

# Martinez Mail

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## Who's watching the stuff?

*No one can agree with what you say! All must share alike: whoever stays behind with the supplies gets the same share as the one who goes into battle."*

*1Samuel 30:24 GNB*

David made a law that those who remained behind and guarded the equipment were to be treated equally with those who fought in battle. The mission field is often referred to as the front line of battle. Yes, daily there can be obstacles but these are far outnumbered by the many successes.

As we approach our 4<sup>th</sup> year of missionary service in Guatemala, Robin and I are reminded that it has never been "just us"

laboring in Gods fields; it has always been a group effort, a network, each supporting in their own special way. One supporter may not know another in the natural but by the same Spirit we are all linked. 1Cor 12:4 says "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them".

To the churches, organizations, families, individuals, and everyone we call friend, we thank you. And, want to commend each of you, our beloved supporters, for your faithfulness. Together we can rejoice as we share equally in the treasure that is laid up in heaven. The treasures of course, are the lost souls that are redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb, when the Gospel of Jesus Christ is heard.

Robin and I visited the U.S. during the month of April. Our focus was to reconnect with as many of our faithful supporters as possible in the short span of 30 days. We made a stop in sunny Florida (during hurricane season). Travel delays, power outages, and destructive weather, we felt right at home. None of this outshined meeting special family members for the first time and being able to share lives with one another; all too soon we were on the move again.

After a few delayed flights out of Florida we made our way to Arizona. It had been two years since our last visit with our sending church and church family. Weary from travel we found open doors, full tables, and soft beds. That Wednesday we shared about our work, successes, and vision for Guatemala. And, as a special blessing and encouragement, our church leadership ordained us into lifelong missionary service. We were also able to attend the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sunday service.

Waving good bye to Arizona, our next stop was Oklahoma. Friends, family, and refreshing of relationships were the keynote for our time in Tulsa. An army of supporters offered housing, meals, vehicles we were very blessed. We had meetings in almost every location imaginable, homes, coffee houses, and fast food locations. There was even a memorable evening at a home church where we enjoyed a Seder (Jewish ritual) meal, celebrating Passover. The brightest most precious moments were spent time with our daughter Rachael, almost 23 and on the go all the time.

Drive two hours (in a graciously loaned car) east and we are in Arkansas. We were invited to share with our dear friends at First Assembly of God in Springdale. We offered a brief presentation with a video about Mercy Wings and the mission in Guatemala. Afterward, we enjoyed sharing, greeting, and answering questions, one-on-one with as many as we could before we waved good-bye and were off to California.

We landed late in the evening in Sacramento and were met by my parents Charlie & Maria. What a time we had, about five days visiting with my younger sister an RN at a medical center, my younger brother Jorge, and my niece Eva. A great time of enjoying foods I had missed for some time and a special family meal. Typical for California the sun was shining and the skies clear.

Another airplane and we were in southern California, home to Robin's side of the family. We stayed with Robins' sister Ginger and her husband Taige, Pastors with a Calvary Chapel in Murrieta. Parents, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and in-laws, all made time to visit and catch-up. Robin was able to see a doctor to re-evaluate thyroid levels (after a year), making sure all was in order. Easter Sunday much of the family worshiped together and later, a sunny afternoon in the park.

Heading east again, we landed in Dallas to visit family and supporting organizations, we are also privileged to have a church family in Garland, TX. This is our last stop before we return to Guatemala. We enjoyed dinner with a church group one evening and shared an update and answered questions about missions in general and our calling to Guatemala. Also, Robin had her thyroid medication dosage adjusted for optimum benefit. We were able to take a full year of medication back to Guatemala with us, PTL!

As our time in the States was drawing to an end, we recognized how blessed we were by the outpouring of prayer, and encouragement from all directions. By this time we were missing Guatemala, the people, and our mission; it was time to come home. We are Chuck & Robin Martinez, missionaries to Guatemala, doing the work of the Lord, with a faithful and beloved network of supporters. We are mindful and grateful for your support in prayer and finances that sacrificially comes to us. And, until He comes, we will continue to seek the Holy Spirit, while ever extending our reach for the lost.

Chuck & Robin

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