

On the go with the Bedfords



Back in Guatemala (by Karin)

Pray with us:

- We thank God for the wonderful time in Germany! It's hard to leave family and friends again, but it's a blessing to follow God's calling!
- Pray for people to be saved when we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That God opens hearts to hear and respond!
- Pray for the church in San Miguel Dueñas: growth in faith, maturity and finances to buy land.
- Pray for our women's ministry. The group has grown and we want to see them grow in discipleship and challenge them to draw closer to Jesus!

After a very long set of flights, we finally arrived in Guatemala City. Juan Carlos, a good friend of ours, was there to greet us and drive us home. We were really tired and had a good nap when we got there, so thankful that we had an uneventful trip.

A few days later, we got together again with Miriam and Juan Carlos to talk about our vision of buying a plot of land for their church in San Miguel Dueñas, so they can flourish and grow. This has been on our hearts for a while and we have begun to save up for it, but we pray to make it possible within the next year. A suitable lot will cost around \$50,000. Please pray & give for this project and we will keep you informed.

Pray also for this church and the many others in our area to grow into mature, loving, Spirit filled churches that multiply into new communities!

Thanks for all your prayers and financial support! We can't do it without you and God! To HIM be all the glory.



Every Good Gift (by Joe)

“What do you have on your heart for the next months?” asked Danilo in our meeting. We were planning for our women’s ministry and took time to pray and ask God for direction.

“I have had for some time the impression that it would be good to go through the **Letter of James**. God has been showing me that it has a lot of practical teaching to encourage the women to mature and deepen their relationships to God and to each other.”

Life for many of the women is not easy. They have to work hard to provide for the family, often without any help from their husbands. I want to teach them this key verse from James:

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17 (ESV)



In the midst of the problems and challenges these women face, is it helpful to know this verse? Yes! James was writing to Christians under pressure and persecution. James wrote to encourage and strengthen them in their faith, helping them to trust God and seek His wisdom. And our women here need the same! He is a good Father, who brings light into our lives. This is a much needed message here.



At the end of James, we are told to pray for one another for healing and forgiveness. For the suffering we are told to lift them up in prayer and to rejoice with those who are rejoicing. Help the weak, give to the poor and rely on God more than our possessions. That is the kind of love we want to model and multiply here.

Please pray for us, especially for Rocio, one of our YWAM staff, who is suffering from back pains. Hermes has some stomach problems and Karin is struggling with arthritis pain in her feet. Pray for healing. We believe that God gives generously every good gift.

We are praying for you, that in all life’s challenges, you experience God’s good gifts!

♥♥♥ Joe & Karin ♥♥♥



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