



September 2011

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

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

Our love and greetings from Guatemala! Thank you for your continued support and prayers which are so greatly appreciated. You are all such a vital part of what God is doing here amongst the indigenous people of Santiago. We thank the Lord for your faithfulness in the monthly sponsorship support, gifts and donations that enable us to continue reaching out to the very poor and needy, and desperate situations that daily face us. We, and the women who work with us, continually pray for you. We bless you in the Name of the Lord, and pray that He will richly bless you as we partner together for His glory!

Behold, I lay in Zion a Chief Cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame. (1 Peter 2:6)

The Lord Jesus Christ *is* our Rock and Chief Cornerstone! He *is* our Refuge – hence the name of our main building, *El Refugio*. He is the great *El Shaddai* – our great All-Sufficiency! We are seeing Him move on families and individuals; we are seeing the lives of the people change who work with us, and the precious folk and children in our Church at El Refugio Centro Cristiano. It is exciting to see the Lord opening doors for us to have more contact with these precious Kaqchikel Indians. Luke is moving more in the role of Youth Pastor and bringing the Word to challenge the lives of the young people in our Church and School – *The King's School*. More mums are bringing their little children to inscribe them for next year (the educational year starts in January and ends in October) in the Pre-School at *La Casa de Los Angelitos*. **Please pray for more sponsors. At present, we have only 74 children on the Learning Sponsorship Programme compared with 180 children in the School.**

Our objectives remain the same: *To provide a free Christian Education to the poor to the standard that can change lives here in Guatemala.* Already we have among those studying "bachillerato" two girls both determined to study medicine at the public university. Their dreams are becoming a reality! So too are ours! We want to see those who have received, be empowered to give back to their own people.



Mirna and Sandra both want to become doctors



Some of the children in 2nd Grade with Susana



3rd. Grade children with their supervisor, Olga.



Some of the children in Pre-School 3 enjoying music

Scenes in Santiago



Boys from our School playing 'trompo' in the street



Pre-School 1 children at play



Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and the needy. Proverbs 31:9



Many of the women have to bring up and provide for their children on their own. There is no State support for them at all



The dedication of María's youngest child, Oscar



Nardy washing up at the pila she shares with other families



Some of our Church Family sharing a meal

The majority of the women and girls in Santiago are victims of domestic violence and rape. There is no State support for them at all, and many live in fear, misery and servitude. Many of the women who come to El Refugio Centro Cristiano are in this position, but they find Christ and a real love from our Church Family. We give them moral and spiritual support, help with food, medical needs and shoes. Russ and Linda are known as *Papá Russ* and *Mamá Linda*, and they have many 'daughters' and hundreds of 'grandchildren'! We are just one big happy family, and the happiness we share together is reciprocal.



Rosa is just 13 years old. She came to us a few days ago. Her step-father had badly beaten her in a drunken rage. Her mother wants to leave him, so we are looking for another room for her and her 5 children



The dedication of Margarita's baby boy, Joel Benjamín Lucas, born on July 7th



Herlinda (7), Hugo (11), Rosa (13) and Geovany (5). Their father committed suicide before Geovany was born. Their step-father beats them and their mother. Please pray for this family, and for the step-father.



Luke leading worship in a Church meeting



Women making tortillas



**Learning/
Family
Sponsorship**

Here is 6 year old Jackelinne. Her sponsor kindly sent some money for her birthday, and we were able to buy this doll. She has never had a doll before.

Normally, we send all the sponsors on the Programmes a drawing from the children mid- year, but this July it has not been possible as no one has come out to us. When we return to visit in November, we shall be bringing photos etc. of the children for you all as we do every Christmas. Your support is so appreciated. **CHRISTMAS will soon be here** – please help us to make this time special for our children who have nothing.

It is 3 years since we have been able to return to England to see our families. If you feel you would like to help us with our flights, it would be much appreciated. We are working on an itinerary for the month of November and we do so hope to be able to see many of you. Please let us know by email if you would like us to share about the Lord's work amongst the indigenous people here.

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 (just £15 monthly), please contact **SOPHIE**:

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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 sent 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.

Important Request from Diana Holmar

URGENT!!! Are you giving regularly by standing order to Mission Guatemala? If so you should have received notification of change of bank account details. If not PLEASE contact Diana Holmar (*above*) who will send you a new standing order form. Also, have you remembered to cancel your old standing order to the Halifax? You may be paying twice if not. Many thanks.