

We survived our first month in the School of Missions!



Diligently studying in the classroom

Dear Friends and Family,

Well, we have survived the trip to Texas and our first month of school! God has already taught us a lot and has certainly blessed our ministry. Our trip to San Juan was long, but we were able to visit some family along the way. We even had a chance to visit Dylan's grandfather one last time before he passed away. We would like to thank all of you who prayed for his peace and the comfort of our family during that difficult time.

Our schooling started with a 2-day prayer retreat that really helped us focus in on God's teaching and establish rhythms of constant contact with Him. This is not only essential for our training, but doubly important for when we finally get to Guatemala. We have learned how easy it is to phase God out of our lives, especially in ministry, which results in spending all our time doing things for God instead of spending time with Him, which is His ultimate desire in relationship with us. We also studied church planting and practical applications of the principles taught in the Gospel according to John. We even put together a song and dance to help us remember it all, which will forever stick with us. Currently we are learning hermeneutics (how to study the bible for its true meaning and apply it to our current lives) and a healthy review of the New Testament. These topics are quite intense but are surely

preparing us for being able to answer questions about God and His Word.



Class field trip to Mexico

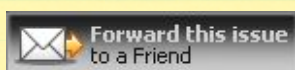
Our most invaluable experience here is the interaction we have had with our instructors. They have all (so far) been or currently are missionaries and have made themselves available to gain insight into the world of being a missionary. We have spent as much time as we can asking questions and learning from their own experiences. It has been intriguing to learn that the majority of missionaries wish they had spent more time in language school, since the depth of their knowledge of the language and culture directly affects the effectiveness of their ministries and relationships with the people.

We have found a good church that delivers powerful weekly messages to attend. It also has a Celebrate Recovery ministry, a ministry dear to our hearts and part of what we hope to carry into Guatemala with us. We have not yet been able to attend this ministry at the church, but hope to in the coming weeks. We dearly miss our home church, but have at least been able to keep up with them via weekly sermon podcasts.

We are truly grateful for the e-mails, cards, and other messages of encouragement we continue to receive. It is hard being away and we miss you all but your messages are a true blessing during this transition. We also want to thank all of you again for continuing to pray for us and for your financial partnership. God is using each of you to further His vision and we are doing our best to allow God to use this time to build a strong foundation for what He has called us to.

In His Love,

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