



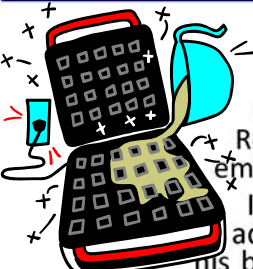
Good News from GUATEMALA



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WAFFLE YEAR



Smoke poured from my new waffle iron. Releasing repressed memories of embarrassing, hotel lobby waffle disasters.

In panic I flew to Scott's room. In one adrenaline leap I landed in the middle of his bed, shaking him, but not quite screaming about the waffle disaster. He calmly rescued the waffles, earning the eternal gratitude of a group of hungry gringos.

This has been my **waffle year**, exciting, flavorful and sometimes frantic. I thank God for hearing my sometimes frantic cries and rescuing me from life's little waffle disasters. We also thank our kids, Scott and Rosalie, for their investment of time and resources into this ministry. Your help is so appreciated during this our '**waffle**' year.

New Digs

The Honduran house sold, PRAISE THE LORD! The Guatemalan missionary parsonage was so bad we fielded comments like, "I would NOT live in that place!", "You're living in the ghetto now?!"

But our God is full of wonderful surprises! Through divine guidance, provision and understanding we now have a very comfortable home in this land of eternal springtime. We cannot say it enough, GOD IS SO VERY GOOD! YOU CAN NEVER LOSE BY TRUSTING GOD AND DOING HIS WILL instead of your own. Whatever He is whispering to you, DO it. YOU will be the winner!

Coffee Casas



There are some pastors in Nicaragua who totally agree with us. Mariana is a valiant woman. She married Pastor Byron when he had no prospects of anything better than a leaky lean-to. We sent coffee to the States with groups, filling bags to the legal limit, and selling it. Now they have a new house with indoor plumbing! We are almost as proud of that house as Mariana is – almost!

Thanks to God and His coffee we have started helping another newlywed pastor with a house. (Learn more in the attached stats report.).



ICAM (Internship Central American Ministries)

ICAM has 14 grads. One is now serving full time in Africa. (So proud of you, Alisha!) One has volunteered for a year of missions service after graduating college. Six strongly feel that missions is in their future, some in medical missions, some in education, for some it is not yet clear. We believe ICAM works!

ICAM is for those in college or finishing high school who are wondering about missions. ICAM is to help them know their calling, one way or another. It is like a first step toward being a missionary.

If you are interested in ICAM or some form of volunteer service, please contact us

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TRIBAL BIBLE SCHOOL

Imagine remote barely reached tribal areas, without electricity or running water. Think of people like you and me who have never heard the good news in their own tongue. Pastors from the Kanjobal language group have a dream of a pastor training center to reach the tribal language groups of Kanjobal, Chuy, Mam and Quiché.

The new date to open is in January of 2015. We hope that by this time next year they are well on their way to fulfilling their dream of 100 new churches in barely reached tribal language groups. Imagine reaching whole villages where at least some, if not all, have never heard Jesus' story in their own language. As much as Mariana and I love our new homes, this is WAY MORE EXCITING!

Magic School Bus – Ahikam Style

The children of Ahikam are traumatically abandoned or abused. Their stories vary: from being sold into prostitution by your own mother, watching your family massacred, violence, abandoned in a bus terminal, etc. God is their only hope

Last Easter 44 kids boarded a bus for the 9 hour trek to Guatemala City. Local area church groups welcomed them with fireworks, warm hugs and a hot meal. They enjoyed Christian clowns and bonfire devotions. Water games and outdoor activities occupied most of the daylight hours. The trip to the zoo was the favorite. They did not want to leave. For them, it was a magic bus ride.

¡Feliz Navidad!

We cannot thank you enough for your prayers this last year. We deeply appreciate all your support. We humbly ask your forgiveness for not writing more often.

No letter is long enough to cover all that God is doing here in Central America. So we have enclosed a stat sheet with a list of prayer, praise and project needs. Please praise God with us as you read the stats, Knowing that behind each number is a pastor, family, student, some very real person(s).

We wish all of you a VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS. May this be your best year ever, the one in which you walk the closest to God. Feliz Navidad.

With EXTREME gratitude to our God, and to you, His people,

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