

# July & August 2017

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. 1 Timothy 1:12

## Busy but blessed in July

In early July our co-workers, the Smiths, left for 3 months as did one of our interns who was here serving with us. This left Dylan, myself and, our other intern, Alexys to care for the whole ministry and prepare for the July SARF team. Things got busier than normal as we had to finish paying schools for the month, finish all the prep for the team that was arriving in one week, and deal with some illnesses that Alexys was struggling with. Thankfully, we got everything done that absolutely needed to be done and we were ready for when the team arrived on July 13.

This team included 5 women, plus our intern Alexys and ourselves. We were able to do many things to bless the families and make small but necessary improvements to the Servants ministry center.

The team sanded and sealed bunk beds that were built by other teams, organized the medicine cabinet where we keep our medical donations, put up shelving in the kitchen and hung clothing lines in the garage area so that we can wash all the laundry after



teams leave and have it dry during the rainy season.

They also replaced roof supports and part of the roof for a single mom and her family. This was a huge blessing as it's rainy season now and water was coming into their house every time it rained. Then they added a bedroom to the house of a family of 5 who only had 2 bedrooms they were sharing.

We also hosted a day where we taught families to make jewelry in the hopes that they may continue to do this as a way to support themselves.

We praise the Lord for the blessing of serving with a great group who worked to care for both future teams and

the families who are so special to all of us. The love and hope of Christ was shared with many people and for this we are so grateful!

### 7 year anniversary!!

At the end of July we celebrated 7 years of marriage. We are so thankful for the good marriage we have and for the great teammates God has given us in each other. We both are so thankful for how God continues to bless us in our marriage and grow us together in Him. To celebrate, we took some time off and focused on resting and reconnecting with each other after our busy month of July and in preparation for August which we knew would be another busy month.

# AUGUST+ ADVENTURES

The beginning of August brought new adventures as we have had to start implementing regulations that have been put on NGOs by the Guatemalan government. Along with more paperwork we are also in the process of explaining these changes to all of our 14 families and trying to make sure they understand how it will affect the things we are able to do in the future.



August also brought the adventure of a new volunteer serving with us. Because of all the new laws and regulations, Dylan has had to spend more time keeping up with the administrative duties in the ministry. This posed a challenge because there are many places that it is not safe for Missy to go alone. Thankfully, the Lord provided a person with a great desire to serve. Michy (pictured to the left) has come alongside us and is helping Missy with caring for our 14 precious families.

August has included the continuing adventure of the ASELSE course Dylan is teaching in the church. He and the pastor had the opportunity to go to a conference together and learn more about how to move forward in the program.

We've also had the blessing this month of having several of our families open up to us even more than they have in the past about personal struggles they are having. We are so thankful for how the Lord is developing a trusting relationship between all of us and although we often feel inadequate to help as He calls us to, we are blessed that He finds us trustworthy and allows us to continue to serve Him in this way!!

Finally, August gave us the adventure of being there for one of our friends from the states as he married a Guatemalan woman. We were so thankful for the opportunity to share this special day with them, get to know some of their friends and support them as they move forward into what God has called them to for their lives together!

It reminded us of how blessed we are to have all of you walking with us on the journey that God has called us to for our lives together and we again thank you for being a blessing!



Love, Missy and Dylan Brobst

## Praises and Prayer requests

1. God is keeping us healthy and giving us the energy to do all we need to do. Please pray that he continues to bless us with health, energy, endurance and patience.
2. At the beginning of 2017 we realized that last year we had a \$340 decrease in monthly support. God has provided people to partner with us for all but \$60 of that amount! Thank you to all who are a part of God's continual care and provisions!