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Meeting with God, Touching Others… (by Karin)



We visited Maria at her home; she is ill and needs surgery (suspected brain tumor). I encouraged her with a Bible verse I had read that morning, and it really resonated with her! Please pray for Maria, that God will intervene and heal her.

God tells us:

So it is with my word: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve what it has been commanded. Isaiah 55:11

God also wants to use you to speak into the lives of others! What is God saying to you, and to whom should you share

Early in the morning, I love sitting in the sun with a good cup of Guatemalan coffee and spending time in God's presence. It's still a bit chilly in the morning, the view of the mountains is beautiful, the sky is clear, and sometimes our volcano even spews some smoke. This encounter with God is so soothing for my soul, and I truly recharge. Sometimes it's a real struggle not to let this time slip away, because there are always countless things that need doing and try to distract me.

I bring my day before God, along with all my worries and questions, and I am often so blessed and fulfilled. Reading God's Word is often so valuable. He speaks to my heart again and again, and then I can share this abundance with others—with the people around me, my neighbors, the women and children who come to us.

Thank you all for your prayers and encouragement. You are a gift from God to us and we are so grateful for you!

Karin and Joe ♥♥



Pray with us:

- We are grateful for all our mission partners who pray for us and support us. We are also looking for new partners! Would you like to become one of our mission partners?
- Please pray for our health and continued strength. Joe was ill for a long time in October with a cough and fatigue. We both notice that we have less energy.
- Our friends Miriam and Juan Carlos, pastors in the neighboring town, are urgently looking for a new, affordable home, as they have to move out at the end of November. Please pray for them.
- Vision for the women's group for next year



What Can I Do? (by Joe)

"How about we meet together?" Juan Carlos asked me. "I'd like you to mentor me."

"Yes, I'd be happy to help you," I said. But inside, I thought, "What can I do for my friend?" Juan Carlos has been a pastor for 10 years and has a lot of experience; he's very gifted as a preacher and worship leader. I really doubted whether he even needed help.

We then met for breakfast and talked for a long time. As we shared our experiences with various situations and talked about the challenges in his church, I realized how valuable that time was. It reminded me of many conversations I had with other pastors when I was a pastor in Kitzingen, Germany. It feels good to simply talk and pray with someone. And God often grants wisdom and insight through the counsel of others.

I think we often underestimate what a great blessing we can be to other people.



And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:9-10 (ESV)

What can you do? Through God, so much more than you think! Thank you for your prayers and for everything you do for us!

♥♥♥ Joe & Karin ♥♥♥



Miriam und Juan Carlos



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