious children. Hekaterina has a friend who attends Vida Nueva Guatemala. In her longing to find God and for her whole family to have a radical change, Hekaterina convinced her husband to visit the church. Three months after attending Vida Nueva, she received the Lord at a women's camp in May last year. Edgar did the same at our church service... on the same Sunday and without discussing it with each other before! On January 25, they both took this fabulous step of obedience to the Lord: Baptism. We are pleased about this!



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#### **Boosting us up!**

Seeking to give new and practical tools to our small group leaders (GPSs) and our Children's Ministry teachers, we brought 2 men of God who have that peculiar gift of teaching and motivating those who "do the work of the ministry". The first one was Miguel Zepeda, who gave us a lecture on "The 3 Circles" to share the gospel using only a napkin and a pen. In addition to the tool, Miguel challenged us to make this a way of life. The second was Jorgema Aldana, a great friend of our church and tremendous trainer of CCI (Christian Camps International), who gave us a vital toolbox to put a touch of "recreation and good humor" to every ministry meeting that every small group leader and children's teacher develops week by week. We thank God for Jorgema's life and his contagious good humor!



Thanks to all who have participated in expanding the kingdom of God here in Guatemala. Every prayer, trip, penny contributed, and all evangelistic efforts help us make Christ known in this country.

God bless Guatemala!

Nelson & Rosemarie Rivas

#### Prayer Requests

1. Help us by praying for a permanent location for our church, a place with enough space for children, youth, and adults.

2. Please pray for the Women's Camp The Fragrance of Beauty, which will be held in Antigua, Guatemala, from May 2 to May 5. May God give us much spiritual fruit and new conversions.