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Servants 4 Him

We have been living in Guatemala for over 45 days now and are excited to be a part of the S4H team in country. S4H utilizes appropriate technologies to improve the quality of life in villages throughout Guatemala. They utilize bio-sand water filters, energy efficient stoves and other projects to minister to the Guatemalan people. These practical projects also serve as an entre to conversations about the God of the Universe and His great love for them. www.servants4him.org

Questions Answered

Life is really good here. I thought I would have a harder time than I am. Now, I haven't driven, I don't go out alone and the HUGE farmer's market with everyone speaking Spanish is overwhelming. But slowly I am getting more comfortable.

It looks like Katey and Clay will be homeschooled (online, accredited site) and the jury is still out regarding Emily. That was not the original plan, so that threw me for a loop, but it will all work out.

Right now we are focusing on learning spanish. The idea being that if we can't speak spanish, ministry here will be a lot harder.

We go to school from 8-12 leaving at 7:30 to walk to school. 4 hours

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Our Spiritual Growth

This entire adventure began with a desire to live a life of greater dependence upon God. Well, guess what? We got just that. Learning a new language has challenged our confidence in ourselves, living in a new culture has removed our ability to rest upon our own giftedness and seeing a developing country first hand has challenged our capacity for compassion. Now we daily look to God for our confidence, we thank Him often for His working in our weaknesses and we know that He is the source of all compassion.

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness “
Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. II Corinthians 2:9

Mo's Answers to your Calls & Letters (Cont'd)

BUSY WEEKENDS FULL OF MINISTRY

A few weekends ago, we helped a church in a nearby pueblo with their children's ministry celebrating National Children's Day.

Last weekend we helped a team on a vision trip as they determined just how to build a school in a village that desperately needs one.

Next weekend we will work with our own church to help rebuild homes that have been destroyed by the record-breaking rainy season this year.

The weekdays are full and we are exhausted in the evenings but we would not miss these great ministry opportunities that fill up our fin de semanas.

of 1 on 1 Spanish class is intense, so we are fried in the afternoons. We have now been walking the same way to and from school for over a month so we have made friends along the street that we see each day. The more familiar it becomes, the more it feels like home.

When we get home we have lunch and I get to eat with Wendy my maid and friend. We talk in Español (though mine is quite limited) and we are really building a relationship. She is so sweet, loves our family and loves Jesus. I am blessed to have her and her weekly pay is a huge help to her family.



In the afternoon we are busy with all sorts of different activities, including, but not limited to studying. We have people come by almost daily. Some visitors are Guatemalans that we are meeting through Forrest and Carol. And some are from the Spanish school who do not live here permanently but need to get away, use wifi etc. We cook

dinner, which can take longer than in the U.S. because there are not many convenience foods. We don't go out much after dark which is about 6.

A couple of weeks ago we helped a church put on a kids' festival, and last weekend Forrest and Todd went to Lake Atitlan with some friends to talk about needed ministry opportunities. Next weekend we hope to help rebuild a house.

Sunday is church, visitors and naps. I know it sounds crazy busy and I am often tired at bed time, but really, the pace is more relaxed here and we love it. Our church is bilingual and even that is getting to feel like we belong there.

The Lord has blessed us with a great home that feels very safe and is a definite refuge. What a blessing! When I say things like "back home" or when I go home", Clay and Katey often say "This is home!"

We have only been into Guatemala City a few times and it scares me. It is very urban with extreme poverty. For now I am thankful for exactly where God has us.

Thanks for praying and giving, we would NOT BE HERE if it were not for you and others like you. Thank you!!! -Maureen

Serving Together

As we prepared to move to Guatemala our focus was on us and where we would live and what our ministry would be. We were, frankly, self-centered.

As we've made the transition to life in Guatemala, our focus has shifted. We have had the opportunity to walk alongside Guatemaltecos who are serving God and the people of Guatemala. These folks are doing some amazing things and because of you and your generous giving, we get to serve them as they serve others.

Marco Tullio and his church serve the children of Pueblo Nuevo by feeding them three times a week during their Bible program.

Juan Moises builds homes for widows in the Lake Atitlan region as well as reaching out to the village of Rama in Nicaragua.

Pastor Ephraim and his wife, Betty run a clinic, build homes, provide scholarships and hope to build a school in the village of San Pablo.

Thank you for helping us to help our new friends and their dynamic ministries.

IT IS EASY TO JOIN OUR SUPPORT TEAM!

We are here in Guatemala because people like you are led to support our ministry. Each gift to our work here is an encouragement to us as we serve. If you have not yet signed on as a supporter and would like to, surf over to missionerickson.com, and click the "Give" tab.

If you'd rather give to a project, then consider helping to support our language study at the Christian Spanish Academy. The cost for us to finish out the Fall semester is \$4500.

THANKS!



Marco Tullio (with the red nose) of Pueblo Nuevo.



Juan Moises Aguilar and his wife Celestine.



Betty, Pastor Ephraim and 4 scholarship students.



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Please Keep Praying...

We are thankful to those who give to our ministry. We are grateful to those who have helped us to get settled here in Guatemala. But we are dependent upon the prayers of those who lift up our ministry in prayer knowing that the “prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

Please continue to pray for:

- Our safety, that God would protect our family as we serve here in Guatemala.
- Ease in learning Spanish, that God would enable us to learn quickly.
- Our relationships, that they would be Christ-centered and that God would give us depth in our friendships and lead us to those whom we can serve.
- And for provision for the Servants 4 Him team and the ministries that we come alongside.

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