

# Agradecemos a Dios

Giving Thanks to God



## Happy Thanksgiving!

Ok, we know it isn't *exactly* thanksgiving as you are reading this, but we wanted to share with you all in this newsletter the things for which we are grateful. It is easy to look around us and see the things we don't like or make us uncomfortable. This is why we love celebrating Thanksgiving, because it gives us a time of the year where we are reminded to stop worrying about the things we can't change, the difficulties and challenges in our lives, or even the things that are held in the future for us (or what they may be).

Some folks don't quite understand why we do what we do. We might have explained it as a call from God, the purpose for our lives, or even the culmination of all we have experienced and learned until now. But, we know that sometimes it still doesn't make sense, even to us! The truth is that we are blessed to be where we are and grateful that God has not only revealed to us this plan for our current stage of life, but also given us the necessary elements (prayer, faith, financial support, and much much more) to do what we are doing in Guatemala. If it were up to us only, we certainly wouldn't be here.

*I will bless the Lord at all times;  
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

*<sup>2</sup> My soul will make its boast in the Lord;  
The humble will hear it and rejoice.*

*<sup>3</sup> O magnify the Lord with me,  
And let us exalt His name together.*

*Psalm 34:1-3*



*We dared to have 2 pijamadas (sleep overs) in November with the kids from our church. We had a blast, lost sleep, and had a wonderful time connecting with them and God.*



*As you can imagine, this was also an opportunity to realize how thankful we are for sleep!*



## Guatemalan Graduations

We had the opportunity to attend our first Guatemalan graduations of girls we have come to know through our church and the Serving At Risk Families ministry. Yanira's graduation was extremely precious to us since it was the meeting of her family that God used to break our hearts for Guatemala. At the time, she wasn't even attending school and having fainting spells because she was leaving what little food they had for her younger siblings to eat.

## Visiting Friends

We had 2 friends, Larry and Doreen Hinkle, visit us in the beginning of the month. It was such a blessing to spend time with them, get to know them better, and share with them some of what God is allowing us to do here. We love when friends and family come to visit and serve with us, so don't be afraid to come see us! You can contact us directly or [click here](#) to contact Servants and find out how!



## Family Sponsorships

We have worked very hard this past month to get information out about families (your email inbox should have been flooded with stories of families we work with). God has been faithful as we now have at least 11 family sponsorships and more continue to pour in. We are praying for more sponsorships before the start of the school year in January. [Click here to see how you can be a part of it!](#)

## Bible School

Since July, we have been participating in a Saturday bible school organized by a woman who grew up in New Life Children's Home. It felt awkward when we started but now we look forward to seeing the kids who show up and they are always excited to see us. We will be finishing the school in December with a big party for Jesus. It has been a blessing to pour into the spiritual growth of these children as we both know from experience, the things you learn as a child stick with you the longest.



## Celebrate Recovery

This past month, Missy started the Celebrate Recovery program for women in City of Refuge Church. She has been preparing and giving lessons in Spanish every Friday and is also helping the church raise up women leaders to take over. The women are very motivated to receive more of God's healing in their lives and use it to help others. One of the women already desires to share what she is learning with others. Once she completes the program and becomes a leader, she wants to take it to a church, which is part of a church plant of City of Refuge Church.



## Meeting Families

We got to meet three families in the Serving At Risk Families ministry that we have not met before. Two of these families have been taken care of by Jon and the third was recommended to Servants for this ministry but until now, we have not been able to connect with them to see how we can best serve them. We were able to spend time with them, take them a little food that Jon received through a donation, pray and encourage them.

## Piñatas

Our church had a birthday party (also called a piñata) one afternoon for two of the kids. Until that day, Missy had never had a shot at hitting a piñata and Dylan hadn't swung a stick blindfolded at a paper mache figure since he was a kid. It was a privilege to be invited to this event and help scatter candy on the floor for the kids. For video of this ridiculousness, click to watch the videos of [Dylan](#) or [Missy](#).



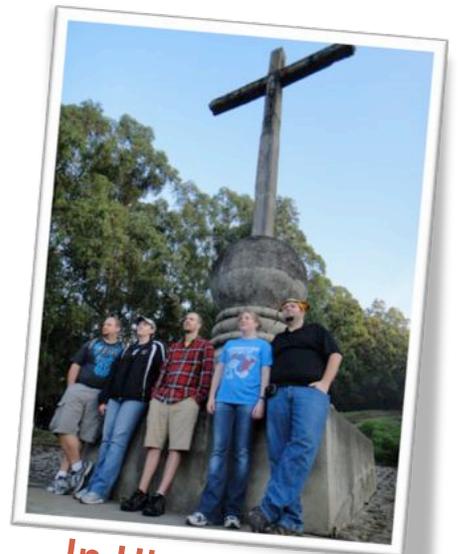
## Technology

Over the past months, we have relied heavily on technology for many things. While this might seem like a silly thing to put on a list of thankfulness, we recognize how much it has allowed us to do what we do. We have been able to Skype and use Google for having video conversations and meetings: just catching up, collaborating with our leadership team in the US, participating in bible studies with our friends, or even sharing prayer requests and life updates (this being one of them). Wanna skype with us? Just use the links at the bottom of our [website](#)!

**YOU!!!**

We are grateful for your continued support: emotionally, spiritually, prayerfully, and financially. It touches our hearts so much when people ask us, "What can we do for you? What do you need?" This blessed life we have been living over the past year is blessed because you have been obedient to listen to God's voice in your heart and be a part of what He is doing here through us.

Most especially we are grateful for God. He continues to guide and protect us. He comforts us in times of homesickness and difficulty. He sustains our faith and grows it daily. He fills us with His hope and shows us how to share it with others. He always provides our needs. We feel undeserving of this opportunity but are grateful that He has given it to us and all of you to share it with.



*In His Love,*

*Dylan & Missy Brobst*