

HOPE FROM ABOVE



"We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves."

2 Corinthians 4:7

At the beginning of April, my wife and I had the opportunity to go back to Guatemala. After a year of not being able to serve on the mission field, it felt good to travel again. Safety protocols were in place everywhere we went.

We started our trip by driving 5 hours to La Independencia San Marcos, which is located very close to the border with Mexico. Our plan was to distribute food to the people who attended the Iglesia Evangelica Jesús El Buen Pastor church. God provided funds to distribute food to 20 families. We also had a fun time with the kids and distributed cookies and a ball for each kid who attended. It was fun to fellowship with everyone in that community.

As part of my storytelling ministry, I captured beautiful video footage of the landscape, community and church. This footage will be used for ministry advocacy and future mission opportunities in Guatemala. Some of the kids were fascinated watching my drone fly and said they didn't realize that drones really existed. My next goal was to create a video for a young man who is wanting to start his ministry in a rough area of Guatemala City. He is a high school teacher who uses his position to help kids stay out of trouble and share the gospel with them.

In the different places we visited, I couldn't stop thinking about the word hope. Despite all of the difficult moments we have all lived this past year, God's hope is what carries us through. We can be encouraged by the verses in 2 Corinthians 4:15-18. "And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."

Our prayer is for all of us to continue fixing our eyes on Jesus.



UPDATES

ETHAN PIERCE
MISSIONS STORYTELLER



NEEDS

- **Latino Mobilizers Program.** The final needs of all the leaders who are now part of our strategic alliance.



- We are excited to let you know that **we have appointed 12 Latino Mobilizers to serve in six countries.**
- **Ncuentro Network, a ministry coordinated by Joaquin Vargas has been donated a building in Winkelman, Arizona where they will be starting a Community Center to serve a highly Latino population.** To start they will continue to host a pregnancy center and soon is hoping to start conferences for people struggling with addictions. The ultimate goal is to start a new bilingual church there.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Wendy Curiel, our Executive Assistant, will be having a baby in July.** She and Chris Curiel, who serves as Virtual Assistant, will be on maternity / paternity leave during the month of July.
- **Guatemala, and the future expansion of ministry.** Our goal is to appoint another Latino Mobilizer and an Emerging Leader there.

Thanks for your faithful support and prayers for us. On a journey together to transform communities with the Gospel of Jesus, one life at a time.

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