

## On the go with the Bedfords



### Greetings from Guatemala! (by Karin)

#### Pray with us:

- That we continuing growing as a team, both in deeper relationships and in numbers.
- For our Christmas Celebration for our women's and children's ministries coming up at the beginning of December.
- For Pastor Juan Carlos and Miriam—for their health and wisdom and Spirit lead work in the church in the city of Dueñas. That they find an affordable piece of land to build on. And for the finances for the property and building.
- For our children, Samuel (Japan), Sarah (Berlin) and Joshua (Stuttgart), that they follow God's calling as they walk with Him.

As many of you know, our friend and fellow missionary, Jeff Mills, died at the end of June and we miss him very much. Many of his supporters want to continue helping the church that he was leading in Dueñas. We are good friends with Pastor Juan Carlos and his wife, Miriam, and we were able to celebrate his birthday last weekend by telling him that, through Globe and our help, the support will continue. Thanks to all of you who are now getting our newsletter and **continuing to bless Guatemala!**



church. **He is faithful** and we trust Him to guide all of us in doing His work! **And during this time of Thanksgiving, we always thank Him for all of you!**

**God bless you all and Happy Thanksgiving!**

Karin and Joe



The main goal of the church is to gather enough funds to buy a piece of land and build a church building and so become self-sufficient. We are in contact with other missionaries who could help with the building, so the land is our priority. Property around Antigua is not cheap and we estimate that we will need about \$50,000.

That is the first step for now and we are excited about the blessings God will bring through this



## A Green Olive Tree (by Joe)

We have already been a month back in Guatemala—unbelievable! These past few weeks have been really busy and that will continue for awhile. We are excited to see Rachel and Rocio, two of our co-workers, building relationships with the women of our weekly women's meeting. They have been visiting, praying with and encouraging many women in their homes. That is where they open up and tell us of their struggles and worries and we spend time to build them up and help where we can.

Yesterday, Karin and I visited Paola and Jonathan, who is in a wheelchair because he got shot by robbers a few years ago. He is hoping to get a job soon, but it is difficult for paralytics. Pray with us that God provides a open door for Jonathan.

We often realize that there is a spiritual battle, as well. Michael broke his wrist playing soccer and his arm is in a cast for a few weeks. He's doing well, but it's a pain not being able to do a lot of things. Then on Sunday, we had our welcome dinner for the "SST", a 3-week discipleship school for teens. Rocio's younger sister is among the 12 teens in the school. After dinner, Rocio suddenly started complaining of stomach pain, then she passed out! We had to call an ambulance to take her to the hospital. The doctor's couldn't find any problem and she was doing much



better a few hours later. Steve, one of our long time leaders in YwaM, shared how often sickness or other situations have happened on the first night of the SST. **We need your prayers for God's protection and help!** Thank you all for standing in the gap for us!

We are thankful for our team. None stands alone and each can count on the others for support and together we grow! And just this past weekend, we had a wonderful celebration as two of our team got married! And this week, another two started dating and in fellowship they can receive so much good advice and prayer. It makes me think of Psalm 52:10:

**But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. (ESV)**

We, our team and our work here is growing and God gives us His grace. We are so thankful for our Lord Jesus Christ!

And also for you! Thanks for your prayers that are so important and valuable.

God bless all of you!

Joe and Karin



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