

Merry Christmas From the Smiths



December Update

Greetings! As the holiday season rolls in this year we have much to be thankful for. It was just one year ago that we began raising financial support part time for what God has called us to in Guatemala. We left our jobs in May and headed to Texas for a few months of missions training, and we've been raising support full time since returning to Pennsylvania in late September. We are so blessed with the best team of prayer and financial partners, and we thank God every day for each one of you. We truly could not do it without you.

To date, we have raised 88% of our needed monthly financial support, and we give God all the glory for that! We trust that He will continue to meet our needs and provide 100% of our needed support before we leave for Guatemala on January 5th. If you would like to partner with us on a monthly basis or send a special gift to help with start up costs, please do so by sending a tax deductible check made out to Servants to: 100 Redco Avenue Suite C-0 Red Lion, PA 17356. Be sure to include a note stating that the gift is for Kasey and Esther Smith.

The past month and a half have found us very busy. We had opportunities to speak at Marticville United Methodist Church, Cornerstone Fellowship, Calvary Baptist Church, Mount Bethel Baptist Church, and the University of Valley Forge where we presented the Guatemalan flag to the school as graduate missionaries (Kasey) in that country. We enjoyed each one of our visits, and we especially enjoyed meeting new people and sharing our hearts with them about what God is doing in Central America. We also began our Visa process and are now waiting for our documents to be legalized so we're able to complete the residency process when we arrive in Guatemala. Thank you for all of your continued love, prayer, and support of what God has called us to in Guatemala.

Blessings,

Kasey, Esther, and Abigail Smith



Thank you!

We've enjoyed traveling through Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey over the past month and a half. Thank you to all of you who met with us, had us speak at your church, prayed with us, and fellowshiped with us over dinner. We have been truly blown away by the generosity of God's people!



Meet the Lopez-Ordoñez Family

The Lopez-Ordoñez family is one of the families in the SARF ministry in Guatemala that we will be working with. Because of abuse and abandonment issues from their parents these kids have been taken in by a family from a local church. They are struggling in school, and the boys have repeated several grades. Please pray for this family that they will be healed spiritually and emotionally.

Answered Prayers

- We have found a car to use from the time our car sells until we leave for Guatemala
- We have started the Visa process
- We have raised 88% of our needed monthly financial support
- God has kept us safe through all of our travels and we haven't had any car issues

Prayers Needed

- Pray for us as we prepare to leave for Guatemala on January 5th and our transition to a new country and culture
- Pray for us as we continue the Visa process in Guatemala
- Pray that our car would sell
- Pray for us as we begin language school following our arrival in Guatemala



On November 1st we celebrated Abigail's first birthday. She has been such a joy, and the first year flew by so quickly. She continues to meet all of her milestones, and she is very active. She enjoys eating new things and meeting new people. She loves playing with animals and other kids her age. For her birthday, we set off firecrackers and sang her happy birthday in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. In Guatemala hearing firecrackers is a normal part of the day as they are set off to celebrate a birthday. Abigail enjoyed her first cupcake and all of her Dora decorations at her birthday party. We look forward to celebrating Abigail's next birthday in Guatemala!

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philipians 4:6