

# Celebrating Recovery

Uniting 2 Serve Newsletter

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## Not just a life of recovery, but a journey of discovery!

The Celebrate Recovery program is very near to our hearts since our current ministry is fruit of how God healed us through this program. We are blessed to be able to share it with others.

You may or may not be tired of hearing about our progress in CR, but it is one of our main focuses as we work with City of Refuge church and help them to increase their efficiency as an organization and impact as an outreach to their community. There are three big ways we see God moving in the Celebrate Recovery ministry here:

### Dedication

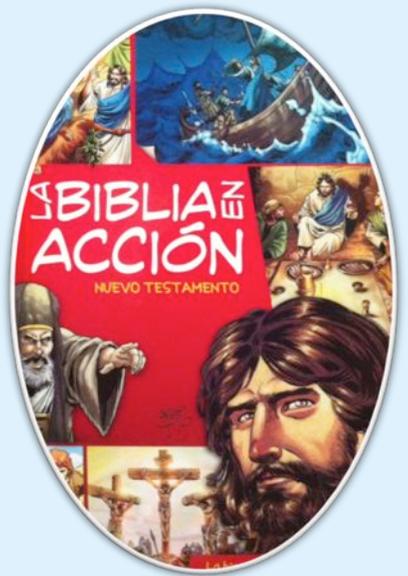
Two women who have recently reconciled with God and have begun working towards a closer relationship with Him stepped forward a couple weeks ago to dedicate their babies in front of the church. It was a wonderful display of dedication these women have towards following God's will for their lives and making sure their children do the same.

### Growing Interest

Some women who regularly attend Missy's lessons on Saturday afternoons have begun expressing interest in being a part of a small group step study, where people have the opportunity to work through the steps and gain profound healing from the program. Missy explained to them that she cannot start a new group yet, but once the current group finishes, those women will be able to lead a group themselves. We often marvel at how God is growing this program faster than we thought and we continue to praise Jesus for changing the hearts and minds of those in the community. Additionally, as more men obtain sobriety in the men's ministry, more are becoming interested in being a part of a small group and the leaders currently in the study have begun asking when we can start a new small group!

### Men's Celebration

The men going through the small group step study with Dylan just finished the first book of the 4 book study and are getting ready to move onto the second...but not before having a celebration that involved chowing down on some seriously big turkey legs! The women had chocolate for their celebration but the men wanted something more "manly".



## We got the action bibles!

3 shipping containers arrived just at the end of August. It was quite appropriate since August is bible month in Guatemala! We plan on using these comic style bibles to teach the kids of the families we serve. Additionally, we are working on a plan to utilize these bibles as outreach to kids at a local school as well as a ministry we have partnered with in the past. We hope to teach lessons from it throughout the next year and then gift the bibles to the kids at the end.



## We continue working towards the future in building our team.

We have had meetings with all three of Servants' future missionaries to Guatemala and are excited to see God continue developing their visions for ministry. At Servants, it is amazing to see how God fits the pieces together like an intricate jigsaw puzzle. Our organization seeks first to serve missionaries by helping them achieve the goals God has set for them to accomplish. In addition to these three missionaries, there are 2-3 other possible missionaries that could be joining our team within the next year! While this is very exciting and encouraging to us (we won't have to be doing almost everything by ourselves anymore), we also realize that our tasks as Directors of Operations in Guatemala will grow.

We would like to ask for your continued prayers in this area, as we have never worked on building a team together. Our main goal is to serve them so they can serve to their greatest ability. We recognize the challenges that lie ahead of us in the coming year such as getting everyone settled and comfortable in their new country of residence, building and defining team member roles, getting to know each other better so we can work as efficiently as possible, and doing so while keeping Christ at the center of it all!

Please also continue to pray for these missionaries as they continue adjusting to the changes God is making in their lives to better serve Him. We remember that it wasn't very long ago that He flipped our life on its head and called us here. It is a challenging experience and we want to support them as best as we can through it.

We have also been working hard in supporting our SARF leadership team in the U.S. as we try to grow our ministry via sponsorships. Dylan has been working with some of our more tech savvy team members to develop and fine tune the main SARF website to help sponsors keep in touch with their sponsored families as well as attract new people who are interested in investing in the lives of the very people we work with on a daily basis. If you are interested in seeing it, you can go to [mysarf.servants.org](http://mysarf.servants.org).

One way we are able to build relationships between sponsors and their sponsored families is to facilitate a meeting! We had the pleasure of helping a sponsor meet her sponsored family and spend the day with them while also shopping for things to start a new business. Just the other week we were able to finish the shopping with Olga that couldn't be finished when her sponsor was here and Olga started her new business selling Honduran food on August 14th.

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in Guatemala and making it possible for us to be here through your love, prayers, financial investment, and more!

**Love Always,  
Dylan & Missy Brobst**

*We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you. -1 Thessalonians 1:2-4*