

Martinez Missionary Mail (2nd Quarter 2025)

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Road Less Traveled

Overland travel in Guatemala on a good day can be problematic. Unpredictable year-round roadblocks are a common occurrence. Groups at odds with the city, state, or national government can effectively paralyze the country for days, weeks, or even months. This is where the power of airplanes really shines. Ministries, missionaries, and especially medical flights, rely on aviation support when time is a critical factor. For the first time in 6 years, SGSP is without an airplane supporting our Quetzaltenango mission base. You know what to do. Hint: Prayer and networking are at the top of the list.



Flash blockades form and then disburse, staying ahead of National Police using cellphone coordination.



Train of Thought

Ministry business may dictate that we travel stateside for short periods, using any combination of common or not-so-common conveyance. A new adventure for us was by rail from Dallas Union Station via Chicago Union Station and finally Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Grand Time in G-Rapids

Michigan is unfamiliar territory for SGSP Aviation (C&R). However, we dove right in, networking with member ministries, 138 organizations in all, at the International Association of Missionary Aviation (IAMA) annual conference. A gathering of Christian organizations that use aviation as a tool to speed the Gospel, aid, and compassion to the people.



Coffee break chatting with Dan Phillips of Trinity Aviation Academy. This is networking.

MFTC Bullard Texas

SGSP Aviation Guatemala Directors, Chuck & Robin, had a great visit with board members and staff of Missionary Flight Training Center (MFTC). Our goal is to make and keep connections to advance missionary aviation to replace needed planes in Guatemala.

Making Memories in C.C. Tx

We were stateside in April/May. After nearly two decades serving as missionaries in Guatemala, we are now learning to be deliberate about family time. It is like gold and should not be overlooked. Our first week out of Guatemala, we focused on making memories with our daughter, granddaughter, in-laws, nieces, and nephews in Corpus Christi.



Women's Prison Sponsorship

The Guatemala prison system is poorly funded, abusive, and corrupt. The women's prison in Quetzaltenango is no exception. To make matters worse, recent flooding and fires have left inmates without personal items or necessities. SGSP Aviation has joined with a group of local ministries to sponsor these simple but needed hygiene kits. Even without an airplane we are finding ways to serve others and will continue to do so.