

# NICODEMUS

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

The “My Special Treasure” Christian residential home provides a safe place for at-risk teenage girls fleeing abuse, gangs, crime, drugs, and poverty on Guatemala’s streets. Here they receive professional support, access to education, employment, and other opportunities for girls to bridge the gap to a healthy entry into adult society.

The grant from World Day of Prayer 2021 has provided salaries for psychologists to help the girls overcome their difficult past, teachers supporting home education during the covid lockdown, a nutritious diet, medical-care, clothing and much more, to ensure all the girls needs are met. As well as this a Nicodemus trained Mentor has stayed in touch virtually with girls in the transition process of leaving the home at 18 years old preparing them with discussions around subjects such as budgeting, healthy friendships, how to recognise and resist gang grooming and sexual exploitation, all the while encouraging their faith journey with Christ as they take this big step.

The girls are also encouraged to get involved in community outreach activities seeking to support others who may be struggling as they once did. This allows them to demonstrate it is possible to overcome their circumstances, turn life around and have hope for a good future.



Lidia (with a Bible on her lap) helps prepare the girls to transition well into independent living. Lidia was in the same care home as a child.