

Guatemala



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Dear Friends,

Life in Guatemala is difficult with more than 70% of the population living in extreme poverty. Illiteracy is very high, especially amongst the poor, indigenous and rural people groups, with women suffering the most of all. Village life is particularly difficult with a lack of jobs and food, overpopulation, dangerous living conditions and poor to no medical care. El Rincón de Pacaya is one of many impoverished villages that are scattered all over Guatemala. It is here that our church plant is flourishing and lives are changing for the Glory of God!

Lupe and her infant son were abandoned by her husband shortly after their son's birth. She started attending our services several months ago and made a profession of faith two weeks ago! She is eager to follow the Lord in believer's baptism and find an area in the church to serve. God has used the difficulties in her life to reveal to her the need of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The church has seen much fruit and development in the past few months through spiritual and numerical growth. One of the most important areas of growth is in leadership. The church now has a developed constitution and structure by which it can be locally governed as a New Testament church. God has also brought spiritual men into leadership positions. *God is doing an incredible work* in this church plant and we are so thankful for your partnership and prayers! Without you working alongside us, this would not be possible.

Last week we celebrated as Joanna passed her third level of Spanish with an "A"! Please continue to pray for her understanding and strength as she dedicates 30 plus hours each week to her studies. Learning a new language is very strenuous and exhausting, but she is reaping the benefits through greater comprehension and an ability to apply what she is learning.

There are a couple of ways that you can be in pray for our family at this time. First, Kamden will soon be attending the preschool roundup and have an interview at the Christian school, where Piper is attending, to make sure that he is ready to begin in August. Secondly, please be in prayer for Jonathan's health. This week he had his third bout with kidney stones. We are grateful that this stone passed without the need of surgical intervention; however, the scans showed that his kidney is full of small stones. The doctor will be running some tests after Easter to determine the cause. Please pray for answers and resolution for Jonathan.

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 ~