

Now What Do We Do?

What happens when missionaries graduate language school?



Pray for us!

Guidance and peace in adjusting to our new home and community.

Wisdom and knowledge as we continue learning the local language and culture.

Guidance and wisdom in preparing for the team coming in September.

The lasting and eternal impact of what the July team did while they were here.

Healing of members who got sick while on this last trip.

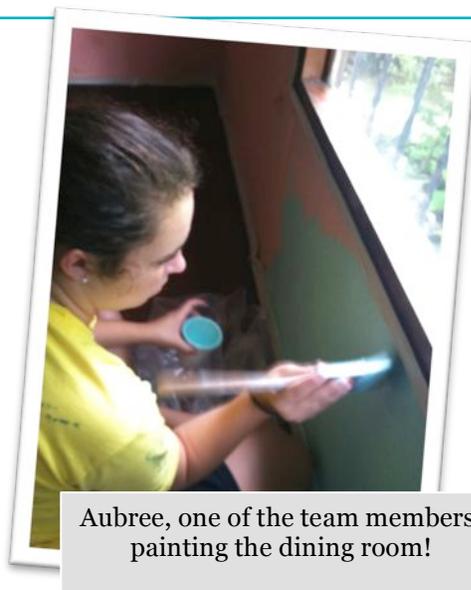
For God to help us raise the remaining support needed to meet our budget.

Buying Life Insurance

So, we know it's been a while since our last newsletter...but we've been quite busy! We finally graduated language school, however we feel like we still have a lot to learn. We both scored decently on our level tests the last day of school, however we realized that perfecting the language here will be a lifelong process. Just to give a hint of what we mean, the other day Dylan was in the bank trying to start our online bill pay service and instead signed up for the bank's life insurance! Thankfully we were able to get it all sorted out with the help of our coworker, Jon, who is a Guatemalan. Now whenever we get frustrated with language issues and miscommunication, we can say, "well, at least you didn't buy life insurance!"

Preparing for September

We have officially moved into our house and are in the process of settling in. We are still discovering nuances such as when we think we have no water, to check and make sure nobody turned off the switch to the water pump. We are grateful that the inside of the house has been painted by the team we just hosted! They did an amazing job in helping us prepare the house for the team coming in September who will actually be sleeping in the house while they are here. The most recent team had to stay somewhere else at night because we didn't have time to get bunk beds and set up space for teams before they got here. The past few weeks have been a whirlwind! We had just a week after moving from Antigua to Villa Nueva to prepare for the team to come. They graciously carted our 13 suitcases of household items and another suitcase or two of the many care packages that our friends and family got together for us.



Aubree, one of the team members, painting the dining room!

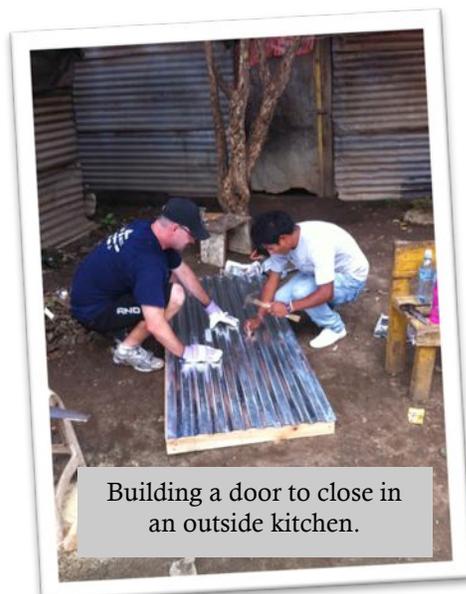


Creating a more private and protected bathroom.

Serving At Risk Families

In addition to working on the house for the next SARF team the 8 team members, along with Jon, his friend, and the 2 of us, were able to serve 3 families during the week the team was here. Since Guatemala is in the midst of the rainy season, we were all able to see firsthand why these families needed the repairs they did. Our first day got rained out as we were not able to build but we holed up in the house of one of the families and played with the kids. They offered us what dry clothes they had (even though they didn't fit most of us) because we climbed uphill in the rain to get to their house. Thankfully, we were able to return on the last day to build what we had intended: covering from the rain. We worked in two other houses where we replaced roofing (another day of rain but luckily we got it up before it rained) as

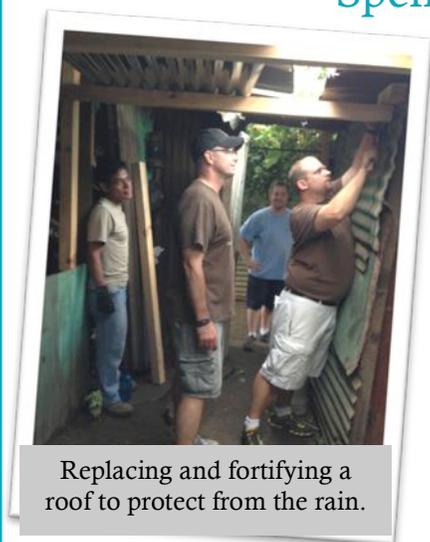
well as closing in an outdoor kitchen and patching spots of roofing. It was awesome that we not only got to help these families by repairing parts of their houses, but also that we got to connect on a personal level. The team played with the kids in between swinging hammers, applying putty, cutting wood, or digging holes.



Building a door to close in an outside kitchen.

Spending Time With The Kids

We also had other opportunities to interact with the community. Two of our new Guatemalan friends Estella and Brenda, along with Jon, teach a biweekly Sunday School lesson to about 30 children in the community and we tagged along to play bible study games with the kids. They loved having us there and by the end were asking if we were going to be there the next time. We are excited as we just met with Estella because she wanted to discuss how we can also be a part of serving the children of the community through this Sunday School program. The team also got to hang out with a crowd of about 150 children in Linda Vista at a building run by Hearts for Heaven. The kids came from all over and we had a soccer tournament! Needless to say, the gringos got whooped by the Guatemalans but we all had a blast! The team also brought colored beads to make "plan of salvation" bracelets with the children who weren't playing soccer in order to teach



Replacing and fortifying a roof to protect from the rain.

them about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. After the soccer tournament, the winning teams got chocolate medallions, which they promptly consumed before even leaving the building. We were all sad to leave that place because of how much fun we had with them.



Helping the kids in Sunday school with their bible verse puzzle.



Making plan of salvation bracelets.



Playing soccer with the neighborhood kids.

What's Next?

As we look forward, we see yet another mountain in front of us. This past weekend, we met with Pastor Jorge of Iglesia Ciudad de Refugio (City of Refuge Church) to discuss the next steps of how we can serve and assist in the different programs they need help with. We are excited for God's plans for the future to use us in this community. They have welcomed us with open arms and have told us that they consider us part of their family. We also have many suitcases to unpack so we can settle in and make room for the September team. If you or someone you know is interested in being a part of the team in September, contact Servants for more info ([email trent@servants.org](mailto:trent@servants.org) or call 717-3780336). We need to establish certain things for living such as figuring out how to grocery shop in less than 8 hours like it took us the other day (traffic here is crazy and EVERYTHING just moves MUCH slower), setting up car insurance, and getting furniture so the September team has a place to sleep. Before the team arrives, however, we have a 2-week educational outreach trip to take within Guatemala. This trip is the final part of our training from missions school last year. As you may remember we were supposed to take this trip while in missions school but the director decided it would be more time and cost efficient if we waited until we were all in Guatemala and now the time has come. We will be traveling to a place called Jacaltenango where we will be learning about short-term missions, discipleship training, medical missions teams, cultural adaptation, and many other aspects of life on the mission field.



As always, we are extremely grateful for all of your prayers, support, love, and help. We are so grateful to have such an awesome team of family and friends Uniting 2 Serve with us in Guatemala.

In His Love,

Dylan and Missy Brobst