



...From One Heart to Another

Heart to Heart

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

- Matthew 25:35-36, 40

Dear Friends,

God's hand was so evident during our time in Guatemala. In this issue of Heart to Heart we'd like to share some of the incredible ways He moved during our January trip.

In Christ,
Danna Hall



Answered Prayers From God and His People

- After packing 15 suitcases with uniforms, school supplies, and sponsors' gifts for their students, we learned that there was an embargo on second pieces of luggage entering Guatemala. Each traveler was permitted only one suitcase. We prayed and God intervened. All 15 suitcases made it to Guatemala! And better yet, most of the second bags were not charged the standard fee. What a blessing!

- A prayer request was sent out from La Tinta about the severe injuries of a pastor and his daughter who had been involved in a serious accident. Within hours, people in the States were working to find a quality hospital in another area of Guatemala and to provide transportation in a missionary airplane. The pastor and his daughter were in the hospital for 30 days and received wonderful treatment. A man's leg, and possibly his life, was saved. To read the incredible full story, go to www.ConnectingHeartsMinistry.net.



Praying for Mariano

- Bicycles were needed for nine students in La Tinta to travel back and forth to school as they started Junior High, several miles away from their elementary school. God had placed it on the hearts of a family in Ohio to provide \$1000, exactly the amount



Thank you for the gift of new bicycles!

of money needed for these bicycles. These will not only serve as transportation to school, but will also be a blessing for their families who have no other mode of transportation.

- We delivered over 4,000 pounds of rice, beans, and corn from sponsors to their families. It's hard to fathom the blessing this is for these dear families who rarely have ample food!

- An SOS was sent out for the Amigos School in Peronia, asking for prayer that God would supply the \$9,000 needed to pay off a debt before Señora Hall returned to the United States the beginning of February. The school was considering closing its doors. God provided a \$5,000 matching grant. Within days, God's people responded with an additional \$5,000, totaling \$10,000. The debt was paid. Amazing that God does above what we ask or think!

- A gift has been given to repair the roof on the Amigos School. With the rainy season approaching, they will no longer have to deal with waterfalls inside first-floor classrooms!

- After graduating from Stark State College in Canton, Williams has returned to Guatemala. He is working in the heart of Guatemala City at a call center, using his ability to speak English. He is hoping to move into a technical job as it becomes available.



What a blessing new sponsors are!

- CHM has many newly-sponsored children. Every sponsorship provides a life-changing opportunity for a child!

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<http://www.connectingheartsministry.net>



Memories of Guatemala

Soccer Speaks Its Own Language

During my amazing trip to Guatemala, my parents and I held a soccer tournament with all the kids who attended the Amigos School. We had two translators, Williams and Cristian. Fredy, my sponsored student, came to play on the last day. They are my Guatemalan brothers! It was about a seven-minute walk over cobblestone streets from the Amigos School to our field. We played our games on a dirt field with a volcano in the distance.



Brooks and his new buddy

I found that my passion for soccer was something I had in common with the children there. One thing I love about soccer is that you can communicate with them just by playing this great game. The Amigos School students played the game with smiles on their faces having a FUN time, but the older kids' games had a little more competition in them! This setting provided an opportunity for my dad and me to witness to the children about the love of our Heavenly Father.

Nine days before going to Guatemala I was a little confused with God. I broke my ankle. I thought, "Why now, right before I'm leaving?" I felt I would not be able to participate in the soccer tournaments. But with a walking cast, I was actually able to play a little soccer. When on the trip, I finally understood that God had a better plan than I did! God didn't send me to

Guatemala to play soccer, but to make friendships with the kids.

By Brooks Montgomery, CHCS-N 6th grader

Psalm 105:1-5



The children love soccer!

Praying...

- Please pray for Nataly as she graduates in October and makes decisions about her college choice.
- Please pray that God will give the leaders of the Amigos School direction for the future. For more specifics, visit www.ConnectingHeartsMinistry.net.
- As a result of the medical airlift mentioned on page one, the aviation missionaries are considering establishing a clinic near La Tinta for the medical needs of the dear people in this area. Please pray for God's direction.

Did You Know...?

- A group of fifteen parents and students from Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy held Vacation Bible School at the San Marcos Christian School during our January trip. They shared the stories of creation, the plan of salvation, made crafts, and played soccer with over 150 children. What a blessing this group was!



CVCA Student
Kayleigh Benson

- Linda Wise and Jodi Orihel, CHCS-G teachers, conducted Eng-

lish classes for a week at the Amigos School. The children learned English while graphing math concepts with M&Ms and using icing to make rainbows!

- During each trip to La Tinta, we invited one of our Guatemalan sponsored students from Peronia to accompany us. This was not only a help to us, but also allowed them to experience a missions trip in their own country. Fredy, Nataly, Cristian, Keila, and Williams have all been great blessings for us in La Tinta!
- CHCS 6th graders and parents Brooks, Troy, and Ann Montgomery, Natalie and Marty Cochran, Leigh and Stephanie Sumner, Baylee and Marcie Vargo, and 6th grade teacher Krista Reich, and Carol Traugh, Akron Public School teacher, visited both our schools in January. They visited many sponsored children, passed out uniforms and school supplies, hosted a birthday party, and played a lot of 'Duck, Duck, Goose'!



Leigh and Natalie were
great English teachers!



Ofelia shares a gift
of gratitude!



Leonardo receives his
school supplies from Baylee

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