



MEET ABIGAIL -- THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY

Smiths 2 Guatemala

Our Story

December, 2013

The Calling

As many of you know, we have had the opportunity to travel to Guatemala to serve on three missions trips in Villa Nueva through Servants. Following our first trip in July, 2012, we felt a strong desire to become more involved in God's work in Guatemala, so we returned in January, 2013. Leading up to that trip we asked God to reveal to us how we could serve Him more in Guatemala. While in Guatemala in January, 2013 we felt God calling us to Guatemala as full time missionaries. We committed ourselves to prayer for two months before making any decisions. In March, we felt an even stronger calling to return to Guatemala as full time missionaries and we decided to pursue God's calling on our lives

further. We felt God leading us to serve Him in Guatemala with Servants, a local missions board with a strong commitment to seeing God's will accomplished in the United States and in Guatemala. When we returned to Guatemala in July, 2013 to serve with the Serving At Risk Families (also known as SARF) ministry through Servants, God opened our eyes and planted in us His vision for what He was calling us to. We had the opportunity to meet and work with several families currently being served by the SARF ministry. In addition to serving the spiritual and physical needs of the Guatemalan people through our involvement with the SARF ministry, God has called us to provide educational opportunities to low income at

risk families who otherwise may not have an opportunity to receive a proper education due to unaffordable costs of schooling in Guatemala. It is a long term goal of ours to start a Christian school to meet the needs of low income at risk children and families in Guatemala. God is also using our experiences with children's ministry and camps to develop organized children's ministry and camp programs in local churches and communities. We recently came across a quote that we feel speaks greatly of what God is doing through us in Guatemala. Otto Brunfels once said, "If one wants to reform the world and make it Christian, one must begin with children." We are excited to see how God will work out His calling on our lives in Guatemala!



Family Update

Abigail Grace Smith was born on November 1, 2013 at 2:04 PM. She weighed 8 pounds 3.7 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. We are thankful to God that the delivery went well and she is healthy. We are excited to have a new member in the family!



Meet the Jimenez family -- This is one of the families we will be working with as part of the SARF ministry in Guatemala. Esther was surprised to learn that she is the same age as Roselina who has 4 children ages 8, 7, 5, and 1. Kasey was able to present the gospel to the boys using balloons (and a translator).

Our Need

We feel very blessed to be called into such an incredible opportunity to serve the Lord in Guatemala. In order to carry out the vision that God has called us to we will need to raise our own financial support, a total of about \$40,000 per year. The support raised will cover all ministry and personal living expenses in Guatemala. Additionally, we need to raise about \$20,000 in order to cover one time start up costs. We are trusting God to provide us with faithful partners to be a part of the mission He's called us to in Guatemala. Not only are we trusting God to provide all of our needs financially, but we're also trusting God to raise up prayer partners to commit to faithfully praying for our ministry in Guatemala. If you feel that God is calling you to partner with us you can sign up to be a prayer partner, receive our newsletter, and be a financial partner by completing the enclosed form and returning it to Servants (mail) or clicking on the appropriate link (email).

Prayer Requests

- Pray that God would give us opportunities to share with individuals and churches regarding the vision He's given us in Guatemala.
- Pray that God would lead people to commit to praying for our ministry in Guatemala.
- Pray that God would lead people to commit to partnering with us financially.
- Pray that God would work out the details with us transitioning from life in the United States to becoming full time missionaries in Guatemala.
- Pray for our upcoming involvement in the New Life Advance International (NLAI) School of Missions in San Juan, Texas in preparation for going to Guatemala full time.

Our Mission Board: Servants, Inc.

Our Sending Church: York Christian Church

Check out our website:

<http://smiths2guatemala.servants.org>