



On the go with the Bedfords

With Interest! (by Karin)

Pray with us:

- We thank God for all the visitors we've had from Germany and the great fellowship we've had with each other
- Pray for the women's and children's ministries.
- Pray for our preparations for the trip to Germany in May-July.
- This month, Karin's Mom is turning 97. She's excited to see us again and we are, too. Pray for her.
- Pastor Juan Carlos and Miriam are struggling with health and finances for the land to build their church building. They also have to move out of the house they're renting. Pray for provision.

Yesterday, we held an eye clinic at our center. We were able to help several people with reading glasses. It was wonderful to see how grateful this woman was when she received her glasses.



I constantly experience how God brings me together with people whom I am privileged to serve. We often see the crowds and the great need and are overwhelmed. But God sees each one, and God says, "Help this person, encourage them, pray, tell them about me, and then I will send you the next one." **One by one.** And God also wants to challenge you and say, "Invest in this person, and tomorrow I will send you someone else. Be courageous and share your faith!"

We had a really special time with our daughter, Sarah, who hasn't been in Guatemala for 6 years. We went to the beach for a few days, reminisced about the past, took some day trips, and of course, enjoyed some delicious Guatemalan coffee. We are incredibly blessed and grateful that God gave us this special time together.

Easter in Antigua is always an experi-



ence with Holy Week processions (parades) and beautiful carpets of colorful sand or flowers, and many tourists from all over the world. Good Friday was the highlight, and we looked at the carpets in Antigua together and enjoyed spending time together.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Col 3:16 (ESV)

God bless you all!

Karin and Joe



Sharing God's Love (by Joe)

"We should visit Jesse and Elizabeth," someone in our church home group suggested. Jesse and Elizabeth had been part of our group for a while and are now missionaries in Puerto Barrios on the Atlantic coast.

We went there and helped with the children's program in a church in a poor community. We acted out the story of the paralytic (Mark 2), and Joe shared the message that they can receive forgiveness and healing from Jesus. Afterward, we handed out gifts and played lots of games. It was awesome to share God's love with all of them.



A couple weeks after, we visited Santiago on Lake Atitlán with Heike and Uli from Germany. We stayed at another missionaries' center there, who are doing great work among pastors and widows. We brought the widows filtered water and prayed for each of them.

At our YWAM center, different teams come and help out. In recent weeks, a team came and brought a lot to our women's and children's group—lots of games, new songs, testimonies, and lots of energy.

God's Word tells us: **But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love**



abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:17-18

Thank you for your help, which enables us to share God's love and God's Word!

♥♥♥ Joe & Karin ♥♥♥



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