

Faith-Guatemala Mission Trip 2022

Team Updates and Reports – both from Guatemala and once we returned home

We would like to thank our friends and family of Faith Lutheran Church for your ongoing support of the people and ministry of World's Redeemer Lutheran Church and School of Santiago Zamora, Guatemala. While we posted daily updates on Facebook during our time in Guatemala, we recognize that many members and supporters do not frequent social media sites. We will therefore share our daily blogs and home reports throughout the months of August and September in the What's Happening newsletter. We will share a brief in-person presentation on August 21st and post updates on our mission bulletin board. We will begin planning our next mission trip for 2023 or 2024. Please contact Becky Survant, Gayle Pickett or Earl Lankheet for further information.

Our **second** post comes from Gayle Pickett and Earl Lankheet. This was their first mission trip to Guatemala.

2022 Guatemala Mission Trip Blog –

May 30, 2022 – Day 3 (written by Earl & Gayle)

Greetings from Guatemala! This update is from Earl and Gayle. This is our first time serving on the Guatemala Faith Lutheran mission team and we were so delighted to begin the school week on Monday.

We started the day with a wonderful breakfast prepared by the women of Worlds Redeemer Church. I had plantains for the first time and liked them. Our theme this week is "God is Greater than the Highs and Lows." This is based on 1 John 4:4b - He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Then we were off to our separate events. A group of us went to the public school in Santiago Zamora. Imelda shared a lesson on obedience, while Rebeca translated. We should obey our teachers and our parents, just as we obey God. The children then made prayer journals, which they were excited about decorating.

Meanwhile, a construction project was started at the Worlds Redeemer Church. Shelves need to be constructed for the school library. This included a trip to a lumberyard in Antigua, which was a very interesting experience for Earl.

We had another wonderful lunch, prepared again by the women of the church. Then we were ready to work with the children in the after-school program called LeadaChild. This was a smaller group and their joy at being with us made us joyful. Imelda shared the story of Saul's conversion from persecuting followers of Jesus to being a follower of Jesus himself. This lesson also focused on obeying God. The children were then taught a new song in Spanish. We were amazed at how quickly they learned it!

We are so thankful that we have this opportunity to share the love of God with these children and to serve the people of the community! We look forward to the rest of our week here in Santiago Zamora.

