

Guatemala Update 4 – 22 November 2011

Hello friends and family!

Let me start by catching you up on our ministry activities... Monday we spent the morning at a soccer camp that was sponsored by the mission organization we are working with here in Guatemala. We got to watch the kids play, practice drills, and do devotions that focused on how we can use our whole body to honor God. Then in the afternoon we went to the church where most of the children attended - the pastor challenged them to bring as many friends as possible and the one who brought the most children (who didn't already go to church) would receive a soccer ball! Our time with the children was wonderful! The pastor's daughter prepared a dance team to bless us with a beautiful worship dance, and then we sang songs, taught about being fishers of men and about Jesus walking on water, and finished with a pinata. The church offered us delicious homemade empanadas as a sign of their gratitude, and the pastor cried when he found out our church's name (Sunrise) is represented in their church's theme verse (the path of the righteous will be like the light of the dawn). We had a hard time leaving that day! :)

Thank you so much for your prayers for our travels yesterday! After leaving the capital yesterday morning, we picked up five Guatemalan friends who will be joining us the next few days in our ministry. Then we arrived safely in Panajachel (a touristy town on Lake Atitlan - a gorgeous lake surrounded by volcanoes and small villages) and had some time to walk around, explore, take pictures of the beautiful scenery and then cross the lake in a small boat. We checked into our hotel in San Pedro, had lunch, and quickly headed out the door for an afternoon of ministry to children in a church made of bamboo walls in San Juan. We shared about the fruit of the Spirit and the story of Joshua and the battle of Jericho, sang songs, played games, made crafts and had a pinata!

Today we are heading out for another full day of ministry, and would appreciate continued prayers for energy and safety/health. Also pray that the Lord would be bringing the children, youth and adults who need to hear the words we have to share. Thank you for your covering over our team! Blessings...

-Rebecca, for the team