

On the go with the Bedfords



The Foundation and the Pillars (by Karin)

Pray with us:

- We thank God for our ministries in the women's group and with the children.
- We are grateful for our marriage!
- Pray for the marriages here and that God will use our words to strengthen and train married couples. Pray for more marriage evenings in the church in Dueñas.
- A good and affordable plot of land for the church and the finances.
- For our health, Karin often has pain in her joints.
- Wisdom for our mission here in this country and God's guidance.



We celebrated our wedding anniversary a few weeks ago in Antigua with good food, fellowship, and much gratitude for 34 years! God has helped us the whole way and we are thankful for His grace and blessings.

Just a few days ago, we had a wonderful time teaching in Juan Carlos and Miriam's church in San Miguel Dueñas. They organized a special evening for our marriage seminar and 18 couples came! Our theme was „Foundations and Pillars—Build your Marriage Well“. Jesus Christ is the foundation for every marriage and His love carries us through. We talked about the pillars of trust and openness, unity and appreciation, bearing fruit and loving service, all for the

glory of God. We had the couples take time to talk together to give them some practice and gave them homework for later. We had a lot of positive feedback and asked us when part two was coming! After talking to Pastor Juan Carlos, hopefully the next one is in December!

Please pray with us for their vision to find and purchase a piece of land for this church. Prices have skyrocketed, and so far there have been no good offers. We pray and trust in our great God who opens doors.



Celebrating God's Children (by Joe)



In the coming weeks, we are teaching the kids that Jesus is the only way to the Father. When we get to know and love Jesus, then we come to know the Father and learn to live like His child. Elivelton, a volunteer from Brazil, taught this week about God's compassion. There is so much to know and all of our staff help in teaching the things that they themselves have experienced.

By the way, Dora told us that God helped her with her problem the next day! God is good!

Thank you for your prayers that more and more people here will come to know their Father in heaven and trust in Jesus.

"I had a difficult morning and didn't really want to come to the party, but my son José Luis insisted. So we went and I had so much fun. It was great that you included us women in the games. I felt like a kid again!" said Dora, Luis's mother.

October 1st is "Día del Niño" (Celebrate Children Day) here in Guatemala, and many families do something special with their kids. This year we had a joint celebration with the women and children, and over 50 people came!

Everyone had a lot of fun playing games and doing crafts, and at the end there was delicious pasta salad that Karin had prepared. Before that, I told them that we are all invited to become children of God, as it says in John 1:12:

But to all who did receive him and believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12 (NGÜ)

When we accept God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ and repent, we can live with God forever. I am thankful that many women and children have come to believe in Jesus and that we can encourage them to grow further!



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