

It's already

# DECEMBER???

Uniting 2 Serve Newsletter



Matthew 5:6

## Missionary Newsletter writing 101 teaches not to apologize...

but we're going to do it anyway. Sorry it's been so long since our last update! As you know, we believe part of our mission isn't to just serve the people of Guatemala, but keep you involved in the process as much as possible and we haven't done a good job of that lately.

After visiting you all over the summer months, we have been on the run ever since! Missy stayed behind in the US for 6 weeks to attend a class in her school while Dylan returned to Guatemala to host a team from Texas. Upon Missy's return mid August, we took some time to celebrate our belated anniversary together. We attempted to catch up on things we fell behind on during our time in the States throughout the month of September, knowing that October would prove to be even crazier than normal. We were invited to Nebaj for a long weekend to celebrate the inauguration of a ministry building that Servants has participated in and upon our return began preparing for another trip the US. We were invited to participate in a weeklong missions conference that was originally going to take place during our support raising rotation in the summer, but got moved. We are grateful to Living Word Community Church for not only

### Pray for the New Year

We will be working hard after the holidays to get the rest of our kids registered for school and purchase/organize all of their supplies



### Pray for our Health

With the changing seasons, our busyness, and all the travel, our bodies are exhausted and yearning for proper recovery. At least during our travels we got to experience beautiful views like this one!

hosting the conference, but also providing for the cost of the trip! After the conference Dylan returned to Guatemala by himself yet again to translate for a team while Missy stayed behind to attend a mandatory conference for her schooling and the wedding celebration of her brother.

Now we are back and settled in and grateful that we won't be traveling for a while! Missy is finishing up her first year of her counseling degree while Dylan is focusing on the reformation of the SARF team in Guatemala. We now have a team of 4, 2 of which are Guatemalans.

Missy's final class this year was on cultural immersion (which ironically we have been living for the past 6 years). With the help of Pastor Jorge, we were able to connect with a group of rural farmers in a village about 2 hours from where we are located.



*Here, Missy interviews the farmers.*

We spent the night and next morning with them learning

about how their culture is different from the one we currently live in. We also had the opportunity to sleep on the floor of the school in the village. It was cold and uncomfortable but a great reminder that not everyone is blessed to have a bed or enough covers to keep them warm.

We enjoyed having our Christmas Activity with all the families we served where we made cookies, played games, enjoyed lunch, and handed out gift baskets and other donations the ministry received. We also had a "parent's class" where we discussed the importance of making sure their kids put their best feet forward in the coming year and to encourage everyone that we are here to help them through their difficulties they may experience in the coming year. [Watch the Video!](#)

We were blessed to witness the baptism of 4 members of the families we serve! Please join us in praising God for His faithfulness to continue drawing others near to Him and allowing us to be a part of it.



*Dylan and Pastor Jorge pray over those about to be baptized.*



## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We are constantly in awe of how much God loves us through all of you. May He bless you richly not just as we celebrate this holiday season and the coming of the New Year, but for the whole new year to come!