

Beginnings and Endings

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Beginnings

Hello dear friends and family! We are so happy to share with you that we have officially finished getting all of our 25 kids ready for back to school! It was a LONG process of registrations, buying uniforms and shoes, buying, sorting, and distributing school supplies, and making sure everyone had all their books. Thank you for all of your prayers as things went relatively smoothly this year!

Missy also went back to school in January. She is officially in her second year of her 4 year degree. She earned an A in every class in her first year and she says, "it is nothing short of the Lord's miraculous help because I am NOT an all "A" student...just ask my mom and dad" (Hi mom and dad ☺). We're grateful that it is going so well and for how the Lord continues to provide time, energy, and finances for Missy to study. She has already had several opportunities to use the skills she is learning with the families we serve.

January also brought a back to school opportunity for one of the moms in the families we serve. She only has a second grade education and has wanted to go back to school for years. Thanks to the generosity of family supporters she



Nana was our great prayer warrior and she will be sorely missed!

Praises and Prayers

We are praising the Lord for a few days off we have coming up because it has been a long few months. We are looking forward to enjoying time together and resting with Jesus.

Please pray for wisdom as we move forward in all that God has for us this year.

Please also pray for those with whom we are doing discipleship studies to stay faithful, that the Lord would continue to keep us faithful, and that we would continue to make time to do all that he has called us to do.

Join us in praising the Lord that Missy has finished her first class of 2019! It has been the class where she has learned the most so far and she is very excited to keep using her newfound skills.



Dylan with his students

was able to get her paperwork in order and start back to school this year!

Dylan and Missy have both started new spiritual growth studies. Missy is doing the second round of the Celebrate Recovery step study group with 2 other women. She is excited about the possibility of using this in Guatemala once she finishes if it is translated into Spanish by then.

Dylan started a spiritual formation study in the church with which we serve. This is the first time it is being used in a Latin American context so he is working closely with his mentor from the US to make it as understandable as possible in its newly translated format. So far we have 15 people who are attending and hungry to grow in their relationship with the Lord!

A final beginning that we have experienced is the opening of the hearts of one of our families to the power of Jesus in their lives. They have had some difficult times lately and as our team has walked through this with them they have expressed their desire to know Jesus more. Missy and Michy started a bible study with them.

Endings

These last few months were full of a lot of beginnings but they also brought a few endings. One was hard and one was joyful. In January we lost Dylan's Nana as she went to be with the Lord after months of battling breathing issues. Though it's always hard to be away from family, especially during difficult times like this, we are happy that Nana is at peace. Although this is the end of Nana's earthly time we know that she is in heaven and we are going to have all of eternity with her. We are so blessed by all of her love, encouragement and prayers, which we will always remember.

In February, we celebrated the ending of the 2 year long ASELSI biblical theology class that Dylan was teaching in the church. The students are all very happy to have achieved this milestone. There was a great celebration with the leaders of ASELSI at a graduation at the end of the month.

As always, thank you so much for your continued prayers, encouragement, and love.

Missy & Dylan

