

ROCK OF AGES MINISTRIES

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

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Greetings once again to our praying pastors and churches. We have had some great and effectual doors opened over the past couple of weeks! This is probably **the biggest news we have had the opportunity to share with you all!** About 4 months ago, the Lord began pulling my attention to an area called "Santa Lucia, Milpas Altas". Since November, we have been working with a veteran missionary in an area about 5 minutes from this town. We have been soulwinning every Saturday and having a Bible Study. We have seen around 9 souls saved during this time. About 5 weeks ago, we ran into a Baptist Pastor, that has been pastoring in Guatemala for 30 years. He began to make conversation about Santa Lucia, without knowing we were praying about that area. He proceeded to tell us there had never been a Baptist church started in that area, and that there are only 2 or 3 other evangelical churches in the area. We decided to do our homework! Santa Lucia Milpas Altas, is a town located on a busy highway that leads to Antigua, one of the biggest tourist destinations in Guatemala. The population is approximately 13,000 people. There are also 4 other villages within a 2 square mile radius, with the total amount of people living in the area being around 75,000. We have seen one Pentecostal church and one Assembly of God church in this area. Neither of the two preach Biblical salvation. Our heart began to break as we realized the amount of people that have never had a true Bible witness in their town. The Lord still continuously brings this verse to my mind: **Romans 10:14-15, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"**

My mind goes back to a cold night in Mexico where God called me to be a missionary. He SENT me here to Guatemala to be the PREACHER. I am not worthy of this calling nor do I feel qualified, however He has commanded! Around 3 weeks ago the Lord let us come across a building that sits perfectly on a main road in Santa Lucia Milpas Altas. The sale price was \$145,000, which is an absolutely unbelievable price. Most lots of land without a building cost that price or more. We sought counsel from our pastor and mission board, and felt like we didn't need to buy the building right away. The building contains 3 storefronts on the first level, so we asked the owner if he would be willing to rent two of the storefronts to us for 14 months, with an option to buy afterwards. He agreed, so we sent out a small video to about 25 supporting pastors with a description of the building and area.



In a week, God sent in the rent for the entire 14 months! We have worked at the building a few times now, and have seen hundreds of people curiously walk by. We also have others that are very interested in coming to services. We are VERY excited about how the Lord has opened this great door here! Lord willing, I will start going out 3 or 4 times/week for soulwinning and introducing myself to the community. **We plan on starting a Saturday afternoon service at 4:00pm and a Sunday morning service at 11:00am! Our first services will be June 1st and 2nd.** We ask you to please pray that God will give us favor with the people, that He would draw sinners to repentance, and that He would fill us with His power! Our Lord has provided the need for the building, paint/updates, and a sign! Please help us pray that God would provide 4 other specific needs as well:

-50 Chairs- \$250 -Pulpit- \$200 -Bibles- \$100 -Portable Sound System (services and street preaching)- \$1,200

If you would like to help with any of these needs, please send a check to our Rock of Ages support address and write in the Memo which need you would like to assist with! We would like to write a thank you letter, and send photos of what you helped with!! **Thank you for praying for our family, Misión Bautista Bíblica, and Santa Lucia Milpas Altas!!**

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