



October 2011

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

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

Our love and greetings from Guatemala! We are so looking forward to sharing with many of you on a more personal level as we visit the UK during November.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, for they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:36-38)

Love sees beyond the immediate and the personal and compassionately relates to the lost, the hurting, the needy, the distressed. It moves more and more into the dimension of discipleship that discovers the compassion of Christ flowing through a person to care for and serve others. *(Comment from the Spirit Life Bible)*

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; And He was moved with compassion for them, and He healed their sick. (Matthew 14:14)

With the call of God and your support, we were enabled to come to Guatemala nearly 7 years ago. We are so thankful to the Lord that he brought us here to share our lives with the Kaqchikel Indian people of Santiago Sacatepéquez. Indeed, our lives have been changed forever because of them. **COMPASSION produces ACTION, and you all have been such a vital part of what God has been doing over the last 7 years. The Mission has grown immeasurably, and it will be good to share with you firsthand how you have helped the Kingdom of God advance in Santiago.**



Luke following the call of God to preach and teach the Word

A Note from Luke

I first came to Guatemala with my parents to hear a call from God in August 2003. While I was there for one month, the Lord gave me this beautiful verse:-

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

Until last December, I had never fully understood the great significance of these words. This year, I have really felt the Lord working in me and using me in animating the Youth in the School and Church, bringing them into a closer relationship with God. Next year, I am going to take them out into the streets of Santiago, giving to the poor and sharing the love of Christ.

With the elections right now in Guatemala, the violence is rising, and I witnessed 2 separate murders in the same day just 2 weeks ago. However, I know this is where God wants me to be. I am so excited for this coming year!!

25th Wedding Anniversary – All our lovely folk helped me to organise a surprise celebration for Mum and Dad in El Refugio. We even had the 3 'amigos' to serenade them!



Working in the fields around Santiago



An old lady working in her patch of field. Santiago is in the background



Farmer Isaías talks to us about his work



Sowing the seed by hand – they have no machinery



Jackelinne (centre) and her family collecting guicoy – a type of small marrow

Working for roughly £2.50 a day, people toil from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to feed their families. Many folk rent small pieces of land to cultivate. Isaías is grandfather to three children who are members of the school. Very few of the people own land. They rent it yearly and work the ground to sell the produce. When he showed us around the fields he rents just a couple of weeks ago, the maize was almost ready to harvest. Since then the country has been hit by extreme rains due to a tropical depression across Central America. The effects have been catastrophic thus putting the country in a state of emergency. There have been many deaths caused mainly through landslides. When the tropical rains come, the people are unable to work in the fields and they are unable to earn. We have many families in such a condition. Life is extremely hard for them.

Trusting the Lord for their future



Many of our children in The King's School like this little girl, Luisa Trinidad, do not have sponsors.



Leidy Rosemary



Isaac

Only 74 of our children are actually sponsored. At the moment, there are 180 children in the School. As the new academic year starts here in January, the number will rise to 220. For just £15 per month, you can help us educate these precious children. For their future, we need to procure more support. If you are not already a supporter, you can partner with us to give these children a better future.

Our Itinerary in the UK

Wednesday 26th October – Arrive in the UK.

Saturday 29th October

7:30pm. Cosham Community Hall – meeting for all the local churches held by Portchester Free Church

Sunday 30th October

10:30am. Portchester Free Church, Portchester
6:30pm. Waltham Chase Methodist Church

Tuesday 1st November

7:45pm. Living Word Fellowship – Cosham Community Centre

Sunday 6th November

10:00am. Holy Trinity Church, Margate

Sunday 13th November

To be confirmed, but we will be in Lincolnshire

Wednesday 16th November

7:30pm. Snape Methodist Chapel, Bedale, N. Yorks.

Saturday 19th November

7:30pm. Gospel Hall, Queen St, PENRITH, CA11 7XF

Sunday 20th November

10:30am. Emmanuel Christian Centre, Ulverston
6:00pm Church-in-the-Barn at Wetheriggs, Penrith

Thursday 24th November

6:30pm. The Gospel Hall, Mill Road, Llanfairfechan, North Wales

Sunday 27th November

10:30am. International Gospel Outreach, The Oasis Centre, Dwygyfylchi, North Wales
6:00pm. Amlwch Pentecostal Church, Caeuchaf, Rhosybol, Anglesey. LL68 9TR

Wednesday 30th November

7:30pm. Livingstones Community Church, Cumnor Primary School, Cumnor, Oxford

Sunday 4th December

10:00am. St Andrew's Church, Reading St. Broadstairs, Kent

Thursday 8th December – Fly home to Guatemala.

To contact us:-

We shall have a mobile phone whilst we are in the UK, but if you want to contact us, please phone Sophie or Diana in the information on the opposite side of this page.

We are so thrilled to be able to see many of you again, and new faces as well. The Lord bless you all!

Please Pray

- **For a move of the Holy Spirit to see the Kingdom of God established in Santiago bringing freedom violence and oppression**
- **To see the lives of gang members and men driven by alcohol changed by the power and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ**
- **To see healing in the lives of many women who live in fear, oppression and violence**
- **For the Lord's provision in our finance as we reach out to so many needs**

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.

Please Pray – This time is very crucial for us, as the mission has grown tremendously, and we have a lot of very poor children and families in our care. Please pray that the Lord will raise up more sponsors on the Learning Support Programme to help us give children the opportunity to receive an education who would otherwise not be able to; that many hearts will be touched to see the needs in God's harvest field and extend their hands to their brothers in need.