



OUR VIEW FROM CLASS EVERY DAY. WE CAPTURED "FUEGO" SMOKING.

Dear Loved Ones,

Well, we have survived our first month in Guatemala! This transition has been a bit easier than the transitions we experienced throughout the last year. This is our sixth week in language school in Antigua. It has been an interesting transition as we have been adapting to a different culture.

Our teachers have been telling us that we are learning the language well, although it is not as fast as we would like it to be. The more we interact with Guatemalans, we realize we still have much to learn. Recently, we learned how to speak in past tense. Dylan has been joking with everyone, "I feel like for the past month I have been speaking like an idiot because I have only been speaking in present tense!" His teacher reassured him that it is just part of the process of learning the language. We were also encouraged by a fellow missionary that works at the children's home and speaks fluent Spanish, "when I finished 6 months of language school, it was then I realized that it only prepared me to learn the language." We have since realized that language acquisition to fluency will take much work and time, but we continue to pray for patience throughout this process.

After being here for about a month, we were able to spend a little time with our friends who came to Guatemala on a short-term trip to the children's home! We spent a weekend with them and the following week got to spend another day with the group as they visited Antigua. We were able to practice

some of our newfound linguistic skills by bartering in the artisan market and ordering food at restaurants. The following day, our "adopted uncle" visited Antigua for a few hours since he was here with his mission's team that served in Nebaj (a mountainous region in the country). We were truly blessed to get to see and spend time with some of our friends that we miss so much.

Be sure to keep an eye out for some changes coming up in the next month or so! We hope to soon have a new website for our blog. It will allow us a little more creative freedom with our posts and page design and also keep us closer linked with Servants' website as well. We also will be sending out some information about a dedicated prayer team for our ministry. This will be designed for folks who are interested in being fervent and intimate daily prayer partners for us.

We are very grateful to have you all as our supporters: prayerfully, relationally, physically, and financially. You have done so much for us and we cannot express how thankful we are to have you not only in our lives, but continually interested in our ministry. Please continue to pray for: language acquisition, cultural adaptation, financial support, protection from illness, and peace as we continue to transition into our new lives in Guatemala.

In His Love,

Dylan and Missy

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Sawdust Carpets

Our teachers have been taking us to different churches on Fridays during Lent. Each church has a display of a story from the bible and an ornate colored sawdust "carpet" on the floor below. We have yet to find out how they prevent the wind from blowing it all away since the church windows and doors always open.



Tuk-Tuks

Dylan found this funny magnet in a souvenir shop last week. Whenever we have to "roll," this is how we roll!