

# "Mountaintop"



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## **Karen Is Safe In Her Home!**

The leader of the Guatemalan Church of God's daughter was kidnapped on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> and returned safe on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your prayers and fasting!

## **Welcome José Alejandro!**

Esperanza prepared breakfast and lunch as usual, then it began to rain torrents. She disappeared to "get her poncho". When I saw her, she was in labor and was looking for her missing midwife. Bernard, Kristan Maddox and I planned to leave at 3 PM for a night at Lake Atitlan. At 1:30 PM, I studied her face and within fifteen minutes we were in the Trooper back seat rushing to the hospital. We stopped for her mom at the foot of the hill, shoved her and Odilia, the six year old daughter (covered with chicken pox) in the back end and raced for the hospital. About 5 minutes later Esperanza said, "Look, look, Patricia!" After lifting her long typical skirt with some difficulty, I found a very blue baby boy. The cord was taut as Esperanza was balanced half standing between the front and back seat. I cleaned out his mouth, turned him upside down, smacked his bottom, he began to cry. His color pinked immediately, he was fine. The doctor cut the cord in the back seat, the placenta was delivered in the hospital. We celebrated God's mercy and wisdom all the way to the lake and back. What a miracle!

## **Preschool and Persecution!**

The preschool has twelve (2-6 year olds) in the morning and eight (7-10 year olds) in the afternoon. School begins at 8:30 AM with the arrival of Esperanza and Ilme (Diana was born April 6, the day we left for the US), their babies and several of the morning class. At 8:45 AM the 3 youth workers arrive with more of the class and start the day. We serve breakfast, wash hands and faces, apply skin cream and brush teeth. During the morning, we alternate play time with mini-lessons to develop fine motor skills, to learn Bible principles, courteous behaviour, colors, numbers, animals, letters and to prepare for basic math skills. At 12:00 PM the morning class has lunch and begins a 2 hour program-- play, storytime, games, and naptime.

At 12:30 the older children come from school, have lunch, then have lessons and play games to learn skills appropriate for their ages.

At this time, we have 9 families (65) involved in our program. We serve 50 meals a day and pay 9 salaries per week.

Last week, open persecution began. Leaders of the community voiced anger at Bernard about our project. These men could not understand how Evangelicals, Catholics and Seventh Day Adventists became involved with the program. It's very simple—they asked and signed their children's names on a list before the school opened. The men were angry, because we only have a few families involved. Bernard explained, that there is a waiting list for 40 more

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children and we will be very excited about helping them when God provides the needed help and funds. Then, they asked for a gift of Q40,000 (\$6,410) to help the community. Bernard explained that we are doing what God has put on our heart and we use donated money to fulfill this plan.

This persecution added new support for our project from those who disagreed with these men. Please pray for the families involved in our project, they are also under persecution from these men.

Our weekly budget for only food and wages is Q1700 (\$272.44). Thank you for your continued support for this work. We are here, but YOU are supplying the funds needed to keep us going.

### **A Big Thanks!**

In June, Trish Walker, Leah, Jennifer, Becka Fleck and Tiffany came to help share God's love with our villages.

They were our first "all woman" team and were real sports. They helped with the preschool and the public school recess. They also helped with the second-hand store. Ask them about that experience. Our water supply was especially short, but near the end of their trip, Bernard took them down a steep hill to shampoo their hair in a cold spring. They learned to love the village and touched many lives while they were here. Ernesto said, "Thanks for the photo!"

### **Jennifer Dearing & Kristan Maddox**

Not long after "the girls" left Jennifer came for 10 days. She was such a blessing to us whether sharing music, scripture, helping in the preschool or cleaning teeth. We had time to both cry and giggle as we served the Lord together. Devotions were great too!

While Jennifer was here, we picked up Kristan at the airport. He had finished a

stay in Ecuador and was ready for Panimaquin. He helped in the preschool, spent time with the teenage boys, helped build a four hole latrine and helped Ernesto with his English homework. We also spent many hours in worship and discussing the Word of God.

### **Calvary International Interns**

Once again, seven missionary interns from Calvary came for a work session. As always, they were servants, helping with the preschool, putting up the barbed wire fence on the Xeparqui property and preparing all the evening meals and clean up. Jason preached one evening and led worship each night. It was wonderful! They not only came and worked, but when they left, they gave us an awesome love offering. What a group!

### **Long Overdue**

We won't bore you with the details, but it has been a long, hard job getting e mail for our cell phone. Many of you have used the old e mail address, we received no messages sent the last 6 months. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE

Our new personal e mail address:

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It's been a breath of fresh air to hear daily from those we love.