



Guate Update

From the Cojones

May 2011

Prayer Requests:

- For our new ministries/ adventures of 2011
- For Edgar's mother, Loyda, continued strength in her fight against cancer
- For the children and families of Ciudad Quetzal and for God to heal hearts
- For the escalated gang and drug war violence
- For Edgar to finish off his LAST two semesters at seminary well!

Answered Prayers:

- Edgar's mom's cancer treatments are going very well and are effectively fighting the cancer
- Our interim director has accepted the job as permanent director of CAG
- Great school year at CAG
- Olga who cares for Nathan while I teach
- For God's provision for our family

Santuario Familiar—Ciudad Quetzal

It has been quite awhile since we have written an update about things in Guatemala. We have been busy for sure!

Since the 30th of January we have been holding Sunday and Wednesday services at the new Ciudad Quetzal church, Santuario Familiar. It has been an amazing experience as we have watched the church grow and lives being changed. Manna Worldwide currently has 85 kids enrolled in their feeding program there and they are served a nutritious lunch five days a week. They have hired local women as the cooks and they have been doing a wonderful job. The last weekend in April we had our first baptisms and ten people were baptized. As we have begun to get to know the people of the area we are seeing more and more of the need. There are so many difficult situations there and life is not easy. The families that do not have enough to eat, the gang member who wants to change but cannot find a job, the parents of sick children, the children with sick parents, the drug addiction, the abused wives, the family who has been robbed—and that is only among the adults and children who have come on Sundays. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for the church. We would ask for wisdom to be able to have a response every week for these families who come with so many questions and that the people who are being changed would continue to grow.

Life at the Manna House

In March we finally moved in to the Casa Mana. Since then we have hosted three teams and one youth retreat and have seven teams lined up for the summer months. The house is a beautiful and welcoming place for the mission teams who come. We are excited as we are meeting more and more people who have a heart for missions and helping to serve them. It is so wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the mission teams and churches and be able to be a part of their experience in Guatemala.

Coming to a Close

Saturday, May 28th will be the CAG graduation. The class I have worked with for the last three years will be getting their diplomas and heading off into the wide world. Its always a bitter sweet event as we are happy to celebrate their accomplishments but sad to say goodbye. Pray for the eighteen seniors

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Thank you all so much for your continued support. We are so grateful to have you be a part of what we are doing here. For all of you who read our newsletters to see pictures of our son, here is a updated picture of Nathan having a “ball” in the ball pit with my sister Kelly. God Bless you!

Laura, Edgar and Nathan Cojon



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