

# ROCK OF AGES MINISTRIES

*"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5*

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Dear Supporters, family, and friends,

We know this prayer letter is coming a little delayed, however we have much news to share! I want to start by thanking the Lord that He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"! Over the past 2.5 months God has proven Himself in amazing ways! So, with that being said, let's dive into everything that is going on here in Guatemala!

As some of you know, we are currently assisting 2 church plants here in Guatemala. We are thankful the Lord has allowed us to be a help and encouragement to these people. We have learned countless hymns, seen men pray fervently for their church and their people in Guatemala, watched a few men step up and become faithful to assist in music and offerings, and seen individuals desire to live a better life for our Lord! I desire to see faithful men become Godly deacons, preachers, pastors, and missionaries with the Lord's help! In December, the Lord allowed us to have a service in an area called, Nueva Concepcion. One of the men in the church has lost family members in this area, (as well as a lost brother who has been diagnosed with cancer) so we decided to drive 3 hours and have a service with them. Since that time the Lord has really impressed Nueva Concepcion upon my heart. It is an area that is populated with crime and drugs, however it is also an area limited to the Gospel. On April 16-17 the Lord allowed myself and two men to travel back to Nueva and spend 2 days there. We took over 100 Bibles and hundreds of Gospel Tracts! Every Bible we gave out was GLADY accepted. Many people were surprised that we were giving out the Bibles as gifts. It seemed that no one had ever given them one before, and for some people it seemed as though this was their first time owning one! We were also able to give out over 200 Gospel tracts! God gave us favor with these people, which is very helpful when trying to win them to the Lord! We will be going back to this area in May and are asking the Lord to open more doors for us to witness! Please pray for this area of ministry! Also, since starting Spanish classes, the Lord has brought us a long way. I haven't passed an English test since the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but yet on April 22<sup>nd</sup> the Lord allowed me to start preaching in Spanish! I would have never thought in 6 months on the mission field, God would bring us to the place where I could stand and preach the precious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! I am going to start preaching through the doctrines of the Bible with both churches! I cannot explain in words how grateful I am to God for keeping us busy with prayer meetings, ministry opportunities, and now preaching every Sunday!

I want thank God once again for giving me such an incredible and loving family! I have spent much time away from them recently and they have not complained. They have prayed for me and encouraged me! When I walk into our home and those 4 precious children come running to me, I am reminded that my greatest ministry is my family! I am thankful for a wife that continues to maintain her ministry in the home and presses on for the glory of God! I am thankful that even though my children may not have lots of friends, they have learned to depend upon each other, mommy, and daddy to be there best playmates! Madelyn turned 5 in March, and I am crying while typing this, but she will be starting Kindergarten on April 30<sup>th</sup>!! Marlee turned 3 in April, is continuing to do well and light up our world! Jackson and Judson also are continuing to grow and have become Daddy's boys! I am so thankful that God has entrusted me with this family.

We ask that you would continue to pray for the remaining funds to come in for our Guatemalan residency. We had \$750 given towards our residency from Brandon Baptist Tabernacle in Florida and Pinetucky Baptist Church in Mississippi. We thank you both for your sacrificial giving to this need!! We also have our interview with immigration on June 7<sup>th</sup> and ask that you would remember us in prayer! Please continue to pray for our family members, both churches, and me as I preach through the Bible Doctrines! Please know we are very grateful for every prayer and offering sent our way, and we pray for you often! God Bless and keep on the firing line!

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