

Taking the Heat

May 6, 2014

Guatemalan Easter



This year we were able to visit families again to spend some time with them and bring them gift baskets. The country pretty much shuts down for all of Holy Week and families go on vacation to visit other relatives that live farther away, so we had to do it the Saturday before Holy Week. We received donations specifically to bless these 12 families and next year we hope to bless more!

Celebrate Recovery



Our CR ministries are moving right along! Dylan has restarted the church's CR ministry for the men with 8 prospective leaders to raise up. Missy has started her small group study with the prospective women leaders, which will prepare them for taking it over. Dylan plans on starting his small group on 10 May.



It's been a while since we've had fun with hats!

Building for the Marias



Our team that was just here helped us bless the Marias, two elderly sisters, by helping in the construction of their new home! We finished the roof, installed bars for the windows, installed doors, painted the outside, finished a wall to the property, built shelves for their new store, and a few other things!

[Click here to see the video!](#)

It's getting hot!

May starts the rainy season here in Guatemala. It usually comes at the perfect time because as the dry season progresses, it gets really dusty, allergies flare up, and you just can't get away from the heat. Of course, this doesn't compare to Dylan's time in the Middle Eastern Desert, but once you acclimatize, you can notice the change!

We seem to be settling into the next level of our ministry. In our integration with the church here, we find ourselves immersed in different areas of the ministry and getting to the core issues that they have invited us here to help them better. We continue to learn more

Prayer Requests



This is the wonderful team that helped us work on the Marias' house.

- Dylan got his new criminal background check submitted, pray that the rest of the visa process goes smoothly! Missy will soon be going to pick up her ID card!
- The church's leadership/discipleship training is underway! Pray that the leaders and perspective leaders taking the class will be enlightened, enriched, and learn how to be better Disciples of Christ so they can make disciples of Christ.
- Our sending organization, Servants, just acquired a brand new building that meets all their office and storage needs threefold! Please pray for a smooth transition, volunteers to help with needed renovations, and for God to use this new facility to its capacity! [click here for the new address](#)
- Pray for our continued spiritual growth individually and as a couple. We are working hard to strengthen our marriage and respective relationships with God in order to be more grounded in His will for our lives so we can be most effective in serving Him.

about the culture and find ourselves still struggling at times to understand and work with "how things are done" here.

We are also working on taking our relationship with God and our marriage to the next level. As we continue to make adjustments to our lives and try to really sink in to making Guatemala our home, we have realized that if we are just being stagnant in our relationships, we are giving the devil a foothold to drive a wedge between us as a couple and us and God. As we taught the church leadership in our retreat not too long ago, we have to always work to maintain the priority list of our lives: God, Family, Ministry.

We continue to also work within the SARF ministry to best serve at-risk families in a way that is effective and sustainable. We are currently investigating ways to help some of the children who are struggling in school. The school system here does not serve the students very well and there are some who are repeating their current grade for the 3rd or 4th time! We want to find ways to better invest in these kids' lives so that they can be the link that breaks the cycle of poverty in their families.

We thank you for your continued love and support! We couldn't be here doing what we are doing if it weren't for all of you faithfully praying, loving, and supporting us as God has called you to do.



Love,
Missy & Dylan