

# Guatemala



August/September 2015

Dear Friends,

Guatemala needs your prayers! There is tremendous political unrest because of massive corruption on multiple levels of the government, all the way up to President Molina. The Vice President has been arrested and all the cabinet members have resigned. Guatemalans have come out in wide scale protests, demanding the President to resign immediately. A national protest day was held on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, where hundreds of thousands of people came out to show their disapproval of the current government. Many business and schools were closed for the day in support of the protest. Piper's school was closed as well because major roads were blocked and because of possible danger. Thankfully, all of the protests up to this point have been peaceful. President Molina has refused to step down, but his time is coming to an end as the national elections take place on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Until things settle down, we have been advised to stay close to home and out of the inner city and remote areas. Please be in prayer for the safety of missionaries and Guatemalans, and that God will bring in a leader that can unite the many political factions and can bring political stability back to the country.



Protest in front of the Presidential Palace



Protests in the Streets

The country's turmoil has everyone talking and has given us new avenues to have deeper conversations and relationships with the people around us. Jonathan has begun to develop a close relationship with Antonio, who is a guard in our complex. Jonathan spoke to him about Christ and found out that he was a believer. They greet each other with, "Mi Hermano" (my brother), share bible verses with each other and talk about God working through the difficulties of life. This relationship has been a blessing for both Jonathan and Antonio. Through their friendship, God allowed us to help Antonio's church by providing ceiling fans that were much needed during the warm summer months.

Joanna has become close to a young mother, Gaby. They are helping each other with language, culture and cooking from each other's country. This has given Joanna a greater opportunity to meet some other mothers in our complex. One way she reaches out to them is to cook and hand out flavored breads, or cakes as they call them.

We are so encouraged and excited by the relationships that we are building and the opportunities that God is giving us. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we are learning language and culture and meeting people, with the sole purpose of making great the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the beautiful country of Guatemala.

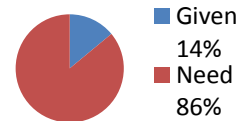
**Thank you** for your prayers & support  
as we partner for this great missionary endeavor.

Serving together,

*Jonathan & Joanna Liggett*

## NEEDS

### Language School



*"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 ~