New Year, New Challenges

As we look into the future, we see yet another mountain to overcome...





Prayer Needs

Dylan's Visa

Even though Missy's visa was approved, Dylan's was not because of a technicality. Our lawyer is fighting for us and we should know this month if it is approved.

Leadership Guidance

As we help the church raise up leaders to guide its congregation and community, we want to make sure we are following what God wants, not what we want.

Family Sponsorships

We had a great response in December for sponsoring families, but we have recently added more to be served!

Celebracion de Hombres

Please pray for God to bring the men that need to hear the message and to use Dylan as effectively as possible to teach it.

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Jesus once told those who were committed to following Him:

Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him.

Mark 11:23

What has God shown us about 2014?

Looking forward into 2014, we see many obstacles ahead. However, our biggest goal this year is to continually seek out God's guidance in all we do and to accomplish the work that He has sent us here to do, NOT think we know what we are doing and run off on our own. As one of Dylan's high school friends quoted in their senior yearbook, "if you can see the obstacles in front of you, you have lost sight of the goal." It is in this newsletter we would like to communicate what our goals are for this year. Some of them have been in the works for quite some time, others have recently presented themselves to us and we intend on integrating them within our ministry. Please keep us and the work God has called us to in prayer as we strive to fulfill His purpose for us being here.

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January Team

Our next team arrives January 9th. Their first task will be to complete the computer lab we started in September before school starts on the 15th. The remaining work is to run the wiring, build desks, install a security door and window bars, and plug in the computers! We received an amazing response to the Go Fund Me campaign online so that we will be able to finish this project on time. The kids are "abuzz" about their new computer lab and Jon has been training the teachers how to use the computers to teach the kids.

Rest Retreat

Our next order of business will be to host a rest retreat in our home for the church staff after the team leaves. We've put together a weekend program to host the staff to give them some time off for rest and also teach them some things we learned in missions school such as: how to establish and maintain a weekly Sabbath, the importance of daily time with God, creating a rhythm of rest and solitude, learning when to say "no," and many other things we've learned and experienced. We hope it will be a time of refreshment and enlightenment that will propel the church into 2014.

An intriguing aspect of this retreat is that when the pastor of the church participates in it, Dylan has volunteered to preach in his stead! It will be Dylan's first Spanish sermon but good practice for when he starts teaching weekly in February. City of Refuge Church (the one we

Discipleship Programs

are here partnering with) has asked us to help infuse discipleship studies and programs into their current ministry outreach. Dylan learned in December of a Canadian program called "Heroes" which teaches youth about their potential and how to achieve it. We will be looking into setting up a certification class that will teach us and approve us to teach this curriculum to children.



We had a blast helping our coworker, Jon, hand out clothing, food, and candy to kids in need on Christmas Eve.

Click here to see the video of our first Guatemalan Christmas!



Dylan had the honor of carving the Christmas bird, although the original was not yet ready to be "prepared".

Click here to see last month's video if you don't get the joke! Additionally, we will be taking a hard look at how to expand the church's Celebrate Recovery program. Now that Missy has kicked off the women's version, we will be working with church leadership to expand their current ministry to serve men outside the scope of alcoholism and drug abuse. Dylan will begin teaching Celebrate Recovery for men on Friday nights starting in February. He will also be working to raise up leaders to take his place by next year.

The church also desires to raise up community leader families that are willing and able to take in orphans and widows (this includes families abandoned by the men in their lives) to create a holistic support system. This seems like the most daunting task for this year but we intend to remain prayerful about it and look forward to seeing how God will direct us in serving the church this way.

Servants has set a schedule for us to

Future Trips

host 4 teams this year! The sign-ups for April are already open. We will also be hosting teams in July and October. Each team has only 8 open spots, so if you or someone you know is interested <u>CLICK HERE</u> to contact Servants now to make sure you don't miss it!



We were blessed to spend a little time with Chiky, our sponsor daughter at the children's home Christmas morning.

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As always, we are continually thankful for all your love, prayer, and support. Thank you for Uniting 2 Serve with us!

In His Love,

Dylan and Missy Brobst