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*"And pray in all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."
Ephesians 6:18*

Dear Partners in ministry:

The Lord has abundantly blessed our ministry. You are an important part of this ministry; and it is always a blessing to share what God has been doing here in Guatemala. We want to thank you for joining us in prayer, and interceding for us.

The Lord has answered our prayers. We found property to start the mission house. It is located in San Lucas, the town where we live. It has two houses and two buildings, and a lot of green area. We are going to be renting the property for 3½ years. Our first mission team arrived on May 19. In the past four weeks we have been working on clean-up and remodeling. There are three work teams coming between May and July.

We praise the Lord because He has been faithful in providing for every need with this project.

We also praise Him for blessing the teams that came to work with us.

We praise the Lord for a blessed week with the mission teams from Fairhaven Church and Pleasantview Church. We want to thank all of the team members for the hard work they did on the second floor of the Galilea Church and for ministering to the children in El Zapote church. Also, we want to give thanks in the name of the people of the Mayan village of Tabacal for the food and clothing that was provided for each family and the breakfast that was served to the people of that village. Thank you, Fairhaven and Pleasantview mission teams for giving to the Lord. *"For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in. I needed clothes and you clothed Me. I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me."* Matthew 25:35-36 **(Thank you for giving to the Lord.)**

We thank God for the blessed time He gave us with the team that accompanied Amanda Boyd from Dallas, Texas. They came from March 11-15. They ministered to many children in El Zapote, Tabacal and San Lucas. We want to give our thanks to the team for all the joy and blessings they brought to many children. May the Lord continue to bless each one of you.

We thank God for the medical team (medical/dental) from Pawleys Island Church. They came March 17-25 and were able to see 1050 patients from three villages: El Zapote, Tabacal and San Felipe. Eighty-five of the people they saw received Christ as their personal Savior and we praise Him for that. Please pray that these new converts will start attending the local church and that they will grow in the Lord.

There were many miracles that happened that week. The medical team saw a 2-month old baby girl that was born prematurely. She weighed less than when she was born because her mother was dissolving about 1 tablespoon of milk for one baby bottle of water (they did not have money to purchase milk). The medical team purchased baby powder milk for this baby and we have also provided some more. Carlos saw the baby not long ago and she looks much better.

The team had no plans to go to a town called San Felipe but God took us there and we found a wonderful pastoral family that is serving the Lord well. The two daughters work as the school teachers for the children in that village and also for the kids in the village of Tabacal. We were amazed at the love and care that they showed to the children. The pastor's wife is blind due to diabetes. When the doctors from the team checked her she had no insulin medication and her blood pressure was high. That night they went to a local pharmacy in Antigua and got her the medication that she needed. Only God can take us where we really need to go if we are willing to listen to Him. These are only two of the many stories that we could share with you. Thank you, Pawleys Island Church for coming to serve in the name of JESUS.

We also thank the Lord for 19 people who were baptized on February 21 from the San Lucas Church and El Zapote Church. We had a baptism service in a river in El Zapote. Over 200 people were present; Carlos had the privilege of preaching that day.

We are also grateful to the Lord for the Galilea Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. It has been a big blessing for our family and ministry to be able to have a home church here in Guatemala and also to serve with them. On Sunday, February 11, the Christian and Missionary Alliance of Guatemala held an ordination service. Carlos was ordained through the C&MA of Guatemala, and is now a licensed evangelical minister. This was a blessing and a gift from God.

Carlos is serving as the mission pastor of the church. He is helping to develop the church missions programs. The church receives mission teams from various denominations that come to work directly with the Galilea Church every year. Also he is helping the local church to get involved in mission work in four different communities:

First, in the community of San Lucas where the Galilea Church is located, mother church to the following ministries:

El Zapote is a community where the people work on the sugar and coffee plantations; probably 90% of the population is non-Christian. As many of you know a church was built in this community about 6 years ago. Now Pastor Jose Luis Ordóñez, his wife and daughter minister there full time. The main ministry at this church is a program where approximately 50 children from the poorest families (ages 5 to 7 years old), are provided food, education and spiritual care.

EL Tabacal is a new community of Mayan Quiche people, located 4 miles from El Zapote that has about 40 families. A church is being built in this community and a plan to evangelize and assist these people is being developed. This community lives in extreme poverty. We want to reach out to about 150 children and youth with a discipleship and feeding program, and a care program for widows and older people.

There is also a community in Antigua that lives in extreme poverty. In this community there is a project to plant a church, and develop an outreach program for children and youth.

We praise the Lord for what He has done these past months. He is the one who has done the work and we are privileged to be instruments in His hands. Please continue to pray for us. Here are some of the things that you can pray for:

Please pray that all the work that needs to be done at the mission house will be accomplished .

Pray for spiritual and physical strength for our family.

We thank the Lord for the 23 people from Ridgeville Christian School who came to minister in schools **and** with the youth group in San Lucas. They will also help with work around the mission house. Please keep the results of their ministry in prayer.

Please pray for the short mission teams from: Ridgeville Christian Church (43 team members) and Hope Church from Dayton (25 team members) as they will be coming to serve in June and July. Pray for God's help with all the preparations that they need to do before they come and for us as we prepare to receive them.

Please continue to pray for our monthly support. We are at about 60% of our monthly budget and last month we received 40%. We praise the Lord because at the same time the door of the mission house is opening and that will help us cover some of our expenses down here. Please continue to pray for us.

If you are not receiving our monthly "prayer and praise reports" by e-mail and would like to receive them please send us an e-mail to: crfernandez1@juno.com and we will add your name to our e-mail list. It will be a blessing for us to share with you on a monthly basis. A response card and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Blessings to all of you,

Carlos, Heidi, Charlie, Danny and Allyson

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