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From the Cojones

August 2011

Prayer Requests:

- For a great school year at CAG
- For Edgar's mother, Loyda, continued strength in her fight against cancer
- For the children and families of Cuidad Quetzal and for God to heal hearts
- For the escalated gang and drug war violence
- For Edgar to finish his last few weeks at school!

Answered Prayers:

- Loyda's cancer is in remission and so far they have not lacked the funding for her treatments
- The great nursery staff at CAG where Nathan stays while I teach
- For God's provision and blessing for our family

Hi everyone,

It has been such a busy summer that I have hardly had time to write about what we are doing! We have been packed full with mission teams at the house, our trip to the U.S. and activities with church.

From June until September, we have hosted six teams at Casa Maná! It has been so interesting getting to know all the different people who have come and getting a fresh perspective on the work here in Guatemala as we see it through their eyes. Edgar and I are really enjoying being the hosts. Nathan, of course, enjoys all the attention.

In July, we had the opportunity to go home to Pittsburgh for two weeks and spend time with my family as well as to visit several churches and friends who support our ministry. It was wonderful for Nathan to get to spend time with his "gringo" family and I think they really enjoyed having him there also. The day that we flew up to PA, Nathan celebrated his first birthday! I cannot believe how fast the time has gone and that my little baby is already a year old! He continues to grow and learn new things every day. He keeps us busy but it has been such a blessing to be his parents.

Shortly after we returned from our trip, the church in Sumpango hosted a youth event. They invited Edgar and his worship team to come and sing. It was a wonderful reunion for them and they did a great job even after not playing together for over eight months. I have uploaded a video of the event to our [website](#)!

We are continuing to work with the people in the church in Cuidad Quetzal. The people there have many, many needs. We realize almost weekly that our work there is more than we can handle.

Thankfully we serve a God who can handle all the things that we cannot and more. At the beginning of September we had four more baptisms!

August 17, school resumed at the Christian Academy of Guatemala. This year I am teaching a middle school math class, Geometry and Physical Science to 9th graders. Nathan goes to school with me and stays in the nursery while I teach classes. He loves going to play with his friends and



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blows me kisses to say goodbye.

Please continue to pray for Loyda. God had been working in her body and it is fighting off the cancer but she is still in a lot of pain. Pray that they can find a way to continue her treatments and to make her comfortable. Please also pray for the church in Ciudad Quetzal. That the people would continue to grow in their faith and that we would have wisdom as we work to meet their needs.

Thank you to you all for your continue support and prayers. We are so blessed to have you on our team. Many blessings,

Laura, Edgar and Nathan Cojon



Birthday boy!



With the elephants at the Pittsburgh zoo



Edgar teaching the kids in Ciudad Quetzal



Guest house
pictures

