

January-February 2019

Daniel Coates Family Missionaries to Guatemala



Young People Saved at VBS

Having just returned to Guatemala from our 2018 Furlough, we hit the ground running, because it was Vacation Bible School time! The theme for the lessons was the Parables of Jesus. There were around eighty in attendance each day, and **over thirty made professions of faith throughout the week.** Praise the Lord! We were very grateful for the help of Elvis, the young pastor from our coastal mission. Pastor Elvis had had oversight of both churches during our furlough, and he did a great job. It is exciting to see young Guatemalans serving faithfully in the ministry!

With VBS over, thus began a **six week struggle for water** in our home. Apparently, an earthquake caused a fissure in the earth near our well, which changed its groundwater source, and the water drained away completely. Our alternative source, city water, was also having supply problems, so we were literally left high and dry. Thankfully, a well digging crew was already hard at work on a new well when we arrived. It took some time, but we now have running water again. HalleluYah! We do not take running water for granted.

In February, Tammy and I were blessed to participate in a **Couples' Retreat for Pastors and Wives.** We both helped out by translating for the team which came down from the U.S. These dear American servants of the Lord ministered to all of us Spanish speaking Pastors and Missionaries. Topics included the Pastor's Family, his Time, and his Ministries. It was very helpful!

It is GOOD to be back where the Lord called us 19 years ago to serve. Thank you for your prayers and support! God bless you.

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