UNITING 2 SERVE NEWSLETTER

# New Seasons

"He who is flexible is not easily bent out of shape." -Church sign in McAllen, TX



We are entering a new season in ministry. As the leaves "back home" begin to change, the rainy season in Guatemala comes to an end, school lets out for the year, and we prepare for 2018, we are noticing a lot of change both in our personal lives and in ministry. We were happy to welcome our teammates Kasey and Esther and their girls back to Guatemala at the end of September. God blessed us with helping us maintain the ministry and serve the 14 families under our care while they were on furlough for 3 months.

# Missy in the U.S.

Through the blessing of a friend, whom the Lord used to provide for the ticket, Missy was able to be in the U.S. at the end of September and be a part of many special events. She surprised her mom for her birthday, she was able to be there for her best friend's graduation from her kid ministry training, she was able to be there for her brother's last homecoming dance send off and she was able to visit with other friends/family. She was also blessed to have an in-person interview with Messiah College! Dylan used this time to catch up on things for the ministry like administrative work and installing the security system in the ministry center because, as he put it, he had "extra time not having to attend to his wife.":)

## **Prayer Requests**

## Missy Tuition

We continue to follow God's will for Missy's continued education, now we need to find out how He is going to pay for it!

#### Energy

For the fun activities we have planned with the kids and for year-end ministry requirements.

#### Wisdom

The end of the year brings planning for the next. We ask God to show us the way instead of trying to find it ourselves.

### **Backpack Campaign**

Provision for our kids as we begin to enroll them in school for next year and try to raise the funds by



We've enjoyed many different activities recently and praise God for allowing us to be a part of these lives:

## Maria's New Glasses

Maria misplaced her glasses from a couple years ago when she had to move out of her old house. We had recently discovered that she was using her very old glasses which don't work too well for her anymore. So, we found a place that offers a discounted eye exam which then referred her to an optometrist where she was able to get up-to-date glasses.

She was very pleased and blessed to be able to see again!

# **Baptisms**

Recently in our church, City of Refuge, 7 people were baptized and 4 of them are from families we serve in ministry. It's always a blessing to see people taking that step of faith to commit themselves and their lives to the Lord!

# Moving on to Middle School

Graduations and "leveling up" are huge events in Guatemala. We love being able to celebrate with families as they watch their children succeed and continue moving forward. We joined Silvia's family and several others' this month as she finished 6th grade and looks forward to middle school

## Quinceñera

The Guatemalan "sweet 16" is actually celebrated for a young woman's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. These are very special events where a girl is recognized as a young woman and encouraged and blessed by family and friends as they continue their journey into womanhood. We were blessed to share this special day with Jenifer and her family!

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Only one day after Missy left her interview for the counseling

program at Messiah College, she received her notice of acceptance! She will be starting to study online in January of 2018 provided we can find funding for the tuition costs. We are very excited for how God continues to open the doors as she follows His purpose for her.

We continue to share meals with people from the church and families we serve to spend some fun times with them. Above are some pictures from the last group we hosted.

The first of 2 years of the ASELSI Basic course has finished! 5 of the 6 students that began this year remain. Dylan will be working on setting up a

teacher rotation

schedule and preparing the pastor to act as "coordinator" while we are home on furlough in 2018.

Yes...we are coming back on furlough in 2018! We have already booked our first church to present at and while we don't have all the details yet, we know we will at least be back in the States by April 8th, because that is when we are speaking there! We plan on updating you all when we know more but for now, if you are interested in us speaking at your church, small group, picnic, birthday party, or any other activity, please let us know!



Thank you for your continued love, prayers, support, and friendship. We couldn't do this without you (and God of course)!

Many blessings upon you,

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