

November 2019

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings to all of you from Guatemala!

As we look around us, I must say that we are living in exciting times. The world seems to be in utter chaos, but one thing I know, God still sits upon His Throne and nothing has taken Him by surprise. "Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." When all looks bleak and hopeless, He will make ways for us where there seems to be no way. When the enemy comes up against us, He says..."Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for **the battle is not yours, but God's!**" What wonderful promises from the Word of God that we can stand upon, declare and claim for ourselves, for our family and for those around us.

As we turn the corner to the last leg of 2019 we find ourselves once again making preparations for the end of the year events: Hand making 500 large bows, buying gifts, candy, and everything else that will be stuffed into the Children's Christmas bags; Buying tons of food to be delivered to families who live in extreme poverty; and Sorting and making small packs of clothes (according to size) to be handed out in different areas of Guatemala.

Besides my "normal" everyday activities I have been asked to teach the 2 and 3 year olds on Sunday morning. It is a complete breath of fresh air to interact with these little ones and hear their comments. On one Sunday morning, I was talking to them about the importance of asking Jesus into our hearts, and telling them that those who have Jesus in their hearts will one day live with Him in heaven. One little girl piped up, "Well, not my dad because he doesn't have Jesus in his heart." Another day one of the moms had made an elaborate creation scene with 3-dimensional animals, trees etc... When I mentioned how beautifully God had created the world, "Mikaela, spoke up saying, "No, God hadn't made the animals and trees...mommy and I did." And then there was the morning that the three year old twin girls in my class were taking "selfies" with the play cell phone and sending it to their daddy saying, "We love you" and throwing kisses at the phone. What a world we live in and what a wonderful opportunity to be able to help "shape" these little lives.

School is about to finish for this year and the kids are getting excited about their end of the year vacation (School here in Guatemala is from January through October). This year we were able to help many different children and teenagers with their education. Sammy, who I help tutor, finished fourth grade last Friday and is hoping to be able to do odd jobs around the church to make a little bit of money for Christmas and to help his mom out.

Thank you for your prayers, for your love and for your financial support. May God bless you each and every day with more of His Presence and greatly recompense you for all that you do for His Kingdom.

Love, In Christ,

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