

A time of preparation!

August 2016

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.



These last few months have been an incredible time of preparation! We have seen God preparing the church leadership and missionary team for the future plans He has for all of us. At the same time we have seen God preparing us to take a step back from the things in Guatemala and focus on our upcoming time in the States.

We are humbled by the work that God has been doing in the Celebrate Recovery ministry at the church we serve with here in Guatemala. Both the men and women are in their second small group step study and the leaders whom we worked with in the first step study have done a great job of stepping up and leading others in the church with only a little help from us. The women have just completed their inventories and the men are not far behind!

We are also amazed by how God continues to grow the leaders and give them amazing wisdom and insight as Dylan leads them through the process of implementing the vision and mission of the church. When the pastor first asked Dylan to do this he was a little apprehensive because he knew how much work and commitment it would require but they are doing an amazing job and continue to seek the Lord's will and vision for the church. The leaders will also be starting the process of deacon selection soon.

We are so excited about all that God is doing in the church leadership and feel confident things will go well as we spend the next two months in the U.S. and the leaders take on an even greater role in the church!

We have also had the blessing of seeing the Lord prepare the church for future ministry opportunities with two organizations! One is a church that we attended while in missions school in Texas and the other is a program to help leaders of the church get degrees in bible education. We have been waiting for a long time to have both of these ministries partnering with the church in which we serve in Guatemala and we are so blessed that the Lord has now said "it is time." We look forward to all that God will do as we partner with these ministries in the future.



Presentation to the church leaders about the bible education ministry

Water filter blessings

We want to thank all of you who donated to our “living water” fundraising campaign to buy filters for families who can’t afford to buy clean water. We were able to buy 16 filters and have already started distributing them to families in our community. It has been such a blessing to show the families we love so very much that they are cared for, that Jesus does see their needs and that He does touch the hearts of people to come and not only meet their spiritual needs by helping to draw them closer to Him, but also meet physical needs.



Water filters ready to be delivered to families!



Friends from our church in Texas came to visit our church in Guatemala to see how the two churches can partner in the future!

Please pray

- 1) For the leaders of the church to continue to lead well and believe that they can do it even if we are not there.
- 2) For the couple we have been helping in their marriage. That they would continue to grow in the Lord & in their relationship while we are away
- 3) For our time in the States to be fruitful and that we remember to pace ourselves and take times of rest.
- 4) For our missionary team who will have extra responsibilities while we are gone.

We also have been preparing over the last several months for our time in the U.S. and it is finally here. We have been working hard to finish up as much as we can in Guatemala, scheduling time to share with new churches, organizing what we will share with churches, friends, and family while we’re in the U.S., and visiting all the families we serve to say goodbye before leaving. It has been a busy time but a blessed time and we are now prepared for our time in the U.S.

If you are interested in coming to one of the churches we will be sharing with check out the dates

and times on our [Facebook](#) page or e-mail us at Dylan@Servants.org.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Love,
Missy and Dylan



This heart is so true of how we feel! Part of our hearts are still in the U.S. our first home, where a lot of our friends and family live. But a part of our hearts will always be in our new home in Guatemala with our new friends and family.