

Globe Mission

On the go with the Bedfords



Pray with us:

- We just had elections here in Guatemala. Pray for the new government that will take office next January.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict people and that they come to Jesus when they hear the Gospel.
- Pray for our children's, youth and teens' ministries. Pray especially for Jonathan, who was shot by thieves 4 months ago and left paraplegic. He's out of the hospital and back home. Pray for provision and healing.
- For our kids: Samuel in Japan, Sarah and Josh in Germany. And for Hannah, Karin's mother, who is in a nursing home.
- For our Youth with a Mission team, that we love and serve for God's glory.



Almost Missed a Blessing (by Karin)

Every week, we go with the rest of our staff to give away Bibles. There are many people who don't have the money to buy one. I love this ministry, although it's strenuous for me. The sun is strong with intense UV rays and it wears me out quickly if I don't find some shade.

Last week, I wasn't feeling well anyway and I thought about just staying home. But I went and it really opened up my eyes.

The first home we visited was a shack. A woman opened the door and let us in to her small simple room with an open cooking area on one side and an old bed with a worn out mattress on the other. The middle-aged lady told us she was suffering from stomach pains asked us to pray for her. We were praying that God would touch her with His healing hands when someone knocked on the door. It was her daughter, a young woman around 17 years old. She came in and told us her story, that she had been fighting breast cancer for the last 3 years, but couldn't afford any medical help. We prayed for her and I sensed the mother had a deep trust in Jesus and was touched by His presence! We continue to pray for them that God heals them. God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow— if you believe it, then pray with us for them!

Later on, we met a single mother. She was very thankful for the Bible. She started crying when

I prayed for her and God touched her deeply. We encouraged her and we left, thankful but tired as we headed home.

It's so easy to complain about things, unimportant things— right? I think God is asking me— maybe you, too: "Are you willing to give your life for Me and My Kingdom? Are you willing to walk an extra mile with Me, even when you really don't want to?"

You, too, are called to encourage others and pray for them! Do it for Jesus! And



you will receive a blessing! God is calling you to serve Him and obey Him and go the way He shows you!

Joe and Karin



Watchful for Their Sake (by Joe)

"I can't teach this to the kids!" I thought, as I was preparing for that Sunday School class. The story was about the prophet Elisha helping a poor widow. God multiplied her small bottle of oil so she could sell it and pay off her debts. Our church provides us with the lesson for the class, but this time it wasn't very helpful. It rather fancifully made a small detail of the story into a main point. The point was biblical, just not really part of this story. And there were plenty of good lessons you could teach from the story, like God is merciful, faithful to provide for us and can work miracles when we seek Him.

Some think that it's not so important how we teach Biblical truths. If it's interesting and has a good morals, then it's OK. But that's not true. If we just slip in new meanings to a story, we are teaching the children not to take the Bible seriously. We are telling them that understanding the Bible is a matter of fantasy and cleverness. I want to teach children that God loves us so much that He gave us His Word and wants us to understand His revelation to us.

The Bible verse that week, in contrast, was spot on:

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

I am so thankful for God's Word and the opportunities I have



to spread it to others. I pray that we can all grow in understanding and pass it on to others!

Thanks for your prayers and God bless you all!

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