

Simpsons Working in El Salvador

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- For wisdom in working out our schedules for the new ministries we would like to be involved in.
- For Jon, as he begins a new Mobile Bible Institute.
- For me, as I lead the Sunday School teachers.
- For young couples and families of our church, that they would seek God first.
- For Elizabeth and Jonathan, that God would grow them in Him.
- For our family, as we live and grow in Christ in this beautiful country that He has called us to.

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We started December with our church's first Vacation Bible School. We had a full week of activities, with 80 kids and 24 helpers. There were sports, crafts, teaching and dramas. On Saturday, we had a closing ceremony where we invited the parents to come and be a part of our celebration. It was a good time to meet the parents and to reward the kids. The church was full on Saturday and, on Sunday, we had at least 10 kids in our Sunday School. Many received Christ. This activity not only impacted the children, but their parents and our teachers as well. God is working in our church's children's ministry. This past Sunday, I was named the Sunday School Director. It is a challenge to be working in a ministry that is so dear to my heart. We have a good team who love the Lord and the children too. Pray that God would give us wisdom in knowing how to reach out to these children and their families.



The next big activity for us was my family coming to El Salvador for Christmas. They were here for about two weeks and it was so much fun. We went to Guatemala for a week and then we spent Christmas and New Year here in my house. It was fun to be together again with spouses and two new babies. We enjoyed getting to know each other, playing games together and doing things we used to do as children.



Now, December is over and we are excited about the work God has given us. Jon is focusing on the Mobile Bible Institute. He and my dad have made some changes to the material to make it work for the people and their needs here. They are looking to start two new institutes, one in the city and one in a rural city close to Santa Ana. Also, Jon and I would like to start a Bible study with young married couples of the church. And, we are praying about maybe something for the couples that are dating in our church. So many ideas . . . but we want to wait on God and see where He leads. Pray that God would show us exactly where He wants us.

I have a good missionary story to tell you. I wasn't sure that I should, but I feel God prompting me to tell it. Maybe it will bless you.

On December 18, our whole family headed to Guatemala. There were 19 of us in four cars. We arrived at the border, flashed our passports, and the first three cars were good to go. Jon, Elizabeth, Christina, Tory and I were in the last car. *Jon, Elizabeth and I were not good to go.* We had no proof that our residency was in process. We called my dad over to our side of the border. (He and the rest were on the Guatemala side.) So, he came, we sent Christina and Tory back, and our story began. It turns out the laws are changing. We did not know this; so, we were told we were being detained. The Police would come and get us and we would spend the night in the Immigration Police Office.

Jonathan and my dad were free to go. (Jonathan is a Salvadoran.) We arrived at the police station in the city at 11:00pm. It was the longest day of my life. My dad had brought the papers proving we were legal, but it was too late. Jon, Elizabeth and I spent the night at the Police station. The next morning, we headed to another office, where we were cleared and set FREE. On paper and now that it has been a month, it sounds so simple. But, while it was happening, it was to us a storm. Elizabeth and I cried and Jon consoled us. And, at one point, Elizabeth asked me, "Where is God?" All I could say was, "We will praise HIM in the storm and trust in Him." Later, I was losing hope and I asked my Elizabeth for a verse. She read to me a verse that said "I will rescue you..."...and that is all I remember. It gave us both great comfort!! AND GOD DID!!! IN HIS TIME!!!!

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