## CHANGES

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Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Matthew 9:36-39

### GOD CONTINUES TO REVEAL HIS VISION FOR THE FUTURE

#### RELATIONSHIP COORDINATOR

# Missy is adapting to her new role as SARF relationship coordinator. What exactly does this entail? Basically, she will be in charge of everything on the Guatemala side that has to do with facilitating the relationships between the families we serve here and their sponsors. This includes regular updates about the families, prayer requests, buying and distributing school supplies, facilitating meetings between families and their sponsors if they come to visit Guatemala, and much more.

A lot of this she has been doing already but Dylan is happy that he no longer has to worry about these things so he can focus better on his increasing responsibilities as Director of Operations in Guatemala on top of our other duties within the local church we are helping. We are excited to see God continue to grow this ministry and are also excited for sending us "more workers" to harvest alongside us.

#### **NEW MISSIONARY**

Last month we mentioned that there were 2-3 prospective missionaries here in Guatemala whom we were meeting with and helping in their search for a sending organization. We are happy to announce that one of those missionaries has signed on to work with us in Servants!

We are so thankful to have someone who will be able to get started right away as things are growing quite quickly here and it has almost become more than we can handle.

Please pray for smooth transitions for all our missionaries who will be joining our team in the coming year and for God to grow and strengthen our team so we can serve Him to the best of our ability and beyond. Also please remember us in your prayers for God to strengthen us in our role as team leaders as we will carry the responsibility of caring for our new team and working to represent the Lord well.

#### SARF STUFF

"Servants de Guatemala" is now officially incorporated and we are working hard to open bank accounts for the organization which has proven to be a grueling process. Once the accounts are established, we can begin fully functioning in Guatemala. Thank you for your continued prayers for us and the organization through this process. It has been very trying at times but we know that God is faithful and everything happens according to His perfect timing.

Another thing we have been putting a lot of time into is the first annual SARF Backpack Campaign. We are trying to raise funds to support the beginning of the Guatemalan school year in January to help register our families' kids in school and prepare them for another successful year of learning to break the cycle of poverty.

Follow this link to read more!

Colleen joins our team bringing a background of child health and development. She absolutely LOVES working with children and is excited to step into her new role as our Serving At Risk Families case manager. She will be in charge of making sure we are helping our families to the fullest and most effective way possible while helping them achieve a self-sustaining lifestyle. She is pictured here with her mother who recently visited Guatemala for the first time and a little girl of one of the families we serve. Please join us in praying for her as she will spend the remainder of the year in the States support raising and learning more about her new role with Servants starting in January 2015. Click here to learn more about Colleen.



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Dylan was asked this month to preach one Sunday about remaining in the presence of God. The pastoral family had to make an emergency trip to El Salvador, so with just one day's notice, the pastor asked if he could preach.

It was a daunting task but we know that as long as God is the focus, anything can be done. It is opportunities like this that stretch us and help us grow in our ministry and more importantly our reliance on God to provide energy, words, inspiration, and endurance and learn how to have more faith in Him.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our next team comes to serve 16-25 October. Pray for safety and provision to complete the project.
- Continued growth in our various parts of ministry.
- For God to continue strengthening us and guiding us as Servants' footprint grows in Guatemala and we gain more responsibilities.
- Our upcoming missions trip in November where we will be translating for a spiritual healing team.
- The continued growth and strengthening of the leaders we are mentoring in City of Refuge Church.
- Our continued health, spiritual development, and emotional security.



#### FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

We had the opportunity this month to visit with some of our families who live further away and whom we do not get to visit as regularly as others. One family, the Mateos, came with us to Linda Vista for a day to see some houses and to visit the church we work with to see if they might want to move closer.

The idea is if they are closer we will be able to serve them more efficiently as they live over an hour away from where we are and are on their own. They liked one of the houses and are praying for God to show them if this move is what He wants and is the best for their family. Please join them and us in prayer for God's will to be done in this situation.

It was a blessing to get to spend time with this family and see their grateful hearts. After visiting the houses we took them to get shoes for some fo the family members that needed them and the father offered to sacrifice getting his shoes to help cover the cost of the gas we used to drive them around that day. These families continue to bless us and show us repeatedly what humble grateful hearts they have.



THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO UNITE 2
SERVE WITH US THROUGH YOUR LOVE,
SUPPORT, AND PRAYERS!

Dylan and Missy Brobst



Brandon enjoyed his first ever ride in a vehicle! Click here to read more about this family.