

September-November 2024



It is a blessing to write to you, as we come to the end of 2024! The Lord has been so good to us this year and there is so much to update you on! First, I want to express our thankfulness as our supporting churches and pastors, for continuing to hold the line for truth and preach the Gospel to a lost and dying world! Every second that passes, we are closer to ending this life of faith and beginning a life of sight! What a joy that should give us, but also a fervency to do more in these days!

MINISTRY UPDATE: Over the past few months, we have really taken time to invest in some of the young leaders in our church. We have taken time to hear them, listen to their desires in the ministry, and understand their battles in a more personal way. It has blessed our hearts to see such growth in their lives over the past 5 years. We can see growth in the scriptures and maturity in the Lord. Next year we will be having new Sunday school teachers, and brand-new ministry goals! The ones we once won, are now winning others and we thank God for that fruit!

We also started a new bible club for youth. Many of the kids in our bible club were “aging out”, so Melissa and I decided to start a Youth Bible Club. It has been a blessing. Most of the youth that come, were kids when we started our church in 2019. Now they are teenagers and are leaders in many areas of the church. We have also started having them over to our home every Monday night for a time of fun and refuge from the battles they deal with at home. We have become more connected with them and they have become more connected to us! We usually host around 15 youth (plus our crew) each week, and we LOVE IT!

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: Our hearts have been gripped over the past few months as we have gotten closer to our young people. A quarter of the kids here will never finish their schooling. Many of them lack support at home, they lack effort from their teachers, and there is an increasing influence of gangs (to make money). The Lord began to move our hearts over the last year about the Character Under Construction program that our mission board offers for public schools in the states. We desired to see it implemented in the schools here, but there seemed to be many roadblocks. The Superintendent told me that they would never allow an evangelical pastor in their schools, because of bad experiences they’ve had with others. I sat down with her and shared my heart. She looked at me and said, “Pastor, you’re an American, I have confidence in your words, many Guatemalans are not trustworthy. Let’s plan the presentation.” We were able to present Character Under Construction to 16 schools in our area, with 150 teachers and principals in attendance. In the meeting they accepted us to come into their schools and teach the Character program!! We will have the opportunity to personally be involved in the lives of nearly 3,000 students each month! We are now working to translate lessons and material for this ministry. There are so many details that God has worked out, and we couldn’t be more thankful! I am nervous, and I am already emotionally tired, but it is an obvious door the Lord has opened, and NOW we know why. For 203 years, Guatemala has been a moral country. However, with the new President and his administration, the LGBTQ ideology has arrived in Guatemala and will be entering the school system in 2025. LGBTQ ideology and gender fluidity have been included into the curriculum, and parents (in our church and in our town) have officially been notified about it, by the school. I am absolutely blown away, but for such a time as this, the Lord has put us into the school system! Please pray as we are on the devil’s playing field! But thankfully, God is involved, and we pray for the strength to stand up for our children and fight for their souls and their hearts, in a society that is quickly falling.

Thank you for praying for our family! During this time of year, we miss family and friends, but we are incredibly grateful, knowing our Lord has given us family here in Guatemala too! Thank you all for your prayers and the special offerings you send during this time! We love you all!

2 Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

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