
Fall Update

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Hi everyone!

It's been a while since I last sent out an update, so I thought it was about time!

These last two months I've really enjoyed reconnecting with so many of you over the phone and face to face while settling back into life at home. My days have mainly been spent reconnecting with people, working at Banter, and starting some online courses. I feel like I've walked through this transition many times before, and yet it always looks a little different, full of both beautiful and difficult moments.

Since being home, I've been thinking a lot about God's heart for missions and His design for it. I've been reading *Let the Nations Be Glad* by John Piper, and it has given me a lot to think about as I look ahead to future opportunities to join in God's kingdom work both locally and globally. The Lord has been giving me a fresh perspective on global missions.

With all of that being said, I'm excited to share that I'll be moving to Guatemala this fall to partner with Hope Ministry!

While I was in Guatemala this past spring, I had the opportunity to visit Hope and witness what the Lord is doing there. I was deeply encouraged and challenged by the ministry, and those interactions eventually led to a conversation about joining their team.

Hope's team first desires to minister to the heart of God and, from a place of prayer and worship, move into action within the community through sports and music programs, Bible studies, and community events. The team is still quite small and made up primarily of local Guatemalans, which makes me even more excited to join what God is already doing there.

As I join Hope's team, my first three months will be spent as an intern focused on learning Spanish, joining in day-to-day ministry life, and adjusting to life in Guatemala. Following those three months, Lord willing, I'll join the team full-time and begin stepping into more specific responsibilities and leadership within different programs.

This update comes with both excitement and many unknowns that bring all kinds of emotions. The Lord has been teaching me to find peace in His consistency, His direction, and who He has created me to be. Honestly, there have been many moments of counting the cost. Things like moving without a return date, learning a new language, and stepping into the unfamiliar, but also moments of experiencing a peace that surpasses understanding and a deeper dependence on Him. So often I'm reminded that I'm living in answered prayers, even when they look different than I imagined.

More and more I realize how quickly I need to step out of my own understanding and lean on the one who is sovereign! I don't have all the answers to the why's and redirections but I know that God's ways truly are higher than man and lead to His glory!

Right now, I'm preparing logistically, emotionally, and spiritually for this next season. During this time, I would truly appreciate your prayers, and I would love to share more with you about what's ahead.

Some ways you can be praying:

- That my heart would continue to grow in dependence on the Lord
- For meetings and organizations helping with logistical preparations
- For wisdom to trust the Lord while also taking practical steps
- For Hope Ministry and the city of San Antonio, Guatemala
- For restoration within families in the San Antonio community
- For deeper unity within the Hope team

Thank you so much for your faithful support! I'm truly thankful for the community God has surrounded me with. Please feel free to reach out with any questions I would love to connect and share more.

Blessings,

Lianne

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