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Another month has gone by!

Each day, I've continued to pluck along with Spanish and build relationship with my community here. Day by day, I feel like we're getting there, while also being reminded of the journey that comes with learning a new language. But through it all, Spanish has become another place where I get to see what the Lord is doing in my heart toward the people of Guatemala. He is growing a love for them in me that makes the hours of classes worth it, along with the moments of confusion when I don't understand what's being said around me or receive confused looks as I try out new sentences!

As we look ahead to this coming month, it is full of all kinds of exciting things!

This coming week, we're celebrating 10 years of our ministry, Worship Room! God has moved through this ministry and shifted and changed what it looks like over the years, but the heart has always remained the same: to see worship given to the One who deserves all of our praise and to truly invite people to become lovers of the One! Please be praying for continued vision as we step into another year. We want to remain in step with the Spirit!

Then, at the very beginning of December, we'll be celebrating Christmas with the families of our kids at Hope! While we get to spend our weeks with the kids, our heart is to see whole families restored. It is such a gift to have entire families come and join us in celebrating. As we look toward the new year, we're seeking what it could look like to create more spaces for families at Hope, so we're especially excited to celebrate Christmas together!

I am also excited to share that I have committed to coming back in January to continue working alongside Hope!

Throughout this season, I've seen the gentleness of the Lord in the timing of His invitations. When I reflect on my initial decision to come, the thought of committing indefinitely felt overwhelming. But the Lord, in His kindness, invited me here to intern, and now I get to join the team for the coming seasons of life!

The Lord has truly burdened my heart for the brokenness of families here in San Antonio. God's design for family has not been walked in by many, and families are experiencing the consequences of that brokenness. And yet, they are never too far from His grace. The Lord has placed a specific deposit of His heart in me to see restoration and to witness the testimonies of what only He can do!

This does mean that I will be continuing my journey of fundraising. I would be so grateful if you would pray about financially investing in what the Lord is doing here through this ministry. I am incredibly thankful for each of you who have supported me along the way, and I look forward to sharing more with many of you when I'm home in December! If you feel led to partner with me in this next season, my link is below.

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I also wanted to share a little bit about what the Lord has been placing on my heart over the last few weeks.

Our obedience to the Lord matters! The life of a believer should be marked by it. When we look to Him, our response should be obedience, and there is evidence when we choose otherwise to have a divided heart

As I read the Bible, it stands out to me time and time again that those who walk in obedience experience the blessing of the Lord, while those who walk in disobedience face the consequences of their choices. For example, in 2 Samuel 6, we see the ark of the covenant being handled outside of God's commands, and death is the result. On the other

hand, we see those who honor the ark and follow the commands of God, and blessing follows. This is just one of so many stories throughout Scripture where we see this truth. The Word confirms the Word!

I think sometimes as believers, we've become fearful of viewing things this way because we don't want to fall into a prosperity gospel. But blessing doesn't always mean blessings of material things, rather the treasures of God's kingdom. When we walk in obedience to God, the blessing of abundant life is ours! It's because we begin to walk in the way we were designed to. This doesn't mean there won't be hardship or that life will suddenly become a breeze. Rather, there should be a joy that comes from knowing this world is momentary, a rest in the sovereignty of God, and a trust in knowing that He works all things together for the good of those who love Him.

This has caused me to reflect on my own life and celebrate the ways that generations before me have walked in the design of God. Because of their obedience, I have experienced the blessing that has come from their faithfulness. What a gift it is to recognize the ways that the obedience of those who came before us can leave a lasting impact on the generations that follow.

Thanks for being here! Thank you for praying and thank you for encouraging me through texts and messages! I truly am so grateful for each of you! Please let me know how I can be praying for you!

Some ways you can join in prayer over these nexts weeks:

- For our celebrations both for Worship room and Hope that the Gospel would go forth!
- For clear vision from the Lord of where to give my yes.
- For the restoration of families and a desire for fathers to be part of their children's lives.

Blessings,

Lianne

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The joys of soccer practice!



Got to celebrate the baptism of 3 of the kiddos I live with!



Hope Tuesday program!



This month lots of familiar faces from the race were around Guatemala this month!! Starting with some girls from my original race!



My coaches from the race I squad led!



Familiar faces from AIM!

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