

September 2021

Dear Brothers and Sister,

Greetings from Cubulco, Guatemala;

Thank you so much for your prayers and economic support. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to be here and respond to God's call in this community that is in need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ our Saviour. It has been 8 weeks since we arrived and time seems to fly by, but thanks to God, all of us are doing well. Two weeks after our arrival, our two girls got really sick and ended up in the hospital for a few hours due to a severe bacterial stomach infection. Since they got dehydrated quickly because of vomiting and diarrhea, they needed to get intravenous fluids and antibiotics. The next day, our two boys also had the same symptoms, and went through the same process as the girls. Not surprisingly, we got it too. After taking the medication there has been a huge improvement and we are back to our old selves.

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Several weeks ago, we were woken up by a crash early in the morning and it turned out to be an accident between two speeding tuc-tucs. Thankfully, no one was seriously injured.



I have been busy visiting people from the area, praying with them and preparing short messages, especially for birthdays. It is very common for the Christian community here to include a short service for someone's birthday.

It is an opportunity to remember or celebrate that, by God's grace, they have been blessed with another year. The service is then followed by food, cake and piñatas if it is a child's birthday.



Much of our time has been spent repairing the house, working on paperwork, setting up bank accounts, and retrieving our container with our household goods from the Port on the Atlantic side. Thankfully, we've also had some opportunities for ministry: Today I'm going to visit a small village called Patuy, which is about 40 kilometres away from Cubulco. Part of the trip will be by motorcycle because it is drivable and then I will walk the rest of the way. I don't know how many hours it will take. years ago, this would have been a seven hour walk!.

We really appreciate your thoughts and prayers, and also we encourage you to partner with us through your donations, since we fell short in our monthly budget. "May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord". (Ruth 2.12...)

### Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Alejandro as he prepares his messages and visits members of the church in the area
- Please continue to pray for our health and for the family in general as we continue to adjust to life here
- Pray for Guatemala since we are in another curfew because of increasing covid-19 cases.
- Pray for the members of the session of the local church for guidance and healthy leadership.

In Christ,

*Alejandro, Kathryn and family.*

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