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## Rick & Carol McArthur



Nighttime view of Pacaya from our rooftop (the volcano with the lava flow).

After almost two months of silence, it's time we let you know that we are still alive and well!

### Logistics

Several weeks ago Carol and I were asked to help out with preparations for an SIL International Board of Director's meeting in the town of Antigua here in Guatemala later this year. There will be 35 to 40 people coming from all over the world for meetings and field trips during a 12 day period. It is incredible how much work has gone into this already, and more to come! But this is an area that Carol is very good at.

### Viña

- Carol is still dealing with some details related to an agreement with The Jesus Film Project for Viña to be involved in dubbing the Jesus video and its derivatives in Guatemala and possibly beyond.
- A partner in the USA is going to be distributing the Deditos series, in English and Spanish. John Gowan is working on getting all the legal paperwork done proving Viña's right to use the music, songs and sound effects in the Deditos series.
- Work on the soundtrack and sets continues before filming can start on the next episode of Deditos. Check out this clip of a house they made. Awesome what they can do with cardboard and paint! [Here](#).

## Impact

We continue to support Viña and the Deditos videos. We were encouraged to hear the following testimony from a teacher whose class was involved in the testing of the Dedito's lessons for the tenth episode, *The King's Heart*.

I teach the Bible to children but sometimes I wonder if I'm making a difference in their lives. Now I can say "yes!" Not only are the children being impacted but also their families.

Ezra's grandmother was sick and his mother was very worried about her. Although she tried not let her son see how worried she was, one day he caught her crying "What's the matter, Mom?" She unburdened herself letting him know how worried she was about his grandmother.

Earlier that day, I had taught Ezra's class the Deditos lesson where David asks the Lord for help with his problems. Ezra shared what he had learned with his mother, and then said "Don't worry Mom. Better yet, let's pray and ask for

God's help." His mother was quite touched and shared how instead of encouraging her child, he ended up encouraging her!

It's surprising how deeply the word of God can penetrate the hearts of children and as a result they can bear spiritual fruit in their own homes.

(Shared by Lucrecia, a teacher in Sololá, Guatemala.)

## **Update on the Kekchi Bible reprint**

You may remember our mentioning two organizations planning to order 20,000 Bibles in the Kekchi language? Please continue to pray for this process. Due to the costs, they were looking at some other printing options, but those didn't work out. Then a few days ago a new price quote from South Korea lowered the price a bit over \$14K, which comes out to around 67 cents less per Bible. Yay! They are also planning on printing 3,000 more concordances, but are still investigating different printing options.

## **Thanks!**

We are deeply grateful for your part in our ministry,

Rick & Carol

## **Prayer & Praise**

- Praise for good Viña board meetings in February.
- Continue to pray for the remaining details related to the reprint of the Kekchi Bible & concordance.
- Pray for us as we negotiate the details for the venue for the SIL International meeting.
- Pray that the paperwork for the music etc. for the Deditos series could be completed soon.