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YOUR MISSIONARIES TO GUATEMALA

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Sumpango Feeding Center

Dear Friends & Family,

On March 10, a Manna Feeding Center was officially opened as a ministry of our Sumpango church. Through this ministry, we are providing nourishing meals three days a week to over 30 children from very poor families, along with lessons from the Bible. It has been a great outreach opportunity. Every one of these children attends Sunday services or our Saturday Bible Club, and almost every parent has visited our church, with a couple of moms now faithfully attending. Of course, we are not only striving to eliminate **physical** hunger, but our main goal is to meet their **spiritual** hunger and needs. In other words, we desire to reach the whole family for Christ! Please pray that God will bless this ministry!

For Easter Sunday, we planned a special service and showed *The Jesus Film* and *The Story of Jesus for Children*. Our church did a great job of inviting their friends and family. We had a high attendance of 133, and several of those families have continued to come!



Easter Service



Kids' Easter Service

As our church continues to grow, we have seen the need to train more Sunday School teachers and children's workers. We are planning a Level 1 Teacher Training course beginning this May. After completing the six weeks of training, teachers will receive a certificate and be assigned responsibilities in our children's ministries. It is important to transfer some of these leadership positions over to the nationals, and we are excited to see our church people growing and ready to take this step.

Please pray for our Dedication Sunday on June 8. We will have a special inauguration for our new church auditorium on this day, along with a traditional Guatemalan dinner. We will be canvassing throughout the city, inviting all of Sumpango to come. Please pray for this service, and that many new people will come and accept Christ.

Our hearts are also heavy right now as we ask you to please pray for our 2-year-old son Joel. On April 1, at 5:00 in the morning we rushed him to the emergency ward of a local hospital. He was unconscious and not responding to anything that we did. We soon learned that he had experienced a major seizure lasting about 30 minutes. Joel was hospitalized for 3 days, and unfortunately that was just the first of many seizures to come. He is taking medication but continues to have 20-25 seizures a week, with each one lasting from a few seconds to a few minutes. Because of Joel's condition, we have made the decision to return to the United States for an early furlough so that our son can receive the medical care that is needed. We will be staying with family while Joel is being treated by a pediatric neurologist at All-Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Jerry will be traveling back and forth to Guatemala to help with several mission trips and special events that are scheduled for this summer. Since we had already planned a furlough this year from August to December, we will now remain stateside while Joel is being treated and then return to Guatemala in December. Another missionary family will handle our responsibilities while we are on furlough. Please pray that the Sumpango church will continue to grow, and that the doctors will have wisdom to locate what is causing the seizures and find a way to control them.

Feel free to contact us through email kinman@teamguatemala.org, or through a phone call 941-870-2301.

Thanks for your love, concern, and prayers!

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