



## Jeff Mills Serving the People in Guatemala

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### CHRISTA

They say that time heals. For me it still feels like yesterday that two years ago I lost my beautiful wife Christa to heaven. On 5<sup>th</sup> September this year would have been our 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and it was exactly a week later 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Christa passed away in hospital after a three-week fight against covid. I am



grateful to God for the 35 years He gave us together, but this great loss has affected my health. I know that I have the Holy Spirit the Comforter living within me, but life has been difficult.

Christa gave much of herself to this ministry teaching Guatemalans to read and write, running women's weekend retreats, interpreting for guest speakers, also teaching in the church. She was a great wife, mother and grandmother to many. Maybe time heals, I don't know. Here is my favourite photo, plus the one above of Christa.

### CHURCH

Both of our churches are growing slowly but strong in the Word. We needed a pulpit for the new church, and I had asked a local hotel owner that was closing her hotel permanently whether she would sell me the pulpit that they had used for groups. She told me it was not for sale. One week later there was a knock on my front door and there was the hotel owner, pulpit in hand and she said, "I want to give this to you for your church!" I was so happy, and without thinking planted a kiss on her cheek. God is so good.



## HEALTH



This has been one of my most difficult times in prayer, wondering if I could carry on my mission's work despite my disability after having an accident 18 years ago and many operations on my spine. Having recently watched the biographies of great men and women of God on YouTube, I realized they all suffered with some kind of sickness or deformity, not that I am great. Yes, I still believe in miracles and healing, but I believe I can still have a profound impact in mission after this

humbling experience. My weakness reminds me of my dependence on God. I read recently that it can demonstrate how our awesome God, powerful God achieves his purpose through vulnerable and struggling bodies. Disability also prompts people to ask me questions about my worldview. I have been asked about my personal experience of disability: How did God let this happen to you? Have you tried x,y,z miracle cure? How can you leave your own country, where the services for disability are so great, and serve here? That's when I can take the opportunity to share about Jesus and His plan for mankind.

## HELPS FUND



The helps fund is used in many ways, sometimes to see a medical specialist or purchase medicines for those people who cannot afford the medicines. Guatemala has the highest price for medicines in Central America, and when the new president begins in January 2024, one of his first promises is to lower the prices of medicines drastically. In my previous newsletters I wrote how you my supporters provided medicines for little Karen

who has leukemia (and is still quite sick), and how your donations helped me to help their parents to set up a business to bring in their own money. You also helped to put another floor on their house and paint it. At present we are purchasing food for a family whose mother has dengue (this is sweeping the country now). Dengue is so bad that it is killing children under five years old, plus the elderly. Thank you for your caring.

## PRAYERS

1. For the people of Guatemala
2. For our new church.

God bless you all.

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