

The Marsh's: Missionaries to Guatemala Central America

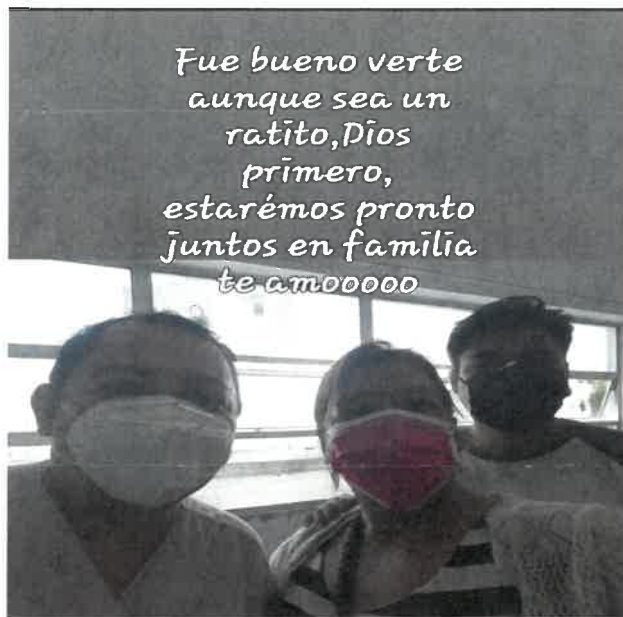
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Dear Friends in Christ,

What a wonderful joy to celebrate Thanksgiving this year despite the trials, needs and the governmental restrictions during the Pandemic here in Guatemala. *Hebrews 13:15* "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

I give *thanks* to God for our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ and His gift of eternal life! I give thanks to God for my precious treasure, my family: my beautiful wife Marilu, my son Joel Jr, my son Joshua, my daughter Joanna and my four beautiful granddaughters. I'm extremely grateful for the ministry God has entrusted me with. And my heart overflows with thankfulness for each and everyone of my supporters: both in prayers and financially! Thank you so much for helping us reach the lost souls of Guatemala. I share the sentiments of Paul who said of his supporters in *Philippians 4:17* "...I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

In my last letter I mentioned that one of our new national pastors, Bro. Julio Vivar is pastoring our rural church in Cabañas, Zacapa. Please pray for Brother Julio, he's been in a public hospital for three months already. He has developed a strong bacteria in his body that caused a very bad gangrene infection and he almost lost his life. Bro. Julio has had four surgeries and several skin grafts to date. While in the hospital he contracted Covid-19. He has progressed relatively well and is waiting for his final surgery and Lord willing will be going home in two weeks. Please pray for his full recovery and that he will soon be back in his pulpit! His photo to the bottom left recently taken in the hospital: Julio, his wife Sari and his son Julio Jr. (Behind)



What a wonderful privilege I had one week ago of leading Armando, an 83-year-old man, to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Most people that age are very set in their ways and are very difficult to persuade, but Armando was very receptive to the Gospel and decided to receive Christ. Last Sunday morning I preached a spiritual edification sermon and then I ran next door and preached in Spanish on Zoom and Facebook Live. Later in the evening service I heard the testimony that one adult lady was saved and another lady visiting rededicated her life to the Lord. Praise the Lord God is still in the saving business for His glory!

As we approach the Holiday season, we would like to take this opportunity and wish each and every one of you a very blessed Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas!

Yours for Christ we remain,
Joel & Marilu
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