



**"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God,
who gives generously." James 1:5**

Three years ago we sent out a Q&A newsletter about our plans for Peru. Now that we have moved to Guatemala, many of you have some new questions for us. We will try to answer the most common in this newsletter. However, Lord willing, we will be back in Michigan from December 16 until January 7 and would be happy to visit and share with you in person. This has not been an easy path for us, but we know God has already gone ahead of us. In all of this, we ask God for wisdom. God welcomes our requests and questions and we welcome yours.

1. Where in Guatemala will you be living and is it safe?

We are living in Guatemala City. Guatemala City (GTA) is divided up into zones. We live in zone 8 in an area called Mixco. Overall GTA is less secure than Peru. There is more gang activity as well as violent crime. However, the area we live in is one of the safer areas. We certainly don't live in fear, and we trust that God will protect us and our family. We feel blessed to be in this area and close to the kids' school.

2. What ministries are you doing there?

We are observing several opportunities where God is already working, and praying about where He wants us to focus. At this point we are focusing our efforts on:

**** Timothy Leadership Training (TLT):** TLT is being led by a local pastor here who works with local pastors, police chaplains, and with national police officers. However, he is overwhelmed with the responsibilities and so Jason will be assisting in these trainings. Every Timothy Training session lasts for 3 days. Most of the participants come from outside the city and therefore the sessions run concurrently. If you want to know more about Timothy Leadership Training and how it operates, we encourage you to visit this site: [Timothy Training](#)

**** English Ministry:** There is a Guatemalan run ministry here called "God is First English". Their goal is to share the gospel message, disciple students, and to help those who come from the poorer communities. God is First offers training in English so that graduating students can apply for jobs in English speaking call centers located here in Guatemala City. This ministry provides an opportunity for the underprivileged to know Christ and to make a better economic life for themselves and their families.

**** Counseling:** There are several homes here for young people who were abused and/or trafficked. We will be going into these homes and meeting with the kids and counseling them and sharing the hope and healing that only the Lord can bring them. Marcy is also doing prayer/counseling at a local health clinic once a week. This health clinic is located in a zone where many people earn a very meager living by sorting through the trash in the city dump and re-selling recyclable items.

**** Security Guard Ministry:** Jason is praying about and contemplating a new ministry to security guards. Much like the taxi ministry he started in Peru, there is such an unmet need to reach these men. There are armed security guards everywhere here in the city: grocery stores, restaurants, schools, pharmacies, etc. The field is full of possible fruit.

3. How are the kids and is the schooling situation better?

The kids are doing really well. There are several things about Peru that they miss, but they have done a great job of transitioning. It is still a bit tough as we are in temporary housing until December, then we will be in the states for a few weeks, then back here into more temporary housing. In June, we will return stateside for home assignment and then back to GTA into a more permanent housing situation. So, they are really looking forward to settling in, but that won't likely happen until next August. School is going well for the most part. There have been a few bumps along the way, but it has been a blessing to watch them enjoy being in a healthier environment. The Lord has blessed them with many friends already.

4. How do I become a monthly supporter?

Send a check every month to SIMUSA on behalf of our ministry (#034740) and be sure to indicate that you want to do it monthly OR you can click link below:

[Support The Brink Family](#)

5. I would like to hear more about what you are doing. How do I do that?

We would love to sit down with you in December or January and share more about what God is doing in Guatemala. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact us. We will be speaking in Grant CRC on Dec. 24th, Searchlight Ministries on Dec. 29th, and Immanuel CRC on Jan. 7th. Also, we will be having a time of fellowship and information on the afternoon of Jan. 7th at Searchlight Ministries in Hudsonville, MI (more details to come). Come and visit with us!

6. How do I join your prayer team?

Simple. Send an email to us and let us know you want to join.

Jason.brink@sim.org or marcy.brink@sim.org

7. What specific items can I pray about right now?

Pray God will prepare, safe, affordable and permanent housing for us.

Pray the Lord would continue to direct our focus and energy to where he wants it.

Pray for the starting of a ministry to the security guards.

Pray for our kids and that they will continue to grow in strength and wisdom as they navigate their new life here.

Sincerely,

Jason, Marcy and kids