

On the go with the Bedfords

Pray with us:

- Please pray for Guatemala and against corruption. In January, the new president takes office.
- For our children's, youth and women's ministries. Pray that those that come experience God's presence.
- For our youth camp the next 3 weeks. We have 7 youths that are hungry for God!
- For a piece of land that our friends, Pastor Juan Carlos and Miriam, can buy for their church. We want to help the church with an offering, would you like to, as well?
- Pray for Franklin, a Guatemalan missionary who works with us. His wife, Tati, just died of cancer. Pray for God's comfort and strength.



What's your name again? (by Joe)

"Julian!?! I thought your name was Anderson!" I exclaimed as I was trying to introduce a few new children in our Kids Club. "Yes it is," said his mother to me, "Julian Anderson, but everyone calls him Julian." Except for me, apparently! I had been calling him Anderson for years! I guess all the other kids just followed my example while with us, because I didn't here any other name from them. Wow, what a surprise!



Sometimes I think that the kids have a similar experience when they get to know God. They have heard about God and maybe what others call Him—Judge, Almighty, Lord of Heaven and Earth, maybe even harsh and mean father (because their fathers are like that when they are drunk)—but they never have really known Him. Many still don't. But we want them to know their loving Father. They can know the God of joy and love and forgiveness. Some have come to know Jesus Christ and our good, good Father!

We tell them stories from the



Bible so that they can know Jesus. We make crafts and play games so they can know God is creative, full of joy and full of blessings. We teach them how God wants us to live and how to love each other.

We pray that the Holy Spirit touches their hearts and shows them their deepest need is to know His forgiveness and His love. We hope that they all will be able to say, "Wow, for years I have heard your name, but now I know how great and good You are, my Lord!"

We love doing this ministry, but it also is a serious responsibility. Please pray for us, that every child will come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and draw close to their heavenly Father!

We pray for all of you, that you always discover God anew, the depths of His love for you, the wonders of His wisdom and might, the fountain of His forgiveness and new purpose in His will for your lives! God bless you all this Thanksgiving with a really blessed time with God, family and friends!

In His love,

Joe and Karin

He is Faithful! (by Karin)



The barricades and demonstrating crowds have all but disappeared, however, there has been no change in the continuing corruption in the government. The people are working and are back to the daily routine. **Please, pray for Guatemala, that truth and justice will increase and God be glorified.** Many are still fed up with the corruption and the president elect wants to fight against it, but it is difficult considering the political opposition he faces. **This land needs prayer!**

Our ministry with Youth with a Mission continues. We currently are running a youth camp and Joe taught last night about getting rid of idols.

Joe and I are leading the women's ministry and are preparing for the Christmas party a few weeks from now. We had 30 women last week and are looking forward to blessing them with a gift and some food, all thanks to your support! Thank you!

Many of these women and their families are poor and just manage to get by. Prices are rising and it's getting more difficult to put food on the table. Many live in huts made

of corrugated steel sheets. They carry big bundles of firewood for their stoves or fire pits on their backs. Soon it will be time for the coffee harvest, where they will earn a little more by hand picking the coffee for a few months.

We go visit some of the women to get a better picture how they live, to encourage them and pray with them. That is always a special time and a joy for us and them.

Thank you for your prayers and for being a part of our ministry here. We are surprised sometimes how God moves people to help us and minister here. Yet we know that God is always faithful and we can trust in Him! We trust Him to guide us and we know He has good plans for us and for you!

God bless you all!

Karin and Joe



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