

NAME OF MOTHER CHURCH: Bethania Family Christian Church ICP #: GU0487

NAME OF PROPOSED DAUGHTER CHURCH: Bethania Family Christian Church in Chonimatux

1. Denomination/ICP.

a. What is your denomination? Bethania

b. What are your key beliefs?

We believe that the Word of God (the Bible) is the manual that God has established for all our needs. Our doctrine and teachings are not based on our own wisdom and understanding, but on the Creator. We believe that the Holy Scriptures are the infallible rule of faith and conduct.

We believe that God is one manifested in three divine persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, nevertheless they are One God (Matthew 3:13-17; John 14:11).

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who at the consummation of time became incarnate and came to this earth, died, rose from the dead on the third day and through this sacrifice, man can be saved. Jesus Christ ascended into heaven from where He will return at the end of time for His Church with an eternal purpose (John 1:1, 14; Philippians 2:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 1:7).

We believe that man needs to repent of his sins to have fellowship with God.

c. What is your mode of baptism?

Based on the Scriptures, on

d. How often do you celebrate communion? First Sunday of each month.

e. How large is your group/denomination? 25,000 active members

f. How many affiliated churches in your country?

130 churches

g. How long has your denomination/group worked with Compassion in your country?

For seven years

h. How many active projects does your denomination/group have with Compassion in your country? 5

i. Please list most recently established opened ICPs (up to 3):

Gu0833

Gu0943

Gu0915

2. Daughter Church Location and Need.

- a. What is the name of the community where the Daughter Church will be located? (Please indicate community and specific neighborhood name, if applicable.)
Caserio Chonimatux, Barrio Santa Ana, Momostenango, Totonicapán department.
Guatemala.
Western highlands of the country.
- b. What is the approximate distance (km) from the Mother Church to the proposed Daughter Church location? 7 km approximately.
- c. What percentage of the community population are children? 35%
- d. What type of work is available for people to make a living?
Agriculture, they plant corn and beans. Small percentage sells products in local markets and/or door-to-door.
- e. What does a typical home look like here?
Generally, the walls are made of adobe (a mixture of mud and pine) and/or block, the roofs are made of tile and sheet metal, and in most homes the earthen floor and wooden
- f. What assets and strengths does this community have?
They are very organized and united. In spite of their shortcomings they have built dirt roads to access the community; they have a school that offers only primary level service. They have worked to protect natural resources, such as water sources, which supply the
- g. In two sentences or more, please describe why a church is needed here:
After seeing how God changes hearts, meets needs, heals sicknesses and restores people, we are convinced that the work of the church is extremely relevant in any context.
- h. Are there any other active ministries sharing the gospel or evangelizing in this area?
Besides our church, there is only one church that works for evangelization in the community.

3. Capacity.

a. How many churches has your denomination/group planted before? 130

i. How many churches has the Mother Church ICP planted previously?

None

Please list any existing Daughter Churches that are Compassion ICPs.

b. What is your church planting vision for the future?

Bethania Family Christian Church is a church for the family, but the result we perceive goes beyond the numbers; people attendance is important, but we strive to see beyond it, we rejoice seeing lives transformed. Our vision is to be a church like the one at the beginning, regarding to brotherly love.

c. How does your group provide support, encouragement, and accountability for the new Daughter Church and her planter?

We generally have intentional times to worship God, to relate, to strengthen ourselves, to rise up and support ourselves in our needs. We share privileges for membership service.

d. Name of planter/pastor of the new Daughter Church? Juan Chun Ajtun

e. Name of pastor of the Mother Church? Jose Hernandez Morales

f. What type of oversight will you implement with the new Daughter Church?

Our church has its statutes and precepts, which establish the administrative, spiritual and legal arrangements of the mother church, an also the daughter one.

- g. Please include a brief (5-10 sentences) biography on the Daughter Church pastor. (For example, do they have a family? What is their testimony? Why do they feel called to minister here?)

Brother Juan Chun Ajtun, who was born in a Christian home, his parents taught him the scriptures and the fear of God since he was a child, he is married to sister Juana Castro Sacaj, with whom he has 7 children (4 women and 3 men), the oldest daughter is 26 years old and the youngest son is 14 years old, all serving God in the different areas of the church. The brother is not financially dependent on the church, his financial income is earned by the work he does as a trader. Brother John is a native of the community

4. **Daughter Church Pastoral Support.**

- a. How far from the new Daughter Church site will the pastor live?

100 meters approximately

- b. How will the planter/pastor earn a living?

Agriculture and informal trade, he sells cleaning products (brooms, garbage disposal, etc.)

- i. If the Pastor will earn income outside of support from the church, please indicate how:

Agriculture and informal trade, selling cleaning products.

- c. Will there be financial support from the denomination? YES NO