

## On the go with the Bedfords



### The Blessing of Fire and Water (by Karin)

#### Pray with us:

- Pray for our health. Karin struggles with joint pains and her hearing loss. Joe is having some back pain at the moment.
- Our Women's Ministry is growing and 30 ladies are currently coming. We are excited about this growing ministry! Pray for continued spiritual growth!
- 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.
- New strength and times of rest for our YwaM staff.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17 (ESV)

Many women in Ciudad Vieja cook over an open fire and it takes a long time, whether they are cooking a meal or just a cup of coffee! We had various teams from the USA the past few weeks in our base and they were often shocked to see how people live and how hard they have to work to sur-



vive. So they were happy to provide the means to buy efficient, clean burning wood stoves for three families. Now the smoke goes up the chimney and the kitchens look a lot brighter. Many teams also helped us buy water filters for families, since water from the faucet is often contaminated. We also share Living Water with these families,

Jesus Christ, who saves us and gives everlasting life! We always take time to talk and pray with the families we visit and encourage them to grow in their faith.

Many teens and young adults that come on these



short term mission trips have their eyes opened to the needs of the people here. They are touched that God works through them to bless others. Some hear God's voice calling them to missions, sharing God's love and His message of salvation to Guatemala and other nations! That is part of our vision, to help people discover God's plan for their lives. Please pray for us and even consider if God is calling you to come to Guatemala, for a week or maybe even longer!

We are praying for you, that you discover all that God has for you in this life, and forever!

#### Joe and Karin





## Take Care of Her (by Joe)

“Please keep her near you. Valeria has so much energy and is always running around. You really need to keep an eye on her, ok?” Valeria’s mother told me, concerned that we were taking the children to the soccer field on the edge of town. I knew Valeria pretty well. She’s a sweet girl, but she is really active and often in her own little world. Since I had a lot of other things to do, I asked Rashell, a YwAM volunteer, to take good care of her. Every now and then I checked in on them and was relieved to see that Rashell always was at Valeria’s side.

We were putting on a sports program for kids with a big team of teenagers from Virginia. It was great. They played soccer, brought lots of crafts, sang fun songs and shared inspiring evangelistic messages about famous Christian athletes. The result: our Kids’ Club has doubled! We are so thankful that we are reaching more children in this city!

But we want to do more than have a lots of kids in our ministry. God has entrusted us with these wonderful kids and, like Valeria’s mother, He expects us to take care of each one of them! We do not just want to give them a fun



time with us, rather we want them to know the Father’s love and hear His Words of life in a way that they can understand. They should come to know God and learn to live in Him.

Please pray for us, that we can lead these children to Jesus!

Thanks and God bless you all!

Joe and Karin



Rashell and Valerie listen to the story



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