

Finally on Furlough

Enjoying summer with friends and family.



Look Mom, no hands!

Simple Blessings

Since we have been back in the U.S., we have taken note of some simple blessings that we had forgotten about during our 2 ½ year stretch in Guatemala. It's been a humbling experience to learn how some things are so much easier here:

- **Hot water in every building**
- **The ability to flush toilet paper**
- **Being able to brush our teeth with and even drink the tap water without a filter**
- **Lack of bugs (especially mosquitos) in houses**
- **Having a dryer for laundry instead of a clothesline**
- **Setting up a cell phone plan and having service in 20 minutes or less**
- **Being able to go to a store close by and knowing they will have what you need**

What a summer!

As we were preparing to visit the U.S. on our first ever furlough, our missionary friends warned us that furlough generally finds you busier than in regular ministry...were they ever right! We have been enjoying some long overdue time with our families and friends. God has given us amazing opportunities to have amazing conversations and share the truth of His grace with everyone. We look forward to being able to see the rest of you while we continue visiting until the end of July. If we have not already scheduled time with you and you would like to see us, please contact us ASAP as our schedule is already very full! We also ask that you continue to pray for us as we do our best to see everyone while we are here.

Prayer Requests

Our Team

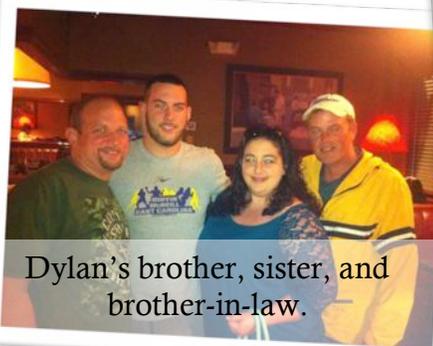
Please pray for continued provision and wisdom as our new team runs things while we are away.

Our Energy

While we have some times blocked out for R&R, we are constantly on the go visiting everyone.

Meetings

Pray for the opening of doors for new partnerships God is creating while we are here.



Dylan's brother, sister, and brother-in-law.



Enjoying a FREE baseball game!



Meeting our niece for the first time

What is happening in ministry?

The last you heard from us, we were just 15 days from flying to the States. We were essentially “running out the door” as we tied up loose ends in our various ministry responsibilities in Guatemala.

One week before leaving we were able to finish guiding the leaders through our discipleship study. While on furlough, Dylan is working hard to get it published and printed so we can take copies of the booklet back with us. The idea is that the leaders will now be able to lead the rest of the congregation through the study.

Literally the day before we left, Dylan had the final meeting for Phase 1 for re-defining the church's vision and mission. When we return, we will begin Phase 2, which will involve

making necessary changes and increasing the role of current leaders within the church.

Missy was successful in finishing her other discipleship studies before we left but Dylan is still meeting regularly with some of the men via Skype while we are on furlough. We are grateful for the technology that affords us the luxury of not interrupting our studies even though we are away.

The SARF team has worked very well in the past couple months trying to maintain our ministry impact as a whole and continue to serve the families. We are very proud of how they have stepped up to make sure everything continues as smoothly as possible despite changes in personnel and situations.

We hope to see you soon!

Love,
Missy & Dylan

