

VISITING HOME



What a time it has been! We've only been in Guatemala for a couple of weeks and time is flying by. Not only have we been busy visiting families, spending time with our team, and working on updating our residency paperwork (the main reason we planned on coming this summer), but there have been plenty of other surprises pop up as well!

The kids in Aminta's family put together this sign to welcome us when we went to visit them last week!

Despite our car being maintained while we have been gone, the battery decided to stop working literally the day we arrived. So, once the accelerator switch was replaced (which we had to bring from the US because the part isn't available in Guatemala), we had to get a new battery. Once we had wheels, we had to take Missy's cat to the vet for a urinary tract infection! While trying to get him fixed up we also had to figure out how to get Missy fingerprinted so she can resubmit her clearance information again. Missy took a leave of absence this summer to focus on some things with the ministry and find an internship site for the fall. The school requires an update every time

a student takes a leave of absence. Missy didn't learn about this policy until a couple days after we landed in Guatemala and if she does not get the clearances submitted by August 15, she will have to turn down the internship position she was offered for this fall. Please pray she gets the clearances because if she cannot do internship this fall it means we will need to be in the U.S. for a longer period of time.

Meanwhile, Dylan has been back-and-forth with our immigration lawyer because the laws changed (again) for what paperwork is necessary. The immigration lawyer has been trying to figure out how to convince immigration to give us an exception because it is too late to get a notarized letter sealed by the Department of State of Pennsylvania which certifies our monthly income. We are hoping that certified copies of bank statements will suffice, but we are still waiting to find out the outcome.

Additionally, we hosted a friend from Texas this past week who has a heart for the families we serve. She and her family were supposed to visit last year but COVID prevented them from coming. So, she planned a few days to come and spend time with them (and us) which we were able to work in perfectly with our visits to the families.

Our team blessed us with many words of love and encouragement and told us how there seems to be life in the house once again now that we are here. Even though it is set up as the ministry center currently (our belongings are packed away in storage), it immediately felt like being home. We slipped right back into our usual routine here and it has felt very comforting. It's yet again another confirmation that this is where we belong. It's hard to believe that our time here is almost half over already!

We will also be working on rearranging some things with our team and discussing better ways to serve the families in a more sustainable way as we continue to learn how to best serve them. We hope to be able to plan a day with the team to just enjoy time together and celebrate the successes we have witnessed over this past year which has been so difficult for them and the families they are working so hard to serve well.



Our friend Emily wanted to learn how to make a Guatemalan meal and Olga was happy to teach!

Please pray that we are able to accomplish all that needs to be done and most importantly that God be glorified in it all!

“There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.”

-Walter Reuther

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