

Monthly Newsletter



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God is doing amazing things through the hands on work of the Members of the Redeemed Steel Network. Feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world. We are excited to announce the beginning of the Redeemed Steel School in Guatemala as the very beginning of our efforts to bring viable trades to impoverished communities all over the world. What's more, with only 250 people donating \$20 per month, we believe we can build one of these schools each and every year.

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His Works Guatemala

His Works is a Guatemala-based ministry partner of Redeemed Steel. Started by Juanpa and Wendy De-Rodas, their mission is to serve and empower the Church for the expansion of the Kingdom not only in the country of Guatemala, but all over the world. Their focus is building the kingdom of God through direct results of active faith. In other words, they believe in actions and words. According to Juanpa and Wendy, "[His Works] believes that when we come to saving faith in Jesus Christ, as part of the church we are all called to BE light and salt in the world. That faith that brought us to the cross with the power of the Holy Spirit will now produce in us changes and works that are evident to those around us: Sharing the good news of salvation, caring for the poor and sick, are the works of God in us His Works, faith in action." Working off of the idea that teaching the Word of God and serving the poor go hand in hand in kingdom work, His Works focus is that people can come to saving faith in Jesus Christ, but they also believe that caring for temporary needs is also an important aspect of being the church.

Something unique and special about this ministry is that it is founded and led by Guatemalans who serve Guatemalans. Born and raised in Guatemala, but living in the US, Juanpa and Wendy experienced a shared call to return to the land of their parents to serve the Lord. They've been serving their now for years as independently funded missionaries partnering with teams from every walk of life, from translation services, to building, distributing food, and now with Redeemed Steel.

They believe that the work of the locals is fundamental for the success of the programs implemented. We believe that establishing a relationship of trust and respect with the community will allow the ministry to be accepted as part of the community.

Currently His Works Partners with several ministries, including GLOBAL ACTION. Wendy Rodas is the Guatemala Director and oversees all the locations where classes are being taught. She coordinates classes, schedules, and works closely with each location coordinator.

His Works hosts teams, build houses, set up stoves, and delivers food bags. We serve in translation with other ministries. Redeemed Steel has been personally involved with every single one of these aspects of His Works and highly encourages anyone with a heart of service to consider partnering with them in their mission.

"His Works Guatemala exists to serve the people of Guatemala and to empower the Church for the expansion of the kingdom."



This photo, taken by Samantha Rodas (IG sammy_4lvarez) was one of the highlights of our recent trip to Guatemala. Redeemed Steel worked with His Works and a local church to provide over 3000 lbs of food to the community (enough to feed 500 people for nearly 2 weeks). The man in the the photo is the pastor of the church we partnered with, who personally handed each 30-40 lb bag of food to the people he has dedicated his life to serve.

Photos by Sammy Rodas
sammy_4lvarez on IG
and His Works





Member Spotlight Britt and Ann Barnes

Q. How did you get plugged into Redeemed Steel?

B: Well, I received a phone call from this guy inviting me to go to a men's event in Virginia, and that was the Bee that stung the bull.

A. And I was married into it. Haha.

Q. You guys recently returned from a Redeemed Steel Trip to Guatemala. What was the highlight of that experience for you?

B. Oh wow. The highlight for me was, experiencing the people and how loving and kind that they were.

A. It was seeing the joy and kindness on their faces. It was a feeling of connection and it was just wonderful.

Q. This one's specifically for Ann. You guys had an awesome idea to give out balls to the kids. Where did that come from and how did that end up playing out?

A. We saw that several of the stores had balls, so we just kind of went for it. It was amazing. Britt, would you like to add something.

B. We had gotten to the mission house and decided to go for a walk and we passed several boys playing a game with a quarterfull bottle of water. Ann looked at me and suggested we get them a ball. After we tossed them each a ball and turned to leave, one of them yelled "you missed one.

A. And then kids started running up the street with a huge smile on their face just to get a ball as they told their friends. It was adorable.

B. And the kids just kept coming.

A. The parents were coming with their smaller kids. I don't know how we managed to walk like 20 feet and it seemed the whole town knew. We gave away the last ball and we noticed a little girl who looked so sad as she noticed we had given away the last ball. So we popped back into the store to buy more and gave her a ball, and the joy on her face was just so great.

Q. How has being a part of RS affected you personally?

B. It's made me a better person. I'm not who I'm going to be yet, but I'm better than I was a year ago.

A. One of my favorite verses says God will give us a hope and a future. This encourages me by reminding me I have a purpose, and that helps to balance the rough days.

Q. What would you say to someone thinking of getting involved?

B. I feel like Redeemed Steel is doing boots on the ground ministry and reaching people in a very unique way. It, in a very tangible way helps to spread the Gospel.

Q. Any final thoughts you'd like to share?

B. Everytime I do something with Redeemed Steel, I seem to come back personally energized.

A. I love how personal the ministry of Redeemed Steel is. It doesn't feel like we are just going to help people with their needs, but we actually connect with them on a personal level and that's amazing.

Billy: Thank you guys so much. To learn more about Britt and Ann, visit [www. brittbarnesknives.com](http://www.brittbarnesknives.com)

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Global Action

I encountered Global Action Ministries on our first trip to Guatemala. In fact, the very first presentation of the Redeemed Steel message was to a group of leaders in training with Global Action. It was sort of a small-group trial run so we could work out the bugs before doing the larger evangelism focused presentations we do now. What I wasn't prepared for was how much their ministry would impact ours.

It wasn't long before Rich Smith, CFO of Global action, and his wife Cherry would encounter one of the teams from Redeemed Steel. They were being forced out of their home in Guatemala because they had been meeting with small groups of young people and doing Bible Studies. Thankfully, our team was there with a truck and several strong backs able to help with that move. Even more, God is faithful and the home they moved to is far more suited to Study Groups and even hosts a training session for almost 20 Global Action Students.

So what is Global Action Ministries. It's a training program designed to help pastors and leaders prepare for service. They serve communities where access to high quality education and training is not readily available. In their own words, "Global Action is dedicated to equipping pastors and leaders with a solid foundation in the Word of God, so they can lead healthy churches that transform their communities and reach the world with the Gospel."

With my background in ministry and education, and our shared values, it was a natural fit for a ministry partnership. Now, Redeemed Steel works in partnership with Global Action, scheduling our trips to Guatemala and Costa Rica, and soon Columbia and other places in Latin America so that not only can we do our evangelistic outreach and service ministries, but we can also aid in the discipleship ministries and trainings provided by Global Action.

In September we were able to help in the training of around 40 ministry leaders, teaching one class in Essential Biblical Doctrine and another is Ministry organization and church structure.



A Global Action Class in Xela Guatemala

Redeemed Steel makes it a point to partner with local churches to connect those it reaches with a body of believers. Global Action Ministries helps make a way for even more ministry partners all over the world.

Recently, Redeemed Steel was even able to partner with a graduate of Global Action to begin building a church for an unreached people group of a rarely spoke language in Guatemala. The ministry of Global Action helped make this possible. To learn more, visit www.globalaction.com

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GLOBAL ACTION

Teach a man to Fish...or Weld

This newsletter has spotlighted partners of Redeemed Steel and connections we have made in various ministries, but what I'm most excited to share with you is what is to come. Redeemed Steel has been granted a piece of property to build a workshop/school in Guatemala. Partnering with Rich and Cherry Smith, our goal is to create a trade school.

Rich and Cherry are currently in the opening phases of building a transition home for kids who are growing up in the orphanages of Guatemala. Many of these young men and women have little education and few life skills. We know the kinds of places this can cause them to end up. Too many young people end up in the sex-trade and drug industries for just these reasons.

Redeemed Steel wants to stop this from happening. To help, we are building a school to help provide the necessary skills to acquire meaningful, gainful, honest work for these young men and women. Our goal is to begin with welding and carpentry and to expand our offerings to smithing and leatherwork (cobbling), all free of charge to those in need.

Furthermore, we also plan to make the school itself available to the students who have completed the training, allowing them to use the facility to help them begin making a living for themselves and their future families.

We have already raised 10k towards this goal, which should be enough to lay the foundation for the school. We estimate that it will take another 50-60k to complete the work and then 20-30k or so to stock the school with the necessary equipment to begin instruction. We already have students ready to sign up and instructors willing to teach. We simply need to complete construction. Our goal is to do this in 2023.

What makes this vision special is that all of our job training efforts will be paired with Bible-based discipleship programs. Students who complete the training and use the school facilities will not only be helping them-

selves and their families but will also be moving the school towards self-sufficiency, allowing us to begin building another school in another country of need. God is faithful and we already have 3-4 other countries inviting Redeemed Steel to do the same.

You can help us make this dream a reality by contributing to the vision and mission of Redeemed Steel. Thank you so much for partnering with us in the great journey together.



Photo of the actual location reserved for the Redeemed Steel Trade School in Guatemala with an Artist's Rendering of the School itself.

How You Can Help?

To reach our goals, we need help. If 250 people will commit to giving \$20 a month, we will be able to build this school and others, maybe even a school every year.