

Scott the Intern

At the end of this month, our intern and friend, Scott Andersen, will head back to the States after serving here in Guatemala for over 5 months.

The good news is Scott got to be a part of a mission community and fully participate in our ministry. The bad news is he lived in our home and now knows most of our family warts.

Our hope is that as he leaves he would say that we are living out Paul's words in I Thess 2:8...

"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."

You Just Can't Outgive God

In our last newsletter, we told the story of the house that we got to build for two sisters in Santiago Zamora. What we did not tell you was that when we finished this home, the two sisters made a huge meal for over 30 of us. They cooked all day and gave more than they could afford to give. We were simply trying to provide for them without the expectation of anything in return, and they simply wanted to give back.

Maureen responded to this huge meal by bringing them fruit the next day and they answered by giving her a hand-woven wall hanging the following week. There was no way to stop this give and take process.

This sort of selfless generosity marks most of our visits to the villages near our home and we are always struck by our friends who have so little but give so much.

This spirit of giving is a God-infused

character trait that is found not only here in Guatemala but also in the generous giving of you who are part of our Mission Erickson Team.

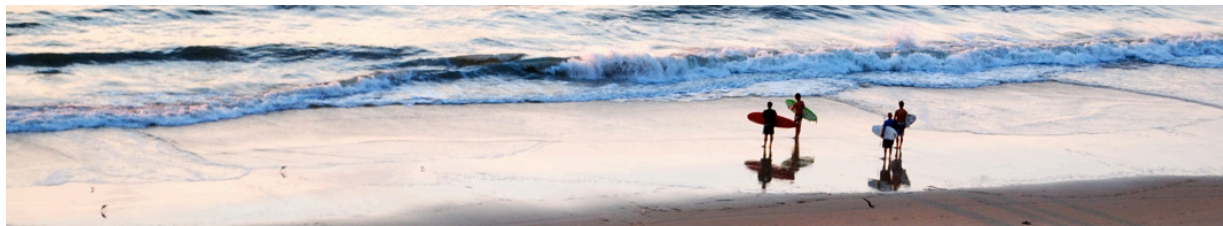
Our ministry is solely supported by the generous gifts of churches and individuals and we are keenly aware of the sacrifices made when checks are written to our account with Servants 4 Him.



We have also been blessed by the sacrificial giving of those who support us through practical gifts that can be used in the ministry like an iPad or by the use of a beachfront condo

that allowed us to relax at the front end of our September trip back to the US.

And now as we head into our second year of ministry here in Guatemala, we are thankful that we serve a God who "can do exceedingly, abundantly above what we ask or imagine."



Food is essential to life;

Therefore, make it good.

-S. Truett Cathy



Frogmore Stew,
Leesburg, Virginia



Red Hook Lobster Truck,
Washington, DC



Chick Fil A,
Warrenton, Virginia

We spent the month of September back in the US so that we could reconnect with friends, family, churches and supporters of our ministry here in Guatemala. Virtually every meeting and certainly every road trip had us enjoying some good eats. We were, in a word, spoiled.

Although all of the month's food was delicious and some of it even good for you, it was not the food that brought us the most joy. It was who we shared it with.

Norman Rockwell had it right when he painted the warmth of a Thanksgiving table filled with food and family.

That iconic painting would be incomplete without the loved ones gathered around that spread of traditional foods.

Thanks to each of you who shared a meal with us in September. We look forward to returning the favor here in Antigua...



Krispy Kreme,
Fredericksburg, Virginia



Windy City Red Hots,
Ashburn, Virginia



The Shake Shack,
Dupont Circle, Washington, DC

Eating Healthier!

"Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body."

I Corinthians 6:19-20

Except for the Frogmore Stew, all the food pictured to the left contains gluten. We enjoyed it all...but, alas, that was last month. This month is different. Beginning in October, 3/5 of us have changed to much healthier eating habits.

We're removing gluten from our diet and although we can get great fruits, vegetables and fresh corn tortillas here, we are already craving pizza and baked goods! Perhaps we should have included this menu change on our prayer list on the next page?!



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“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”

James 5:16

As we enter our sophomore year serving the people of Guatemala, our prayer requests are remarkably similar to our initial requests. Will you join us as we ask for God’s favor in the following four areas?

Open Doors: “And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ...” Colossians 4:3

Financial and Spiritual Support: “And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19.

Relationships: “After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.” Luke 10:1.

Our hope is to be able to enjoy a few deep friendships, make a significant impact for Christ alongside other missionaries and reach out to our new friends in the villages of Guatemala.

Direction: As with any ministry, there are numerous decisions to be made and we want to make sure that each one lines up with God’s desires.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously...” James 1:5



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