

Martinez Missionary Mail (3rd Quarter 2025)

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A Series of Unfortunate Events, But God....

As the 3rd quarter began, I was lifting a too-heavy box, while off balance, and on stairs. This began a series of unfortunate events. Frightened like no other time in our two decades on the mission field, as lower back pain increased until I could no longer walk or stand. No injection, pill, or patch could control the pain. Guatemalan medical specialists insisted surgery was necessary to relieve two herniated disks in the lumbar area of my back.

After much prayer, we made our plans to travel stateside for treatment and second opinions. But with almost zero ability to move, how could I endure the trip? Out of options, a missionary friend suggested chiropractic care. The effect was almost immediate. No drugs or surgery, just relief...PTL!



Where do we go from here.....start with prayer!

God of details

For nearly two decades home has been the mission field of Guatemala, so family and friends open theirs to us while we are stateside. I am one for having ducks-in-a-row before we travel. However, circumstances as they were, we chose to trust in His provision. God's faithfulness was clear as we arrived to find a home available to us, near all the needed medical facilities for the next two months, and even longer if needed.



Even a peaceful place to rest in a nearby nature park.



Between the lines...

Appointments with doctors, x-rays, and labs were sometimes weeks apart. During the wait for test results and therapy decisions, we visited Robin's 94-year-old mom, Barbra—a visit that turned out to be a welcome blessing.

A Change is as Good as a...

Returning to our former community, we revisited familiar locations and reconnected with church members from years past. It was a rare opportunity to engage without the demands of a missionary's rigorous itinerary and allowed for meaningful conversations over coffee, where we reflected on experiences from previous decades and exchanged updates on current life developments.



Recharged in Body & Spirit

At the end of October, after recovering, we prepared to return to Guatemala, our home where we have established connections with the people in our region and regard our work in the area as a privileged commitment.

Big Projects Need Big Support

There are two pressing concerns at this time. The aircraft that has served in Guatemala for the past six years has been returned to its owner in the United States, leaving SGSP without an operational airplane. First, we request your continued prayers for wisdom and provision. Second, we encourage you to help disseminate this need within your networks, particularly to those who may have access to such resources. SGSP Aviation is a registered 501(c)(3) organization and can accept either outright donations or offers of aircraft for use in service in Guatemala.

