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Hi friends,

It's crazy to think it's been over a month of calling Guatemala home. This time has been filled with discipling, receiving God's heart, and enjoying the beauty this place holds.

This season has been a process of walking day by day where my feet are and saying yes to where the Lord has me. Learning to lean not on my own understanding, but on His. There is so much freedom in that, and yet it's a daily choice.

It's been a joy to walk alongside and pour into the group here, as well as its leaders. As time has gone on, the weeks have become a little more consistent. Most weeks consist of going to ministry with teams a few days, evangelizing with the squad, having lots of meaningful conversations, and getting to be part of the community here in Guatemala.

This past week, I went with a team that works at a school teaching English to kids. While there, we met a girl from the UK who was interviewing for a job at the school. Long story short, she went to lunch with us, and we began to hear her story. Not long after, one of the girls asked, "Do you know Jesus?" She honestly responded after us talking about our relationship with Jesus, "No, but my dad calls himself a Christian."

We then had the opportunity to share the gospel with her we spoke about the free gift of Christ and the truth that it's His love for us that compels us to do all things, not a manner of trying to earn His love or our salvation. Her expression changed as she said she had never heard it explained that way. The Christians she knew had told her you needed to

have it all together before coming to Jesus, and that good works were required to stay on good terms with God.

As the conversation continued, she shared her beliefs about the earth being connected and science being real, which honestly is true! She's at a point where she's so close. We simply challenged her to ask the questions of Why. Why are all things connected? Who connected them? It felt like intentional timing from the Lord for us to be at the school, and I'm expectant to see how He reveals Himself to her. Please join me in praying for Rosa. Whether we see the fruit or not, we say yes and amen.

Life has been sweet and stretching all at the same time. One of the stretching areas has been realizing how conditional I can be as a human and how deeply I must depend on the Spirit of God. He is so unconditional with me, yet I can hold conditions, sometimes subconsciously, sometimes consciously in my own heart. It's been a season of remembering the Father's love again and again and being reminded of the honor it is to reflect His image. To find my everything in Him, while also acknowledging my desire to be known and to know people here on earth.

I wouldn't trade these last few years of living in different nations with different people for anything. But in all reality, it can be hard. I've realized how challenging it can be to constantly transition in relationships, especially when intentionality and connection are such high values of mine. Continually building new relationships is simply the reality of this season. It's a great joy, but it has also been a challenge. The Lords been so faithful to meet me here. Both showing me how consistently and on earth through some of the leaders on the squad. I did the Race in 2023 with a few of them, and I'm truly grateful they're here. Those moments when I'm really longing for a conversation with someone who knows me deeply somehow "happen" to be the same day I drive to ministry with one of them. Or we end up standing beside each other in the dinner line. It feels like God's hand over even the smallest details.

God is good, He always has been and always will be.

I have just under a month left here before heading back home, and I'm looking forward to what God will continue to do. Thank you for taking the time to read this and for continuing to be such an encouragement.

I tried to add some photos to this update but unfortunately my service isn't good enough to upload them so expect more in the next one!

Blessings,
Lianne

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