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Pray with us:

- Pray for our time in Germany as we plan our trip to Hamburg to visit friends there.
- Pray for our YWAM base in Guatemala.
 Especially for the women's group and the Kid's Club, which continue in our absence.
- For our 4 new staff members. They are Guatemalan and are struggling to find people to support them.
- That we hear God clearly as we return to the ministry how to multiply disciples and train believers.
- For Samuel's ministry in Tokyo. That many come to know Jesus and are saved. For his ministry in the media team at his base. That he finds more supporters.
- For Sarah and Joshua for wisdom in various life decisions.

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Pretty Mixed Up (by Karin)



Our time in Germany has been pretty mixed up! We actually planned to be back in Guatemala by now. But we had to stay in order to renew an important document that allows Joe to enter and leave Germany without restrictions. We expect to receive that document in mid-April and then return to Guatemala afterward.

We are using the time to visit many friends, supporters and churches. These encounters are so special to us. We are filled with gratitude when we think of all the people who stand with us to make our ministry possible, constantly praying and encouraging us. You are such a treasure to us! Thank you so

much!

Our time with our three grown up children fills us with great joy, even though we can only spend a few days together. Samuel, our oldest son, is currently in Germany on furlough. He is working with Youth with a Mission in Tokyo, Japan and we hadn't seen each other in 3 years! What a blessing it has been to hear in person what God has been doing in their lives.

We are also thankful for the many visits with so many people who love Jesus! We encourage them as they encourage us to continue with the task Jesus has given us: To make Jesus known, share the gospel, bring hope and teach His Word.

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:12 ESV

God bless you all!

Karin and Joe Bedford





Unexpected? (by Joe)

"By the way, our pastor wants to invite you to share about your ministry next Sunday morning," wrote a friend of ours. That was completely unexpected! We gratefully agreed to come. We had been members of the church, but that was 20 years ago and we hadn't found time to visit since then.

We got to share our vision at the beginning and then stayed for the wonderful service. There were only a few people who knew from back then, but it was encouraging to see it was still a lively, loving fellowship that wanted to reach their city for Jesus!

Soon, we will be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which always reminds me that Jesus is coming back SOON! That shouldn't be unexpected or surprising!

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ Philippians 3:20

Are we eagerly awaiting Jesus' return? Or do we hardly even think about it? Are we full of joyful anticipation? The Bible tells us **we should be preparing for it!** We live in the Spirit and bear fruit for His glory, because that is what He created us for! We will rejoice when He comes if we are expecting it!





Our time in Germany has been full of special times with friends. We hear about their struggles and their victories. It means a lot to us to be able to be a part of thier lives and pray together. I love to come into God's presence with my friends and to know that He is present in our lives. How

much more are we going to celebrate His presence when He comes again! Come Lord Jesus!

Thank you all for your prayers and your support of what we are doing here!

God bless you all.

Joe





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