

Please Keep Praying

Please pray for God to continue to open doors of opportunity for our ministry.

Please ask God to prepare the teams that are in the midst of planning trips to Guatemala to serve with S4H.

Please ask God to provide for all of the Servants 4 Him team. Pray for the fundraising efforts of the Ruanos, Aguilers, Martinez', Zellners, and Kendalls.

Doing Ministry Together

When we decided to move to Guatemala, we decided together as a family. The kids were in on the process. We do not run our family as a democracy, but in this instance, we all gave our input into this new phase of our lives.

We asked God for wisdom and discernment as we took this step. Specifically, we asked that God provide a place where we could work together as a family. His provision does not disappoint.

Recently, we travelled to the Caribbean coast of Guatemala to work alongside some other members of the S4H team. During the course of a few days, Emily painted nails in one village, Clay orchestrated raucous games of Red Light-Green Light in another, and Katey walked kids through a wordless presentation of the gospel.



While the kids were busy in their ministry roles, Maureen served in the dental clinic and Todd helped a visiting team with a school painting project. Our individual roles varied greatly during the week, but we were together.

This particular week is a microcosm of our answered prayer. We are growing as individuals, we are serving as a family, and we are seeing God do amazing things both in and through us as we serve.



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Dear Friends,

Servants 4 Him is a multi-faceted ministry that seeks to serve the people of Guatemala. Dental clinics, water filters, English classes and energy-efficient stoves all bring needed relief to some of the poorest residents of Central America.

Each of these “works” serves as a clear illustration of just how God works in our lives. In the case of a stove or eco-plancha, the stove replaces a smoky, inefficient fire that used to cover their home with soot. Similarly, God’s sacrifice for us is the solution for sin in our lives.



(Before)

Last week, we got to install a new stove in a home in El Tizate. The first step is to remove the old cooking area and then clean out a space for the new stove. After the mice scurry away and the chickens calm down, step two is to install the new stove.

Then comes the fun part, we get to pray for and with the family and then talk about how this stove is both a demonstration and illustration of God’s incredible love for them.

We are so grateful to be a part of this practical demonstration of the love of Christ and are...

...Thankful for your support of our ministry,

*Todd, Maureen,
Katey, Clay and Emily*



(After)

Maureen Filling in the Blanks...

Well, 2011 is here and we are off to a great start. Allow me to fill you in on some details. We spend time with Forrest and Carol Kendall almost daily. The Kendalls are the missionaries with whom we came down to work. They are invaluable to us and working with them is such a blessing. (Not to mention Forrest is the King of Puns and Carol is a cook extraordinaire.)

The kids are now homeschooling and we love the flexibility it gives us. For example, we took off a few days when my parents ventured down to visit us the first week of February. After being here a few days, my dad had a great quote, "A picture is worth a thousand words but being here is worth a thousand pictures."

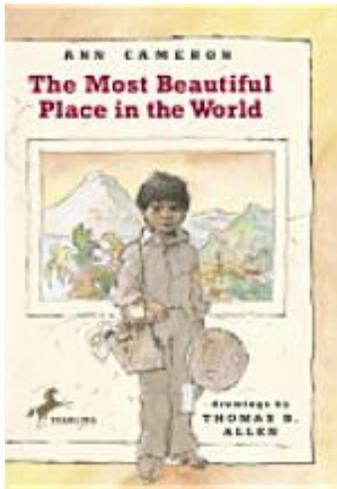
Emily and I just finished reading the book, "The Most Beautiful Place in the World" by Ann Cameron. It is an easy to read children's book about a young boy who lives in a pueblo in Guatemala. We've visited San Pablo, the setting of the book, and can easily put images with the story.



Although the book ends on an upbeat note, it is sad at points which is tragically quite realistic. I'd highly recommend this book if you are looking to expose your kids to how some children live in Central America.

So the year is starting off well, and not a day goes by that we aren't aware that your support makes our being here possible. The only thing that could make this year better is if more of you considered coming down to Guatemala to see it all first hand.

-Maureen



The Mission Erickson Team...

We get to be here serving in Guatemala because there are three groups of people who have decided to support us in our work here.

1. Prayer Team

These are people whose work is indispensable and who keep us safe, protected and connected with the One who called us here.

2. Support Team

These people utilize their gift of giving to make it possible for us to serve here. This giving is essential for our life and work here.

3. Encouragement Team

The uplifting words of this team keep us going. Just the right word at the appropriate time can make all the difference.



I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...

Philippians 1:3-5

How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!

Psalms 133:1



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17



Staying Connected...

Although there is a great distance between you and Guatemala, we are working hard to keep you connected.

Every month we'll send you either a Mission Erickson newsletter like this one or we'll send you a video message. If you've missed us one month, you can always catch up through missionerickson.com.

If you still want more, then friend us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter. We'll share with you all the daily details there...



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