

Back to Life

Uniting 2 Serve
September Newsletter



It's great to be home again and we have been blessed by huge welcoming and love upon our return!

We made it back to Guatemala. Now what?

Our time in the US was very busy but very blessed. We travelled more than in the past and saw more of the country than usual. It was great to see you all and spend time with you! Thank you so much for your generosity, continued prayers, and desire to be a part of what God is doing in Guatemala. It is a blessing to have so many that are willing to Unite 2 Serve with us!

Dylan returned to Guatemala 6 weeks before Missy as she had to attend a class on campus at Messiah College while Dylan had to prepare for and host a team that came to serve with us at the end of July. It was not easy but God saw us through and strengthened our relationship in the midst of it. When Missy returned in August we celebrated 8 years of marriage together! We are so blessed how God continues to grow us through Him.

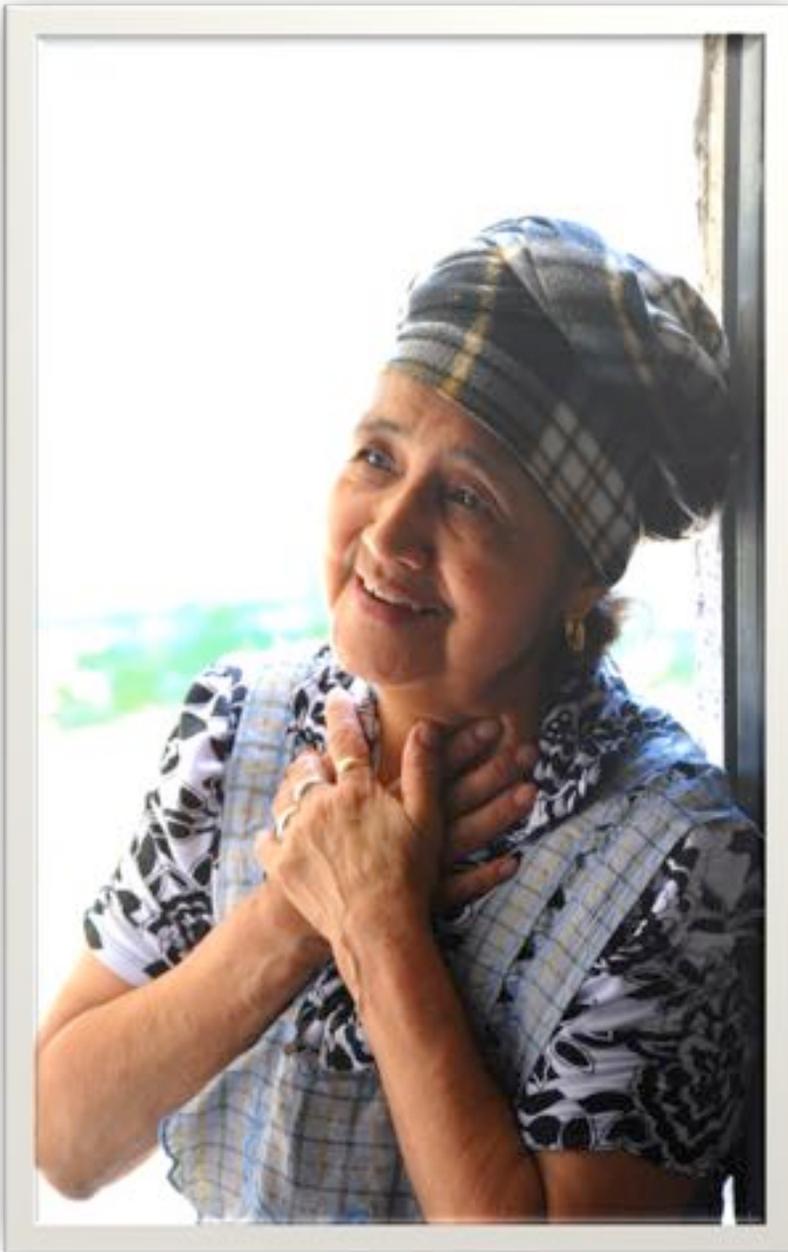
Missy is starting her third class towards her counseling degree and we are praising God for helping her obtain As in the ones she already has completed! Please continue to pray for her as the course load is intense. Meanwhile, Servants has approved the hiring of a bookkeeper/assistant to help Dylan with his administrative duties so he can focus more on leading our team and influencing the ministry to grow.

Prayer Requests

- 1) That we would quickly get caught up on our administrative duties that we fell behind on as a result of our trip to the U.S.
- 2) That the kids in the families we serve would finish school well. Some have had some difficulties but we are trying to encourage them to stay focused.
- 3) That we would be able to get back into our normal routines.



Tribute to Maria



While we were in the U.S. a member of one of our SARF families went to be with the Lord. Some of you may know Maria from visiting her when you came to serve with us and if you did get the chance to meet her then you know what a special woman she was to everyone in her life. Maria and her sister were one of our first SARF families and we consider it a blessing to have known them. After the passing of her sister a few years ago, Maria was alone in her home, which prompted us to start visiting her more often. We would spend time talking about God, reading the bible or devotional books, sharing about life's struggles and praying together. She truly was like a grandmother to us...even to the point of sending us home with goodies at the end of our visits. For the last 2 years Maria was in constant pain from the multiple illnesses with which she suffered. Despite regular prayer for healing and many different attempts by doctors to heal these illnesses, Maria continued to suffer. In the last 6 months it became a regular occurrence for Maria to pray for the Lord to take her home. We are so thankful that before we left for the U.S. Missy had a special visit with Maria where she was able to tell Maria that if anything happened to

either of them while they were apart they would not be sad but instead be happy knowing they would see each other again one day. It is with this in mind that we have peace knowing that although we weren't here for the final days of our precious Guatemalan grandmother, she is now at peace and we will be together again! Please take a few moments and pray for Maria's nieces who lived with her as they are missing her very much. Please also pray for us as we continue to grow in the relationship we have with them and seek the Lord on how we can continue loving this family for Him. Thank you for your prayers and thank you to all of you who came and visited Maria with us. Maria always said that everyone who visited her with us was like her family too because they always loved her so much!

As we look to the month ahead and catch up on things, we will begin to plan for the coming year. Our Guatemalan intern this year is looking to work with us full time in 2019 so we will be looking forward to seeing how God wants her to continue blessing our families and serving in the ministry. Additionally, we will be evaluating how to continue leading and teaching in City of Refuge church to help it become more sustainable. We

also see the SARF ministry growing and want to make sure it matures in its effectiveness and service to the community so we will be seeking God’s wisdom on how He wants us to be a part of that. We will also be asking churches directly to bring teams down to serve alongside us so if you or your church are seeking opportunities to contribute more to SARF, please let us know soon so we can start planning!



Our July team that Dylan hosted came from Storehouse Community Church from McAllen, TX. They are the church we connected with years ago while in missions school.

Since they come from an area with a culture similar to Guatemala and the majority of the team speaks Spanish, they were able to serve in a way that most teams are not.

During the day they helped with small projects around our ministry center and in the evenings they gave classes in the church. One of the team members even preached Sunday morning.

It was a blessing not only for the church but also Dylan as there was little need for translation while hosting the team. They taught classes on godly parenting, Christian financial stewardship, how to be a better spouse, and God’s design for women.

We look forward to Storehouse teams coming in the future as they have told us they desire to be involved with our ministry on a continual basis. In fact, they are the reason we started our ministry support rotation in Texas this year!



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