

Spring Forward

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. -Hebrews 12:1-3

Cate helping us deliver backpacks >

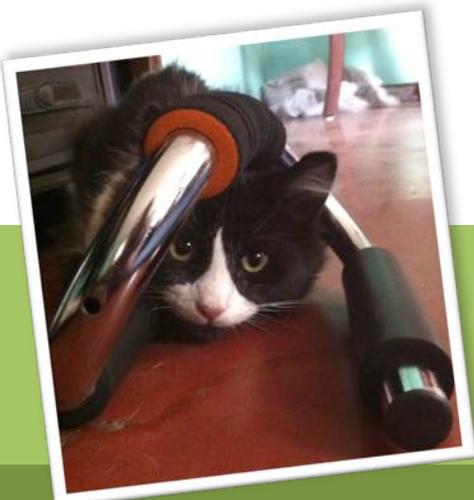


Prayer Requests

The young girl who has been receiving treatments for tuberculosis is getting much better but 5 other children that live in the house have also contracted it and are now receiving treatment. We are trusting God for their complete healing.

The power cables leading to our house short-circuited and caught fire a couple weeks ago. Praise God nothing happened to the house and it was fixed quickly! (blog with details soon)

Please continue to pray for healing and protection for us as Missy has been sick twice over the past month with stomach infections and Dylan has tendonitis in his shoulder.



What's Up Doc?

As God continues to reveal to us His design for us in ministry and specifically in Guatemala, it has not come without it's fair share of difficulties.

It's been a busy few months of caring for our families, as there have been many cases of illnesses such as: diverticulitis, appendicitis, tuberculosis, rheumatic fever, throat infections and stomach infections. We have been making many trips to doctors, laboratories, and pharmacies. Also, one of our families recently lost everything in a fire that destroyed their entire house.

We are so thankful to have had the opportunity to be a part of helping them recover from this and being a part of the church who helped meet their needs including building them a new house instead of regular Sunday services for the last few weeks. (Pictures on page 2)

Please pray for healing for all of our families and for God to give us wisdom as we continue to walk with them through these difficult times.

I am Batman!

We adopted Batman a few weeks ago after searching for him since we gave back the cat we were watching for friends. He and Cate are still trying to determine the pecking order in between the two of them, but he is cuddly, loving, and so far has kept rats out of our house!

Teaching

Dylan has taken a more active role in teaching at the church as he has resumed his rotation of preaching on Sunday mornings as well as teaching every other Saturday in the ASELSI Bible Education course. The students are loving the classes so far and are grateful for the opportunity to learn more about God's Word along with more leadership skills.

School

While January is usually filled with registering the kids we serve in their respective schools, February and March bring us the joy of purchasing uniforms, organizing and distributing school supplies and making sure that everyone is well under way in their studies. These past two weeks, the kids have been taking their first set of exams to end their first marking period and we are looking forward to the first set of grades for the year. We are very thankful for our teammates, Kasey and Esther, who worked very hard in helping organize all the required purchases and distribution that this involves. It is a lot for a family to do it for just their kids, so you can imagine what it is like to do it for 30 at one time! We even recruited the help of our dog to deliver some backpacks this year! (picture on first page)

Family Dinners

We have also been blessed to be able to invite some families

into our home, share some of our favorite recipes, and enjoy some fun times together. We plan to do this once a month this year, inviting different families into our home to share our lives and get to know them better.

Thank You

We are now in to our 4th year of serving God here in Guatemala and we thank you all for continuing to walk this journey with us in whatever way the Lord leads you.

While we know that God will always provide everything we need to do what He has called us to here in Guatemala, we also know that He accomplishes that through faithful ministry partners like all of you. We echo to you the sentiments of the Apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Ephesus:

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

We truly are so thankful for you and we love opportunities to pray with you over specific things in your life. Please never forget that this is a journey we walk together, supporting and encouraging each other along the way. If there is ever any way we can be praying for you please message us and let us know and thank you again for your faithfulness and being part of the great team that God has brought together to Unite 2 Serve in Guatemala!



This sweet girl was so excited to come to our house and "play" with Cate just as long as Cate didn't get too close... they spent a lot of time staring at each other through the window.

