

Globe Mission

On the go with the Bedfords



Go Team! (by Joe)

Pray with us:

- Pray for us as we host a number of teams from the USA. Pray that they can be a blessing to the people we visit. Pray they also get a heart for missions!
- Our Women's Ministry is growing and 25 ladies are currently coming. Pray that we can teach them to live out their salvation and draw near to God each day!
- New kids are coming to Kids Club, too. It's always a challenge to reach a large group spanning many age groups. Pray for creativity and wisdom.
- Pray for our son, Samuel, who is with YwaM in Tokyo, Japan. Pray God helps him reach people and be able to share God's love through friendships. Also for his support.

"Whew! Did it!" I thought. I just finished telling the story of Samson to the children in Kids Club. I was struggling with a bad cold and was pretty tired out, but I didn't want to call off the afternoon program. I only got through it because my team was there to help. They did the games, songs, craft and snack without me. I am so thankful to be working in a team again! The last few years, we were very few, but now we have 8 other missionaries (And from 6 different countries!). They are such a big help in all the weekly ministries that we are doing here, like the Women's Group, Kids Club, and evangelization. Soon, we will be starting our next Bible school, as well.

"I'll teach the women this week, Joe," Rachel suggested. Just days later, she did a great job telling the story of Deborah and encouraging the Guatemalan women to use their gifts for God. I think we are learning that in our team, each one discovering and developing their talents. Rocio and Alex are great with kids. Michael has a servant's heart. Hermes leads worship and encourages everyone. Boris and Nela teach so well! And Karin is great at reaching out to

others, as well as cooking and baking to bless everyone! We are so rich as a team! But, of course, we have a lot of room to grow. We need to learn to work together better.

Even more importantly, God challenges us as a team to



be an example of His love through our daily interactions. That isn't always easy, especially among people from such a variety of cultures and backgrounds. Jesus told us how important it is:

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35 (ESV)

That is so essential to our ministry, so pray that we grow in Jesus' love. And we pray that you grow, too!

God bless you all!

Joe and Karin



Blessing People (by Karin)



I love to go up on our roof terrace and look at the mountains around us. Volcano Fuego puffs now and then, but rainy season is starting and the clouds often block my view. Although it isn't rainy much yet, there are still so

many flowers in bloom and green plants all around. Our roof terrace is my quiet place I go to hear God's voice and pray. The view is great and I am so glad to live here and serve God.



At the moment, we have a lot of teams coming and going. They are a tremendous blessing, but it takes a lot of work to have them here. We have to prepare the rooms, make cooking schedules and buy their food. (The new supermarket in town being so close is a big help.) We plan the visits to various needy families and how the team can help in our various ministries.

This week, we are going to be giving our a wood burning stove. Many women cook over an open fire, so this stove will save firewood while also directing the smoke out of the house, preventing the typical lung problems from smoke inhalation. This week, Lydia and her family will get one. We have known her for many years and are glad to bless her now, since they are building a small cinderblock

house to replace the corrugated metal one they are living in now.

Thanks to all of you that we can bless these people. Pray with us that God will continue to provide for things to help make the lives of these families better. Thank you also for your prayers over all these years for us. Pray for new strength, too, since we feel stretched with all the extra activities, even though we love to be a part of them.

God bless you all.

Karin



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