

New Year, New Energy

Bringing God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

*Your Kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

-Matthew 6:10

It's been a very busy start to the New Year, but we are focusing on God's direction.

As many of you know, 2015 was a very difficult year for us. We would even go as far to say it was the most difficult year we have ever experienced together. But we know that with trials in our lives God gives us opportunities to grow. This is what we teach our students but it always looks different when you have to accept it for yourself! One verse that Missy isn't very fond of, Dylan loves, and the both of us try to remember is James 1:2-3 which says, "Consider it pure joy when you face many trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance." We certainly have had our faith tested this year and as always, God proves Himself faithful and reassures us that, "I am with you until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) We have witnessed families suffer loss and also celebrate new life. We are blessed to serve a God who is so loving, merciful, and gracious to still consider us trustworthy to carry out His mission here in Guatemala. We are also eternally blessed to have all of you supporting us prayerfully, emotionally, and financially. Thank you once again for Uniting 2 Serve with us through these challenging times. God has used you all over this past year to reaffirm our calling and remind us that we are not alone in this fight against the evil that has overcome this world.

We hosted another team at the end of January that helped reinstall the computer lab at a local church and helped another church with some repairs!



2-year-old Joy leading Dylan's discipleship class in prayer

Prayer Requests

- Our Team** Their protection, provision and that we would continue growing together as a family.
- Our Health** Protection against the increasing number of diseases in the area we serve as well as the many stomach issues that affect us.
- Our Faith** That God would continue to show us the way and grant us wisdom and strength to serve how and where He wants us to serve.
- Our Ministry** For God to continue opening hearts to receive the blessing of His Kingdom in their lives.



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What does the Lord have planned for us this year?

This is a constant question we ask God as we desire to serve His purpose, not what we think should be done. We continue to grow into deeper relationships with those we serve. We have even been asked to give dating advice to a young girl in one of the families we serve! Our help with the church's leadership and vision restructuring continues to move forward. We are planning somewhere in the middle of the year to install the church's first deacons and begin the initial steps of installing more pastors! This is a very exciting step but also a grueling process as we want to make sure that the people put in these positions are who God wants to be there.

We continue to grow alongside our team of missionaries on the ground with us and are blessed to be surrounded with people who are committed to following the Lord in His individual calling upon their lives as well as what is needed as team members in the ministry. God is revealing to us that while we are all individuals, that He has called us all together to be an unstoppable force for His Kingdom to Serve At Risk Families in Guatemala. We are blessed to be able to serve alongside each and every one of them. We are also working hard to find a "home" for the ministry such as a large house where we can centralize our efforts from which we can serve the families better and can be used for hosting teams.



CR Small Group Study

The men's group Dylan had been leading is now finished! At the end of December they were given certificates of completion (picture above) and enjoyed a very earned celebratory outing. This month the women and men started new groups and the graduates are leading the groups with our guidance.

Please keep this process in prayer as we are blessed to see God continue to work through this program and bring people the inner healing that we all so desperately need!

Since this transition has lessened the load of our weekly commitments, we have also begun leading other missionaries through this study as well that want to receive the same healing we have experienced as a result of the Celebrate Recovery program.



Paper bowtie and flower made at the mini carnival hosted by the team in January.

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

-Philippians 2:1-2

*Love Always,
The Brobsts*

Pictures!

We have some pictures we wanted to share with you of the neat stuff our team was able to do over the Christmas holiday. Also, our friend April told us we never include enough pictures, so hopefully this satisfies her photo addiction!



Liam, born last year



One of the Christmas gift baskets we were able to give out thanks to a donor!



Buying school supplies for the 29 kids SARF enrolled in school this year!



Noe (Noah), born at the beginning of the year



A movie outing to reward those who passed their school year.



Christmas cookies with the kids!