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September In Guatemala

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A Month in Guatemala

It's been a month of calling Guatemala home, and I'm thankful to be feeling settled in. To be honest, I knew it would be an adjustment moving here, but I didn't realize just how overwhelming it would feel especially at the beginning.

What a gift it is to get to transition with a group of people who have so quickly become family and who have made me feel so welcomed. I spend most of my time with a group of seven people. This group fears the Lord, walks with vision, and enjoys the fellowship of the body! Truly, I don't have enough words to explain my gratitude for these people, and I'm thankful to get to live life and walk into deeper relationships with each of them.

Every day looks a little different, but as I call this place home, a big focus of mine has been learning Spanish. So I spend three days a week going to class in Antigua. It can feel like a huge task to literally have to memorize every word I've learned since birth in another language, but as my teacher says, "poco a poco" ("little by little"), and that's just what it's going to have to be! I've been able to practice my Spanish with the kids who come to our programs throughout the week, but I want to be more intentional about that in the coming weeks as I learn more.

With the language barrier, I've had to choose truth over and over. The God who brought me here was aware of who I was and has a purpose for me in this season. This isn't a time to just sit back and drown in the feelings of not knowing the language. Yes, there's room for me to recognize the reality, but my mentor challenged me to consider what the Lord might be inviting me into during this time. Maybe it doesn't look like it has in the past, focusing on deep discipleship and relationship, but He's beginning to invite me into

spaces I probably wouldn't have stepped into if I spoke the language. New doors are opening, and new spaces are being made available for me to enter into.

One of those areas is worship. Two years ago, it wouldn't have even crossed my mind. Sure, I love worship, but surely I wouldn't be the one leading it. Throughout these weeks, I've been invited to step into leading worship, and it feels like a deep honour to be entrusted by the Lord and His people with this mantle. We host prayer and worship times throughout the week, as well as a weekly worship night in Antigua, and I've been invited to join this area of ministry in a greater capacity.

It's brought about a deeper fear of the Lord because it's not something to take lightly, to invite people into the presence of God! And, to be honest, I've realized that it's a pleasing offering and but feels like a big sacrifice because honestly, I would love to keep my worship between me and the Lord in the secret place, with the door closed. But He's asking something different of me in this season. The secret place must remain, but what does it look like to invite the body of Christ into gazing upon our King when that's what God is asking of me?

Through this invitation, I've become more aware of the burden I feel regarding how casually we, as the body of Christ, approach the presence of God. We should be struck down in His presence because of His holiness, and yet He invites us in to be covered by the blood of Jesus. Only by the blood of Jesus can we enter into the presence of a holy God and bless His name.

The Lord has opened my eyes to the reality of our need to have a true fear of Him. Seeing the justice of God has made His mercy that much clearer to me. I've always been passionate about reverence and honouring the Lord, but as I've begun to dig into the idea of the fear of God, I just can't believe how obvious it is throughout Scripture. Friendship with the Lord is for those who fear Him.

I just want to challenge all of you to truly sit with the Lord on this. Do we have a true fear of God? Have we grown so accustomed to His presence and His character that we've forgotten to stand in awe of Him? We should be in awe of Him daily! We should recognize our need for repentance and what an incredible gift His mercy is. Jesus is coming back, and He's coming for a pure bride. He's not coming for people who choose Him as a nice add-on to life or a nice idea, but for people who have chosen Him as the lover of their lives!

As a whole ministry, we're in a season of preparation. A few of us are learning Spanish, others are working on their master's degrees, and some are navigating transitional seasons with family. This fills me with excitement as I look ahead to what God is going to reap in the season following this time of sowing.

Thank you for your prayers and support! I truly am thankful to be covered by the global body of Christ!

If you desire to support financially my link is below!
https://thegc.org/ca/projects/lianne-tuin
Both Canadians and Americans can get tax receipts!!

Ways you can join in prayer over these next few weeks:

- For my capacity to continue to expand as I learn Spanish.
- For parents in San Antonio to be open to hearing the truth of the Gospel, specifically through their kids who are coming to our programs throughout the week.
- For a fear of God to fall upon the bride of Christ, here in Guatemala as well as globally.
- For clarity from the Lord as we begin to prepare for the end of this season and look ahead to the new year.

Blessings,

Lianne



Fruits of the Spirit teachings in the garden!



We got to celebrate Dia del Ninos with all of our kids at the beginning of October!



Just in awe of God as creator!


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Pictures from our worship nights in Antigua!



Celebrating birthday’s on the team!


the river



Here are the interns and our coffee shop! It’s a joy to intern with these girls! This was also the day our coffee shop reopened! The Lord provided the funds after a few years of it being closed. The heart is for the coffee shop to be a gathering space as well as a place to disciple our kids when they get older and are looking for a job!



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