



"The fields are already white for harvest"
John 4:35

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

For it is the God Who commanded light to shine out of darkness, Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. For we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.
(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

God is revealed in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. When He is lifted up, the Holy Spirit moves and men's lives are touched. It is when they see Jesus and only Him, for as Hebrews 1:3 says, "He is the sole expression of the glory of God – the Light-being, the out-ricing of the divine – and He is the perfect imprint and very image of God's nature." (Amplified).

For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord. (v.5)

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts. (Zechariah 4:6)

This is all our desire - to see people come to the Lord that He may touch them, and that they may know the power of His presence in their lives. Only He can break the power of spiritual darkness, of the occult, and the religiosity so prevalent in this culture. We can do nothing without the Holy Spirit's moving, and as we preach and teach Jesus, more and more folk are coming to find Him. Praise the Lord! Every week, new folk are coming to the Church at El Refugio. They are hearing by word of mouth of the love of God to meet their needs. More men with drinking problems are coming for help. The spirit of religion in this country causes people to feel condemned and guilty: that they are cut off from God and without hope. But, they are finding at El Refugio the love of God demonstrated in the Lord Jesus Christ Who died for our sins and Who was condemned in our place.



Little girl of Santiago collecting water at a street pump. Many children like her are unable to go to school. We provide education for 180 very poor children.

Lack of good education oppresses the people. Guatemala has the worst standard of education in the whole of Central America. 70% of the indigenous people are illiterate. They work mostly in the fields and live in extreme poverty. Only 5 people in Santiago out of a township of 28,000 have ever gone through University and achieved professional status! The education system is so structured that very few actually succeed. We are encouraging and teaching the children in The King's School that they are not failures, and that they have a good future ahead of them: that they can get a good profession to help their families. We pay for every child who comes to us. We are giving them a private Christian education in faith. **If you would like to help us by sponsoring a child and being a part of their lives, please contact Sophie or Diana overleaf.**

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19-20)



Miriam being baptised by Russ and Luke

A Note from Luke

Every year seems to be a better one here in Guatemala. There is a lot of work to do, but it is so enjoyable and rewarding. The King's School and the Church are growing out of control, and it is just great to serve these indigenous people. Lately, we have been mainly praying for the Holy Spirit to move more and more in the work, and He so He has!

Recently, we baptised some of the Church folk, and what a wonderful time we had! Many women and children are abused because of a huge drink problem with the men, but some of these men are coming to Church to find help.

The football work is still going well and we have built really strong friendships with the boys.

Please continue to pray that we will be able to reach out and see the Lord touch more lives, and that we will see a new Santiago.

We have started a class to teach the women to read and write. 90% of the indigenous women are illiterate. They are hungry to study and be able to read the Word of God. Russ and Linda share this class on a Tuesday night.



Left - Adolfo aged 3 years enjoying Pre-School at El Refugio. He lives next to the rubbish dump

Below – Happy faces of the children in the Church



PLEASE PRAY for the empowering of the Holy Spirit to minister into broken lives, and that He will break through the darkness of the occult and gang warfare. For finances to build a School to accommodate all our children and our growing Church.

LEARNING/FAMILY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

We have many children with no sponsors. If you feel that you would like to help us by having personal input into the lives of the children that we work with in these Programmes, please contact **SOPHIE** on:

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ALL OTHER SUPPORT

If you would like to send a donation for the Lord's work of Mission Guatemala, please contact Diana of our home church at the address below. Donations should be made payable to 'Mission Guatemala' and send to her address:

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Thank you for partnering with us in this family ministry – God's Family reaching out to touch the lives of others. May the Lord richly bless you all and meet your every need. With much love and blessings from Russ, Linda, Sophie and Luke.

On behalf of the children and families, THANK YOU for your prayers and support.



The wedding of Raquel, a teacher in our School