

ROCK OF AGES MINISTRIES

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

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As I sit down to write this letter, I am so thankful for all the Lord has done in the 9 months we have been here. God has proven Himself time and time again and showed that if we will give ourselves fully to Him, He can do what seems impossible! We want our supporting churches to know that we appreciate you very much, and we are so grateful to be serving in Guatemala on your behalf! Thank you for helping us get here and stay here! You help us remain faithful to Him! The past two months have been very busy for us here! As many of you know, on Sunday June 3rd, Volcan Fuego erupted. This volcano is located 30 miles from our home. We have attached an additional bulletin to this prayer letter, regarding the details of the volcano. Through this tragedy, the Lord has opened many doors for us to share the Gospel. Please continue to pray for Guatemala, as there have been 195+ confirmed deaths, however this number does not even scratch the surface. It is understood that entire families were also killed and have no one to report them missing!

Ministry Update: We want to thank the Lord for continuing to do great things in the churches we are assisting. He is continuing to help me preach through very important Doctrines of the Word of God in Spanish, without a translator! There were even 2 times I was able to preach without my translated notes, and the Lord helped us to help His people! Many church members are learning the truths of the Word of God. There is a handful of the people that our hearts are very burdened for, who truly need to repent of their sins and put their faith completely in Him for salvation. We pray that they become of a broken and contrite spirit and call on Him for salvation! There is also a young preacher in one of the churches who has become a good assistant. I am thankful how the Lord has helped him grow in his walk with the Lord and allowed us to invest in this young man's life. Please pray for Brother Marlon when you can. The Lord has also allowed us to continue meeting with a group of pastors in the capital on a monthly basis. Some of these pastors have invited us to come and be with them in their services, when the time is right. There have been doors opened for our family that we cannot begin to explain, other than it's just God!

Family Update: As of June 26th, we became official permanent residents of Guatemala! I am so thankful for all the hard work my wife put into getting the correct paperwork in the US, and for the lawyer that made this a speedy process! This means so much for our family! Now, we are not just missionaries to Guatemala, but we are part of this country as well! We thank every church that sent in money to help with this process! Madelyn has now been in school for 11 weeks and is doing tremendous! Marlee is starting to learn a lot from her sister's schooling as well! Both girls continue to amaze me with their love for the Guatemalan people! Jackson and Judson continue to grow and become nice young men! They have learned how to shake hands like little men and have become great little helpers at home and at church! June 20th was Judson's 1-year anniversary of his cranial reconstruction, and it reminded us once again of the goodness of God! Melissa continues to do better than me in Spanish classes and continues to be a faithful wife, mother, and missionary! I cannot thank the Lord enough for my wife and children!

We ask that you continue to pray for our family as we serve the Lord here in Guatemala! Please continue to pray for the churches in Xenacoj, Santo Domingo and Santiago! We love each of you and are very thankful for all the Lord is doing through our lives and your church! Keep on the firing line!

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Finalizing our Residency, with our lawyer in Guatemala City!