

# May Already?

Time flies when you've got a lot to do!

## Easter Baskets

This year for Easter we had the opportunity to again bless the families we serve with baskets full of food and some goodies. This was made possible through a large donation that Servants received to buy Christmas baskets and Missy and our teammate Val were thrifty enough to only spend half the money at Christmas so we had enough for Easter baskets too.

This is our 4th year of doing this and as with every year in the past it was such a blessing for our team of missionaries to be able to bless the families we serve with these baskets. Sharing these baskets at Easter (and now Christmas too) is a wonderful opportunity for us to remind the families we serve that God not only cares about their spiritual needs but their physical needs too and that He is always taking care of all of us.

We were so happy this year to have our teammates here to help make and deliver the baskets, as it's been a big project in the past for 3 of us to do all of the making and delivering for 17 families.



Our team has been extra busy these past few months as we are covering for some of our team members who are in the United States. This means we are all getting the opportunity to learn new things, which is both necessary and difficult. But, it is a blessing to be able to learn and grow even more. As a team we are beginning to find our groove and our place within the team. Additionally, the two of us have had the privilege of taking care of the paperwork and logistics necessary to move into the new ministry center which will allow us to host bigger teams, community activities, and have a better outreach into the community! We are super excited for this building (pictured above) and are looking forward to how God plans to use it in the coming years.

### Please Continue Praying...

#### Church Leadership

That the church would be at a good place in the process before we go on our next furlough.

#### Team Growth

That our team would continue to grow and be empowered to serve the community

#### Sponsors

The ministry has much room to grow but needs more financial support to move forward.





At the beginning of April we had an opportunity to make the trip to visit with one of our families who recently moved 3 hours away. The mother of this family is one of the women Missy has grown very close to through CR so it was very hard for us when they moved away because we knew we would not see them regularly anymore but we are so grateful that God blessed us with the opportunity to take a day and visit them. We also were able to help them by bringing some of their personal belongings, among which was the work papers for the mother of the family so now she is able to start her search for a job. Please continue to pray for this family as they transition and for them to continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord. [Click here to read her story.](#)



The end of March brought Holy Week and the beginning of a week off for the kids from school. We kicked the week off with a sleepover. The girls stayed at the Servants ministry center and the boys camped out in our yard. As always it was a great time of fellowship and fun. Dylan had some great discussions with the boys about Easter and Missy taught the girls the importance of loving our enemies just as Christ loved us and went to the cross to forgive our sins. Missy challenged the girls to each memorize a bible verse (varying in length according to their ages) and the first person to memorize their verse and share it at church 2 weeks later received a prize basket full of goodies!



We had an opportunity to take Olga and Elias out to lunch for their one-year anniversary. We were blessed to walk Olga down the aisle a year ago and continue to celebrate their marriage with them. Please pray for them as they are experiencing some struggles in their relationship and please pray for us as they have asked us to sit down with them and help them work on these issues.

We finished up April by helping with a cookbook project that the mother of one of our families is starting. Dayana has had the dream of making a cookbook with all of her delicious recipes for quite some time and has been praying for the Lord to guide her. He answered that prayer in April as one of the women on the January team followed the calling God put on her heart to return to Guatemala and help Dayana put it together. We, along with our teammates, spent the week translating, shopping for ingredients, and of course testing some of the recipes! Please continue to pray for God to lead and guide this project and if you are interested in a cookbook full of DELICIOUS Guatemalan recipes [Click Here](#) to let us know!







Bible verse challenge winner!



Dayana and Carol working on a recipe



Vision casting for a prayer ministry in the church.

## Our ministry in the church continues to move forward

Celebrate Recovery small group step studies continue to go well. The women have finished with the first book and the men are right behind the ladies with one lesson left to finish the first book. We are so amazed at how God continues to grow the leaders that He raised up through our last small group and how they have taken the majority of the responsibility for these small groups and we are just there to supervise. Missy also continues to lead a group of missionaries through the step study and this also has been a great experience for everyone involved. This group also will be finishing the first book soon. Please continue to pray for these groups, as the second book is the hardest but the most rewarding as well. One gentleman came to CR for the first time one Friday night seeking God in his life and then came the following Sunday and received the Lord into his heart! The CR international director from the U.S. also contacted us and now our program is recognized by Celebrate Recovery as a contact in Guatemala.

We only have two more lessons to go with the class on deaconship that Dylan is teaching and we have had some interesting discussions this month such as why are the qualities in the bible for a good deacon so important and if women can be deacons. Over the next few months we will be moving into the beginning phases of installing deacons in the church and this class will help the church with the process. Please pray for wisdom for all who are involved.

The vision planning and mission restructuring of the church is progressing. Over the last month Dylan has led them through some tough decisions in regard to deciding which ministries need to be discontinued so that they can devote more time and energy to the ministries that are in line with God's vision for the church. While it was difficult because no one really wants to cut out areas of ministry, it was also a blessing and great time of realization as God showed the leaders what He truly wants for the church. We also began to reorganize the leadership structure to produce a more effective team.



**It has been a busy few months, which is why we have not sent out updates as regularly as normal but we are so blessed to be here and get to be a part of all that God is doing! We couldn't do that without faithful ministry partners like you who walk this journey with us. Thank you for all that you do and for choosing to serve the Lord along with us here in Guatemala.**

*Love, The Brobsts*