

Guatemala



July/August 2016

Dear Friends,

God is at work in Guatemala! Much rejoicing has taken place over this past month. July 3rd was our first service with Iglesia Bautista Sembradores de Vida de Pacaya. There were 55 people in attendance and there was a joyful spirit amongst them. Jonathan was able to preach his very first sermon in Spanish! Through Jonathan's newly learned Spanish the gospel was shared and people listened and responded. We give all glory to God for working through our imperfections for His glory!

The highlight of the month was the fourth service when a missions team working with Clubhouse Guatemala put on an evangelical drama. We spread the news around the community, in hopes of bringing more people in. We were overjoyed when 163 people came and were presented with a clear presentation of the Gospel! We are working hard in the area of El Rincón de Pacaya as we continue to build relationships and build the church. While there is some resistance, we are reminded of Acts 18:10, "For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city." We are confident that God is in control and will advance His church.



Our first Sunday with 55 people!



Our fourth Sunday with 163 people!

As we look for ways to impact the community and grow the church, we are preparing for an incredible Christmas event. Last year we had the opportunity to be a part of a children's Christmas outreach. We gave out Christmas packs to **some** of the children in El Rincón de Pacaya. These packs contained small toys, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, and a variety of other things. The impact was amazing! It has opened doors into the communities to build relationships, to pray with and share Christ with the children and families, and to allow for follow up visits in their homes.

This Christmas we will do same outreach, but we want to impact the entire village. The purpose of this outreach is to show the love of Christ and to spread out the impact and influence of the church in the village. We would love to share this opportunity with your church. This is a chance to have a *personnel investment* in the lives of the families of a church that *you* are helping to start. Our desire is to reach **all 500 children** with a special Christmas pack. For many of these children this will be the only gift that they will receive for Christmas. Each pack will be personally given to the child along with and a time of prayer and witnessing. To impact each child in the village we need to have 500 packs. As of today, we have a total of 120 promised from two churches.

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

Serving together,

Jonathan & Joanna Liggelt



HOW CHRISTMAS PACKS WORK:

1. Empty packs will be sent to you in the number requested, along with instructions for purchasing gifts and shipping.
2. Purchase gifts to be placed in the packs. Total cost is around \$15. Place \$5 inside to help with shipping.
3. Box up packs and place a label for our ministry (included) to ship out no later than Oct 30th.
4. Shipments are scheduled to Guatemala by Nov 1st to ensure they arrive on time.
5. We receive the packs and personally distribute them to the children of the village around Christmas time.

Please pray about what part your church could have in this outreach to spread the love and gospel of Christ and to grow the influence of the church plant in El Rincón de Pacaya.