

A Purple Sink

Miceala Chox Guarchaj is a rural Guatemalan widow with six children. Her youngest is the product of a sexual assault. Despite his birth circumstances and the costs involved in feeding another child, Miceala is raising Charlie with the same love and attention her older children receive.

When Finding Freedom through Friendship first interviewed Miceala in October of 2015, we determined that this widow had malnourished children and was in the critical stage of poverty. The family was living in one room with a leaking roof; food scarcity was an ongoing concern and the land left to Miceala had not been legally transferred to her name.

Finding Freedom through Friendship hired a lawyer to legally deed Micaela's land in her name. We have since renovated her house, added a kitchen, remediated interior mold, replaced the roof and built a bathroom. Her sink, a vital piece of equipment in any Guatemalan home, was broken (left) and has been replaced (she wanted a purple one, below) and running water has been restored to the home.

Miceala's children are all in school under our scholarship program. Her eldest son has been enrolled in Radio School. The family receives regular donations of food and medication to increase their basic health.

This rural illiterate Mayan mother is now running a chicken breeding business after a micro grant from Finding Freedom through Friendship. She has successfully raised her first brood of chickens and sold them to add to her meager household income. She is requesting a larger chicken house to increase her production.

The children are gaining weight and there is no longer mold inside the dwelling. They will be reassessed in October of 2018. This success story demonstrates the beginning of a reversal of the yoke of poverty for the current and future generations through FFF's provision of education and microfinance to improve the individual and the community. *Inspire. Empower. Sustain.*

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