

# Children's Circle Mission

## Guatemala Missions Trip 12/2018

Pastor José Vasquez from Grand Rapids MI, who is a native of Guatemala, mentioned the need for a new church building in his village in Guatemala.

Our mission is to help the elders rebuild their church which was sinking due to the earthquake. Children's Circle Mission (CCM) also planned to spend time with the children from the church and their families. We would share with them the gospel, gifts and a meal for Christmas 2018 and if it is the Lord's will, find a child or two who many need corrective medical care in the USA.



On December 17, 2018, my husband Nancumar, Pastor José and I flew to Guatemala. It was CCM's first trip to Central America. We arrived at La Aurora Airport in Guatemala around 2:00 p.m. that day then headed to the Euro Hostel to spend the night.

The next day, our driver and an elder from the church loaded our luggage into and on top of his vehicle and journeyed from Guatemala City to a small village, Comunidad Agraria "Emanuel" Nuevo Progreso, San Marcos Guatemala. We were on the road for 8 hours though the distance was 200 miles.

Dec. 19, 2019, sister Dorcas and brother Mike had a church service at their house. Despite the heavy rain many people with young children attended.



The next day, the ladies from the church gathered firewood to cook lunch and dinner. At Midday, a few men set up a temporary water pipe close to the cooking area so the ladies can wash the vegetables and meat and prepare the meals.

While the ladies were busy preparing food, a few of the elders showed us the blueprint/plans for the new church building. The estimated cost is \$43,000 US dollars, for an open floor plan, seating 180 people. Their dream and goal is to complete the building in four to five months but they do not have the funds needed to do so. They have 3,000 Quetzal = \$400.00 US dollars. CCM agreed to donate \$5,000. They were all excited and started clapping.

In the afternoon, the children and their parents came to listen to Pastor José's sermon. I shared the verse John 3:16 and we handed out Spanish Keys for Kids devotionals and solar-powered Bibles with 365 days of devotionals. We also handed out shoes, socks, toys, and first aid supplies, etc. donated by GE aviation. It was heartwarming to see the smiles on the faces of the children and their families as they headed for the table with the gifts.



We met two children in need of medical care. A five-year-old who needs long-term care and a 12-year-old girl who has arthrogryposis, she gets around on her hands and knees. Her mother is blind. My husband and I played frisbee and soccer with the children, they were happy to have us play with them.

We thanked our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the opportunity to meet such loving, hard-working people who appreciated the gifts, the Gospel and the monetary support for their church building. Our trip was possible because of the loving, caring, compassionate people who supported the Children's Circle Mission through prayers and financial gifts. We pray that together we can help the elders with more finances to complete their building.

*Proverbs 3:27 "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."*

God bless.

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