

Guatemala



November/December 2016

Dear Friends,

“Un pato, un pato!” the children exclaimed as Imelda came around the corner of the church building carrying a large, beautiful duck. She spoke about the beauty, size, and quality as she handed the duck to Jonathan. With great humility and awe, we realized that this was a gift from Imelda to our family. To give away that which could provide multiple meals for her family was a huge sacrifice and given with great love. She chose the biggest and healthiest duck that she owned because she wanted to give her best. This duck was more than just a gift of food but also a symbol of acceptance into the community.



Imelda and her five children were one of the first families to officially join the church plant as members. Over the past couple of months, we have seen God work tremendously in their lives. Recently, they participated in a church outreach where we took food packs and bibles door to door and shared the Gospel throughout the village. While visiting, her group came to the home of a man with whom she had a past relationship. For many years he would control, guilt, shame and manipulate her. After visiting his house, she broke down in tears and shared her story. She explained that her tears were not of shame, guilt or anger but tears of joy. Through what she had been learning from the teachings at church, she was finally able to understand what it meant to have freedom from the bondage and guilt of her past sins. Knowing that she was forgiven and that Christ had fully paid the debt for her sins, she had the ability to tell this man, for the first time, “God bless you,” without fear. Praise God! What a joy to see the people of Guatemala experience freedom, life, and joy through Jesus!

Imelda’s entire family is learning, growing, and serving in the church. Her daughter, Fatima, has begun helping in our Sunday School program; and her sons, Henry and Rene, are attending our Bible Institute and would like to start teaching in our midweek services. Praise God for His amazing and continued work through the ministry here in Guatemala!

As we head into December, we are very excited about our upcoming Christmas event, where we will have the opportunity to share Christmas gifts with many children who might not have received anything otherwise. Through the generosity of several of our supporting churches, we will be receiving 220 Christmas packs to share with many children in the village of El Rincón de Pacaya. This will make an incredible impact on the community as we continue to build relationships and grow our church plant. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the churches and people that have made this possible!

Thank you for your prayers & support
as we partner for this great missionary endeavor.

Serving together,

Jonathan & Joanna Liggelt



***“For so hath
the Lord
commanded us,
saying, I have
set thee to be a
light of the
Gentiles, that
thou shouldest
be for salvation
unto the ends of
the earth.”***

~ Acts 13:47 ~



Piper with Fatima at church