



Mission  
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### Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

***In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live though Him. (1 John 4:9-10)***

How great is God's love toward us! He gave His one and only Son to die in our stead for our sins, that we might **live** though Him. **God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who possesses the Son has that life. (1 John 5:11-12 Amp)** Through the Lord Jesus Christ, we not only have eternal life, but we have a quality of life that transcends all that this world has to offer. Jesus is the Pearl of greatest price!

Thank you so much for your partnering with us as we share Jesus with the precious Mayan folk. It is such a privilege to share our lives with them, and we cannot express deeply enough how great is your part in this work. As we extend our hands to reach out and touch the many needs among these impoverished and oppressed indigenous people, we, with you, are His heart full of love.



*There is no social support or aid for the very poor and infirmed.*

In the past few days, there have been more deaths in Santiago from gang violence. Many more folk have been threatened with extortion. One of these is a lady who lives opposite El Refugio who received extortion threats over the kidnapping of her children. Another who resisted had her home broken into, and everything was stolen even down to a pair of shoes! **Please stand with us in prayer, not only for our protection, but for the Lord to remove the violence and fear.**



*Saulo is just 4 years old and attends Pre-School. He needs an urgent operation for a tumour in his intestines. The family cannot afford 5,000 quetzales (£450) for the operation. **Can you help? Please contact Diana Holmar overleaf.***



In July, Mark Sutcliffe came to help us and taught on Prayer. We had some wonderful meetings and many lives were touched. Also, Rev. Kingsley Armstrong from IGO - International Gospel Outreach came to visit and ordain Russ and Linda as ministers.

**Please see our Facebook page. There are videos for you to see including a link for a video of Kingsley's visit to Guatemala. Search Mission Guatemala.**

### A Note from Sam

We are returning to normal after the problems with the threats that were received. We are still receiving a police escort to and from the building on most days. The police in Santiago have been a real blessing and Luke in particular has been able to build up a good relationship with the officers. There is a lot of corruption in the police force here in Guatemala so it is very important to have this relationship with the police and to see the difficult job that they have to do here. There is so little support from the government for them.

The Church continues to grow and there are new families nearly every week. All have many needs to be met. Both Evangelicals and Catholics attend the Church. Normally there is a lot of hatred between the two groups so it is amazing to see the unity that God is creating here. There are also more men coming to the Church now; many are seeking help for alcohol problems but have felt too ashamed to come to a Church before.

Anna Sims from Manchester came to work with us for one month. She has done a lot of art work with the children in the school and the women in the Church. Most of the women had never had the opportunity to paint before and it was amazing to see the beautiful work they produced. There is so much oppression for women here and this opportunity for them to use their creativity is so rare. They were all really encouraged when they saw what they were able to do.

We also had the chance, while Anna has been here, to visit Chichicastenango, a famous indigenous market town. In the Roman Catholic Church at Chichicastenango, the indigenous Mayan people are allowed to practise their own religion as well, and witchdoctors can be seen on the steps of the Church performing rituals. Inside, the indigenous folk burn petals as offerings on the big stone slabs in the centre aisle. The Church is black inside from the smoke that has ascended over centuries.



*We are so thankful for the support of precious folk like Pat and Brian Hatton from Broadstairs*

Brian and Pat have supported Mission Guatemala for several years and it has always been such a joy to us to see them whenever we have returned to England. Brian went home to be with the Lord very recently, and we are very grateful to them both that the donations from Brian's service went to the Mission. *Thank you Pat and your family. May the Lord bless you*

### A Note from Luke



*I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land....(Ezekiel 22:30)* Lately, I have been so impressed about the importance of prayer and that if we do not pray and stand in the gap for the lost and needy, who will? God bless you all!

### PLEASE PRAY:

- **For the threat over our lives to be completely removed, and for our daily protection, and for the lives of our children and parents and workers who are associated with us**
- **For a move of the Holy Spirit to see the Kingdom of God established in Santiago bringing freedom from murder, violence and oppression by spiritual powers of darkness**
- **To see conviction by the Holy Spirit in the lives of gang members and men driven by alcohol, and their lives changed by the power and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ**
- **To see a lifting-up and healing in the lives of many women who live in fear, oppression and violence**
- **To believe with us for a miracle new building for the whole School, and a play area for the children**
- **For the Lord's provision in our finance as we reach out to so many needs**
- **For a photocopier for the School to cut down on expenses and to help with the safety aspect**

**We thank the Lord for the joy and happy faces among the children and staff at The King's School**

### **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.**



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Anna helped the Sunday School make a banner

Pre-School Pirates!

Baby Linda's dedication

The Church

Our 4 deaconesses

Santiago

Visiting and praying for the sick

Anna's Farewell

Mark Sutcliffe

Infant Dedication

Maria's 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday "Coming of age"

At-one-ment

Byron's Work

Anna with the ladies and their silk work

Russ & Linda's ordination by Rev. Kingsley Armstrong of IGO